

FCPS 23-24 Elementary Battle of the Books List

**Indicates books that are KBA winners for 23-24. (Kentucky Bluegrass Award)

L-Lexile AR- Accelerated Reader: Grade Level/Point Value

1. ****The Aquanaut** / Dan Santat (470L AR: 2.5/1.0) With her father lost at sea, Sophie wanders aimlessly around Aqualand, a marine theme park, until an "aquanaut" breaks into the park's research lab. Together, Sophia and her new friends confront Aqualand's dark side.
2. ****Bartali's Bicycle: The True Story of Gina Bartali, Italy's Secret Hero** / Megan Hoyt (Reading Age: 4-8 yrs. AR: 4.2/0.5) Italian cyclist Gino Bartali, winner of the 1938 Tour de France, secretly worked with the Italian resistance to save Jewish men, women, children and others from certain death during World War II.
3. ****Hummingbird** / Natalie Lloyd (610L AR: 4.2/7.0) Eleven-year-old homeschooled Olive is tired of being seen as "fragile" just because she has osteogenesis imperfecta (otherwise known as brittle bone disease), so she's thrilled when she convinces her parents to let her attend Macklemore Middle School.
4. ****Odder** / Katherine Applegate (Reading Age: 9-11yrs. Grade Level: 4-6 AR: 5.6/2.0)
Odder spends her days off the coast of central California, practicing her underwater acrobatics and spinning the quirky stories for which she's known. She's a fearless daredevil, curious to a fault.
5. **Iceberg** / Jennifer A. Nielsen ((730L AR: 5.1/11.0) As disaster looms on the horizon, a young stowaway onboard the Titanic will need all her courage and wits to stay alive. Text includes religious bias and imagery that may be disturbing.

6. ****Masters of Disguise: Camouflaging Creatures and Magnificent Mimics / Marc Martin** (Reading Age: Elementary No AR) Now you see them, now you don't. Cloaked in a riot of color, pattern, and texture are a dozen animals—from chameleons and polar bears to Gaboon vipers and mimic octopuses—that have mastered the art of fading into the background. Fact-packed pages segue into clever and beautifully illustrated seek-and-find spreads that put readers' newfound knowledge of each creature and its ecosystem to the test. In a timely and visually arresting novelty book for nature lovers of every stripe, Marc Martin jets budding conservationists around the world to artfully expose the secrets of animal camouflage.
7. ****Stinetinglers: All New Stories by the Master of Scary Tales / R.L. Stine** (480L No AR) A boy who hates bugs starts to see them everywhere. A basketball player's skin starts to almost drip off his hands—but no one else can see it. Three friends find a hole in the ground that just gets bigger, and bigger, and bigger.... And each story is introduced by Stine himself, providing a personal touch sure to delight fans. Laced with Stine's signature humor and a hefty dose of nightmarish fun, *Stinetinglers* is perfect for fans of *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* and Stine's own *Goosebumps* books. These chilling tales prove that Stine's epic legacy in the horror genre is justly earned. Dive in, and beware: you might be sleeping with the lights on tonight!
8. ****The Unforgettable Logan Foster / Shawn Peters** (Reading Age: 8-12yrs. Grade Level: 3-7 AR: 6.1/9.0) Logan, an undersized twelve-year-old orphan with a photographic memory and no filter, discovers that his foster parents are superheroes in grave danger. Text includes violence and bullying. Book #1
9. **Frizzy / Claribel Ortega** (Grade Level: 3.7, Reading Age 8-12 AR: 3.0/1.0) Tired of going to the salon to have her curls straightened every weekend, Marlene slowly learns to embrace her natural curly hair with the help of her best friend and favorite aunt. Book has bullying.

10. **Spy School** / Stuart Gibbs (740L AR: 5.3/9.0) Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school. Book #1
11. ****Just Right Jillian** / Nicole D. Collier (Grade Level: 3-7, Reading Age: 8-12yrs. AR: 3.8/6.0) Jillian does everything she can to blend in, including staying quiet. After she loses a classroom competition because she won't speak up, she sets her mind on winning her school's biggest competition.
12. ****A Rover's Story** / Jasmine Warga (Grade Level: 3-7, Reading Age: 8-12yrs. AR: 3.8/6.0) Res was built to explore Mars. He was not built to have human emotions, but as he learns new things from the NASA scientists who assemble him, he begins to develop human-like feelings.