



Idaho Battle of the Books Middle School 2018-2019

Selected Titles

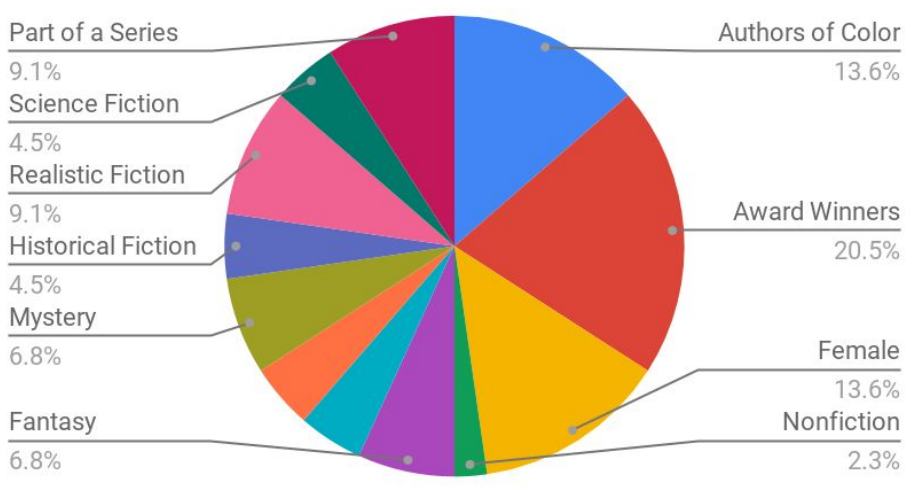
- The Night Gardener* by Jonathan Auxier
- The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill
- Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling
- See You in the Cosmos* by Jack Cheng
- The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman
- The Inquisitor's Tale* by Adam Gidwitz
- The Afterlife of Holly Chase* by Cynthia Hand
- Under a Painted Sky* by Stacey Lee
- Warcross* by Marie Lu
- Cinder* by Marissa Meyer
- The Seventh Most Important Thing* by Shelley Pearsall
- Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- The Blackthorn Key* by Kevin Sands
- Port Chicago 50* by Steve Sheinkin
- The Prince and the Dressmaker* by Jen Wang
- American Born Chinese* by Guen Luen Yang

<p>4</p> <p>Members per team</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Months to Read</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Books to Enjoy</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Trophy to Win</p>

5,408

The number of pages students who participate in this year's Idaho Battle of the Books will have read!

2018-19 Book Statistics

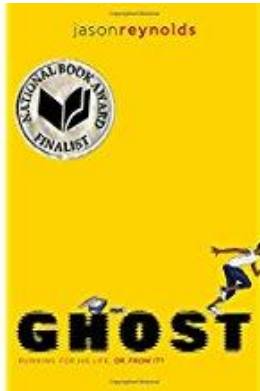


This year's selected books:

- range in lexile from 360 to 1120.
- range in length from 208 to 448 pages
- include protagonists who are physically and/or mentally challenged, and represent various races/religions/socio economic situations



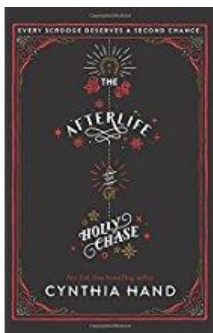
2018-19 Book Blurbs



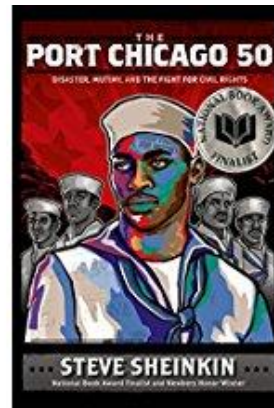
Jason Reynolds uses a light hand to delve into topics that include gun violence, class disparity, and bullying in this compelling series opener. Seventh-grader Castle "Ghost" Cranshaw, knows nothing about track when a former Olympian recruits him as a sprinter for a city youth team.



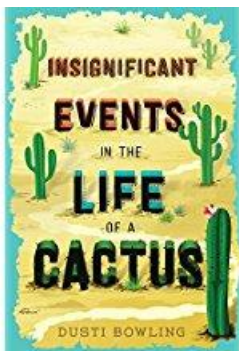
Two girls, Chinese American Samantha and plucky slave, Annamae, are on the racial margins of mid-19th-century America. Forced together by necessity, they head west on the Oregon Trail during the heart of the California Gold Rush. This nontraditional western delivers suspense, adventure, humor and a touch of romance.



A spunky, modern take on *A Christmas Carol* where Holly Chase, a 17 year old spoiled mean girl, laughs in the face of the ghosts that come to warn her to change her ways one Christmas Eve. She ignores them and five years later is spending her afterlife working as the resident Ghost of Christmas Past. That is, until Ethan forces her to confront the life she took for granted.



Sheinkin presents an account of the 1944 civil rights protest involving hundreds of African-American Navy servicemen who were unjustly charged with mutiny for refusing to work in unsafe conditions after the deadly Port Chicago explosion.



A move to distant Arizona forces 13 year old Aven, who was born without arms, to leave her familiar life and friends behind. Soon she finds and bonds with Conner, who is struggling with Tourette's syndrome. Aven's unflinchingly optimistic spirit, accompanied by her infectious and indomitable sense of humor will stick with you long after you turn the last page.



Alex, an 11 year old rocket enthusiast, dutifully records his thoughts and adventures into a "golden iPod", "so when intelligent beings millions of light-years away find it one day they'll know what Earth was like" as he ventures from Colorado to the Southwest High-Altitude Rocket Festival in New Mexico with his dog, Carl Sagan.

All book blurbs above have been harvested from NovelList Plus at LiLi.org.