

**Battle of the Books 2010/2011**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade—Updated 5/19/2010**

<b>Title and Author</b>	<b>Book Level</b>	<b>Number of Pages</b>	<b>AR Points</b>	<b>Summary</b>
<b>Mr. Popper's Penguins</b> by Richard Atwater	5.6	139	3	Mr. Popper trains his band of penguins to star in a vaudeville tour.
<b>Freckle Juice</b> by Judy Blume	3.1	47	0.5	Andrew wants freckles more than anything else and uses a "freckle juice" recipe with hilarious results.
<b>A Lion to Guard Us</b> by Clyde Robert Bulla	2.0	115	2	Left on their own in London, three impoverished children draw upon their resources to stay together and make their way to the Virginia colony in search of their father.
<b>Tornado</b> by Betsy Byars	3.2	49	1	As they wait out a tornado in their storm cellar, a family listens to their farmhand tell stories about the dog that was blown into his life by another tornado when he was a boy.
<b>Muggie Maggie</b> by Beverly Cleary	4.5	70	1	Maggie resists learning cursive writing in the third grade, until she discovers that knowing how to read and write cursive promises to open up an entirely new world of knowledge for her.
<b>Sadoko and the Thousand Paper Cranes</b> by Eleanor Coerr	4.1	64	1	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.
<b>Molly's Pilgrim</b> by Barbara Cohen	3.0	32	0.5	Told to make a doll like a Pilgrim for the Thanksgiving display at school, Molly's Jewish mother dresses the doll as she herself dressed before leaving Russia
<b>James and the Giant Peach</b> by Roald Dahl	4.8	160	4	Madcap adventures take place as young James enters a peach as big as a house and encounters wonderful new friends.
<b>My Father's Dragon</b> by Ruth Stiles Gannett	5.6	74	1	A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island.
<b>Boxcar Children</b> by Gertrude Warner	3.9	154	2	The resourceful Alden children survive without adult supervision and make a home for themselves in an abandoned boxcar.
<b>Charlotte's Web</b> by E. B. White	4.4	192	5	In this endearing story, a little girl and Charlotte, a beautiful grey spider, struggle to save Wilbur the pig from being butchered.
<b>Little House in the Big Woods</b> by Laura Ingalls	5.3	238	5	The Ingalls family is snug in their Wisconsin house in spite of blizzards, wolves, and the lonely forest.

<b>Wilder</b>				
<b>Invention of Hugo Cabret</b> by Brian Selznick	<b>5.1</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>4.0</b>	When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toymaker and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.
<b>Pippi Longstocking</b> by Astrid Lindgren	<b>5.2</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>4</b>	A lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey--but without any parents--at the edge of a Swedish village is involved in many escapades.
<b>Cricket in Times Square</b> by George Selden	<b>4.9</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>4</b>	Chester the cricket resides in a newsstand in Times Square. He has many adventures, climaxing with the rescue of the newsstand owner from financial disaster.