Battle **O**f the **B**ooks - 2023
Reading List - Grades 4 & 5

***The way this book and author must be written for "The Battle"**

1. *Fast Pitch* by Nic Stone * Fast Pitch – Stone
Pub. 2021 --- 192 pages
Shenice Lockwood, captain of the Fulton Firebirds, is hyper-focused when she steps up to the plate. Nothing can stop her from leading her team to the 12U fast-pitch softball regional championship, but life throws some curveballs her way.

2. *The Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman * Bridge Home - Venkatraman
Pub. 2019 --- 208 pages
Four determined homeless children make a life for themselves in Chennai, India with plenty of adventures and hardships along the way.

3. *The Aquanaut: A Graphic Novel* by Dan Santat * Aquanaut - Santat
Pub. 2022 --- 256 pages
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.

4. *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson * Bridge to Terabithia - Paterson
Pub. 1977 --- 144 pages
Jesse's colorless rural world expands when he becomes fast friends with Leslie, the new girl in school. But when Leslie has an accident trying to reach their special hideaway, Terabithia, Jesse struggles to accept the new reality.

5. *When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller * Trap a Tiger - Keller
Pub. 2020 --- 304 pages
When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history.

6. *It's the End of the World and I'm in my Bathing Suit* by Justin Reynolds * End of the World - Reynolds
Pub. 2022 --- 304 pages
Twelve-year-old Eddie Gordon Holloway has concocted his most genius plan ever to avoid chores . . . especially the dreaded L-A-U-N-D-R-Y. If he can wear every item of clothing in his wardrobe, summer will be halfway over before he has to do laundry!

7. *Wish* by Barbara O'Connor * Wish – O'Connor
Pub. 2017 --- 256 pages
Eleven-year-old Charlie Reese has been making the same silent wish since fourth grade. With the help of a true-blue friend, a big-hearted aunt and uncle, and the dog of her dreams, it just might come true.

8. *Song for a Whale* by Lynne Kelly * Song for a Whale - Kelly
Pub. 2019 --- 304 pages
Twelve-year-old Iris, who is deaf, is captivated by the story of a whale unable to communicate with other whales and goes to great lengths to ease his loneliness.

9. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein * Mr. Lemoncello's Library - Grabenstein
Pub. 2014 --- 336 pages
Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero, the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello, with other students but finds he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

10. *I Survived Hurricane Katrina* (Graphic Novel) by Lauren Tarshis * I Survived - Tarshis
Pub. 2022 --- 160 pages
The horror of Hurricane Katrina is brought vividly to life in this fictional account of a boy, a dog, and the storm of the century.