

**Battle of the Books 2010/2011**  
**4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade—Updated 05/19/2010**

<b>Title and Author</b>	<b>Book Level</b>	<b>Number of Pages</b>	<b>AR Points</b>	<b>Summary</b>
<b>All about Sam by Lois Lowry</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>3</b>	The adventures of Sam, Anastasia Krupnik's younger brother, are related--from his first day as a newborn through his mischievous times as a toddler.
<b>The Best School Year Ever by Barbara Robinson</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>3</b>	The terrible kids at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School return with more wild behavior and outrageous lies.
<b>Call it Courage by Armstrong Sperry</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>3</b>	This is the inspiring story of a youth who overcomes his fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his tribe.
<b>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>5</b>	Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.
<b>The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dahlgliesh</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1</b>	A charming and brave eight-year-old girl accompanies her father into the wilderness of Connecticut in 1707 to cook for him while he builds a new home for his family.
<b>Dealing with Dragons by Patricia Wrede</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>8</b>	Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragons' kingdom.
<b>Each Little Bird that Sings by Deborah Wiles</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>6</b>	Comfort Snowberger is well acquainted with death since her family runs the funeral parlor in their small southern town, but even so the ten-year-old is unprepared for the series of heart-wrenching events that begins on the first day of Easter vacation.
<b>Fables by Arnold Lobel</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1</b>	This book tells twenty original fables about an array of animal characters from crocodile to ostrich.
<b>Ida B by Katherine Hannigan</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>5</b>	In Wisconsin, fourth-grader Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer, and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.
<b>Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>6</b>	This book portrays the courage and self-reliance of an Indian girl who lived alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast when her tribe emigrated and she was left behind.
<b>Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher by Bruce Coville</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>4</b>	Small for his age but artistically talented, twelve-year-old Jeremy Thatcher unknowingly buys a dragon's egg.
<b>The Magic School Bus Inside the Earth by Joanna Cole</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0.5</b>	On a special field trip in the magic school bus, Ms. Frizzle's class learns first hand about different kinds of rocks and the formation of the earth.
<b>Million Dollar Shot by Dan Gutman</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>3</b>	Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals.
<b>Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0.5</b>	Alice Rumphius wants to travel the world and do the one thing her grandfather told her to do--make the world more beautiful.
<b>Night of the Twisters by Ivy Ruckman</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>4</b>	A twelve-year-old relates an account of the night that freakish and devastating tornadoes hit Grand Island, Nebraska.

<b>Original Adventures of Hank and the Cowdog by John R. Erickson</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>3</b>	Hank the Cowdog, Head of Ranch Security, is accused of the murder of a chicken and becomes an outlaw with the coyotes.
<b>Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>3</b>	Ralph, the motorcycle-riding mouse, is off on another adventure and acquires a new sports car to replace his broken motorcycle.
<b>Regarding the Fountain:... by Kate Klise</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>2</b>	When the principal asks a fifth grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, he finds that all sorts of chaos results.
<b>Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>6</b>	Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage, but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler
<b>Running Out of Time by Margaret Haddix</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>7</b>	When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840s village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1996 tourist site under the observation of heartless scientists, and it is up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of dying children.
<b>Sarah Plain &amp; Tall by Patricia MacLachlan</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1</b>	In this loving story of a motherless family, a tall, plain woman comes to stay with them.
<b>Seven Wonders of Sasfras Springs by Betty Birney</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>5</b>	Eben McAllister searches his small town to see if he can find anything comparable to the real Seven Wonders of the World.
<b>Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>5</b>	In 1940, when the Nazi invasion of Norway reaches their village, twelve-year-old Peter & his friends use their sleds to transport nine million dollars worth of gold past the German soldiers to the harbor ready to take the gold for safekeeping in the US.
<b>Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>13.0</b>	A fourteen-year-old Ozark Mountain boy attempts to recapture monkeys escaped from a traveling circus.
<b>The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>16.0</b>	This stirring adventure is a fantasy that introduces the far-wandering hobbit, Bilbo Baggins.
<b>The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>5.0</b>	A young boy in Maine, when rescued by an Indian chief and his grandson, must decide whether to spend the winter alone in the woods waiting for his family to return or move on to a new life with his new friends.
<b>The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1.0</b>	Magical fable of the toy rabbit who becomes a real rabbit with the help of the boy who loves him.
<b>Wanted...Mud Blossom by Betsy Byars</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>4.0</b>	Convinced that Mud is responsible for the disappearance of the school hamster that he was taking care of for the weekend, Junior Blossom is determined that the dog should be tried for his "crime."
<b>The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>8.0</b>	Sixteen game players, heirs to Sam Westing's fabulous fortune, are all suspected of his murder. This book is part mystery story, part play-along game, and part do-it-yourself puzzle.
<b>Worth by A. LaFaye</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>4.0</b>	After breaking his leg, eleven-year-old Nate feels useless because he cannot work on the family farm in nineteenth-century Nebraska, so when his father brings home an orphan boy to help with the chores, Nate feels even worse.