

Junior Battle of the Books
Booklist 2005
For grades 3-4-5

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

The Celery Stalks at Midnight by James Howe

Chester the cat is more than ever convinced that Bunnacula is a vampire when there is a harvest of white vegetables on the morning after the night that Bunnacula was probably wandering through the neighborhood.

Flea Circus Summer by Cheryl Ware

Venola Mae Cutright has spent most of the summer writing letters, and she never gives up, whether she's begging for a job, nitpicking with a friend, or straightening out a flea company.

Fourth Grade Rats by Jerry Spinelli

Suds learns that his best friend is wrong. You don't have to be a tough guy, a "rat," to be a grown up fourth grader.

Lily's Crossing by Patricia Reilly Giff

During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.

My Robot Buddy by Alfred Slose

For his tenth birthday, Danny wants a robot so he'll have someone to play with.

My Teacher Ate My Homework by Dan Greenburg

After she eats his homework, ten-year-old Zack suspects that his substitute teacher Mrs. Wolfowitz is a werewolf and uncovers her bizarre secret.

See You Later, Gladiator! By Jon Scieszka

Joe, Fred, and Sam demonstrate some of their favorite professional wrestling moves, including the "Time Warp Trio Blind Ninja Smackdown," when they're transported to ancient Rome and forced to fight as gladiators in the Colosseum.

The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman

A bratty prince and his "whipping boy" have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.

Who Was Amelia Earhart? By Kate Boehm Jerome

Examines the life of pioneer aviator Amelia Earhart, who mysteriously disappeared during an around-the-world flight in 1937.

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Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix

A government decree allows each family only two children. For Luke, a third child, this has meant a lifetime of hiding. But could a stray glimpse of a child hiding in the house across the way lead to freedom?

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

The Contender by Robert Lipsyte

Against great odds, a black high school drop-out trains to become a championship boxer.

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Hoot by Carl Hiaassen

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

Nothing But the Truth by Avi

A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes

by Eleanor Coerr
Hospitalized with the dreaded atom bomb disease, leukemia, a child in Hiroshima races against time to fold one thousand paper cranes to verify the legend that by doing so a sick person will become healthy.

Shoeless Joe & Me by Dan Gutman

Joe Stoshack travels back to 1919, where he meets Shoeless Joe Jackson and tries to prevent the fixing of the World Series in which Jackson was wrongly implicated.

Silverwing by Kenneth Oppel

A young bat becomes separated from his flock while they are migrating.

Witness by Karen Hesse

A series of poems express the views of various people in a small Vermont town, including a young black girl and a young Jewish girl, during the early 1920s when the Ku Klux Klan is trying to infiltrate the town.