

Students need to pick **at least two books** off of the list – if you would rather pick your own book(s), the books need first to be approved! In the fall, you will write guided responses to your chosen books.

If you would like to be considered for the 2025 Battle of the Books team, you need to choose at least 3 books with the asterisk (*) next to them.

Return to Sender by Julia Alvarez*

Doll Bones by Holly Black*

The Midwife's Apprentice by Karen Cushman*

The Eyes and the Impossible by Dave Eggers*

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine *

Starfish by Lisa Fipps*

The Skin I'm In by Sharon Flake*

Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan*

Alone by Megan E. Freeman*

Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George*

Everything on a Waffle by Holly Horvath*

When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jameson and Omar Mohamed *

The Thing About Luck by Cynthia Kadohata*

Swindle by Gordon Korman*

The Best Luck I've Ever Had by Kristine Levine*

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park*

A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck*

The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schlitz*

Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian Football Team by Steve Sheinkin*

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli*

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Ghost by Jason Reynolds

The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

The Door of No Return by Kwame Alexander

Ophie's Ghosts by Justina Ireland

Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed

The Outsiders by SE Hinton

My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich by Ibi Zaboi

Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie

2001 A Space Odyssey by Arthur C. Clarke

Answers in the Pages by David Levithan

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Caravel by Stephanie Garber

We Were Liars by E. Lockhart

Scythe by Neal Shusterman