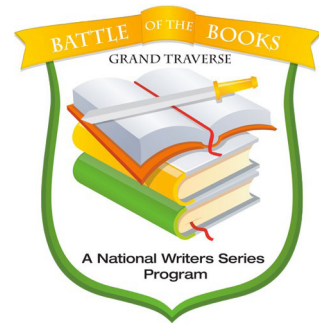


# Battle of the Books Grand Traverse Book List 2023



**Allergic** (Lloyd) Lexile GN230L

All Maggie really wants is a puppy. To her surprise, her parents agree to get her one for her 10th birthday. But when the family goes to select the perfect puppy, Maggie breaks out in hives and rashes. She is severely allergic to anything with fur! Can Maggie outsmart her allergies and find the pet of her dreams? The twists and turns of this story will keep you reading as friends and family are sometimes helpful and sometimes not so helpful to Maggie's pet plans.

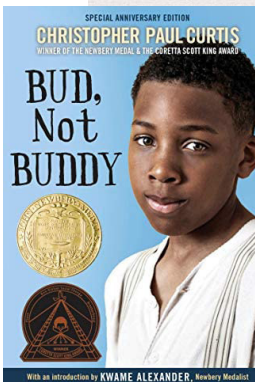
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**The Boys in the Back Row** (Jung) Lexile 240-430L

Matt and Eric are best friends. They like talking comic books, playing in the school marching band, and just spending time with each other. When they learn Matt is moving away when school ends, they decide that an epic final adventure is needed. They will sneak away from a marching band event to meet their favorite comic book author at a nearby ComicCon. Standing in their way is their ability to keep a secret, their own planning skills, and the school bully. One way or another, Matt and Eric are sure to remember these final moments as best friends!

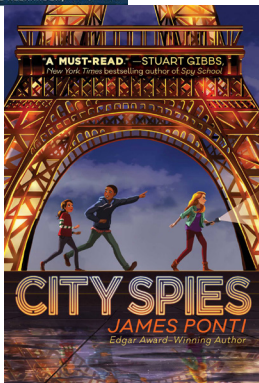
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**Bud, Not Buddy** (Curtis) Lexile 950L

It's 1936 in Flint, Michigan. Times may be hard, and ten-year-old Bud may be a motherless boy on the run, but he's got a few things going for him: 1. He has his own suitcase full of special things. 2. He's the author of *Bud Caldwell's Rules and Things for Having a Funnier Life and Making a Better Liar Out of Yourself*. 3. His momma never told him who his father was, but she left a clue: flyers for Herman E. Calloway and his band, the Dusky Devastators of the Depression! Bud knows the flyers will lead him to his dad. Once Bud decides to find this mystery man, nothing can stop him--not hunger, not fear, not vampires, not even Herman E. Calloway himself.

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**City Spies** (Ponti) Lexile 750L

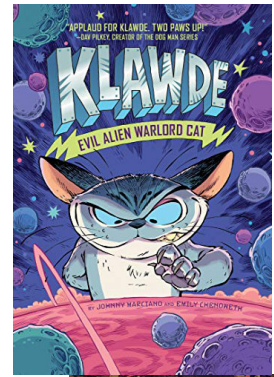
Sara Martinez is a hacker. She recently broke into the New York City foster care system to expose her foster parents as cheats and lawbreakers. However, instead of being hailed as a hero, Sara finds herself facing years in juvenile detention and--even worse--banned from using computers. Just as she is trying to accept her fate, a man steps in to offer her an unbelievable alternative--become a spy (and keep using her hacker skills) for the British government. Is he for real? Should she put her life in the hands of this very bizarre stranger?

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## **Klawde, Evil Alien Warlord Cat** (Marciano) Lexile 590L

Klawde is not your average cat. Sure, he has the soft fur and pointy ears...but don't let his feline cuteness fool you. He is an exiled emperor from across the universe with a hunger for battle and a thirst for revenge. And he's about to become Raj's best friend. Raj had everything. A cool apartment. Three friends who lived in his building. Pizza and comics within walking distance. But when his mom got a job in Elba, Oregon, and he was forced to move, all of that changed. It's only when his doorbell rings and he meets a furball of a cat that Raj begins to think maybe his luck is turning around.

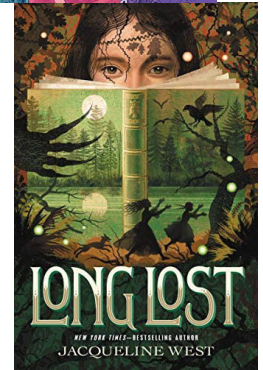
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## **Long Lost** (West) Lexile N/A

Fiona's family has just moved to Lost Lake, a tiny, unwelcoming town. Fiona is miserable, and it's all because her sister needed to be closer to her figure skating club. The only bright spot is Long Lake's library, a family mansion donated to the community. The library is where Fiona finds the book with the soft leather cover and the drawings of a forest with reaching hands and staring eyes. The book is about another pair of sisters who lived long ago in a town eerily like Lost Lake. The book is leading Fiona toward something. Something that has been waiting -- maybe just for her?

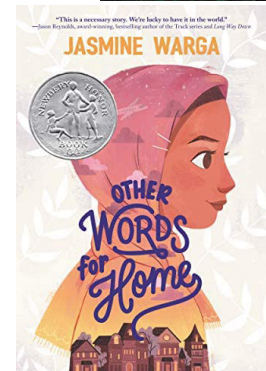
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## **Other Words for Home** (Warga) Lexile 930L

Jude never thought she would be leaving her brother and father behind, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when life in her hometown starts to feel unsafe, Jude and her mom are sent to Ohio to live with relatives. At first, everything in America seems too fast and too loud. The American movies that Jude has always loved haven't quite prepared her for school in the U.S. But Jude's new life also brings unexpected joys--new friends, new family, and even a school musical that Jude might try out for.

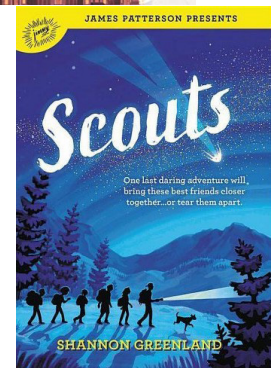
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## **Scouts** (Greenland) Lexile 630L

Annie, Beans, Rocky, and Fynn are the Scouts--best friends who do everything together. It's 1985, and the summer between sixth grade and middle school. The Scouts decide to kick off the summer by secretly climbing Old Man Basinger's silo to watch a meteor shower. When one meteor seems to crash nearby, the Scouts know they have to set out and find it. But their fun overnight adventure takes a turn for the worse when they discover a series of disturbing clues and have a run-in with the wild Mason clan in the woods. Will their friendship survive? Will they?

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **Book Handout & Team Meetup**

January 20, 2023

Traverse Area District Library ~ Woodmere

#### **Battle of the Books Tournament**

April 15, 2023

Traverse City West High School

*(Not a TCAPS sponsored event)*

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