

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

For 5th and 6th Graders



WHAT IS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS?

- **The Battle of the books is a VOLUNTARY reading competition designed to promote the love and appreciation of reading for 5th and 6th grade students.**



TEAM INFORMATION

- Teams consist of 2-3 people
- Teammates do not have to be in the same class
- Make wise choices about teammates
- Every team member should read all the books



BATTLE INFORMATION

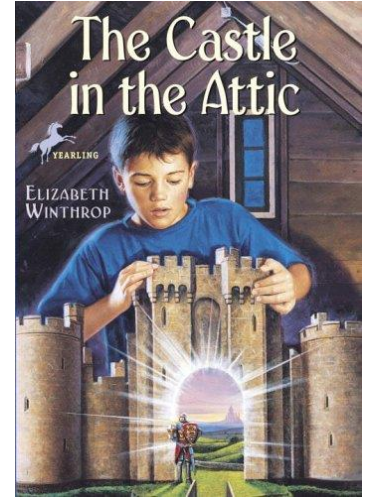
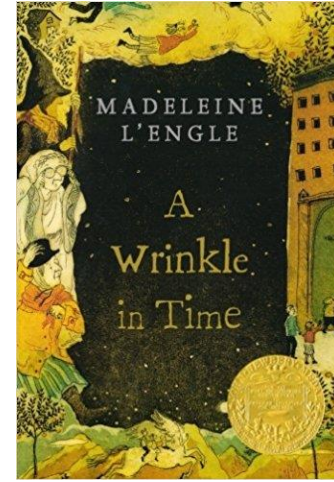
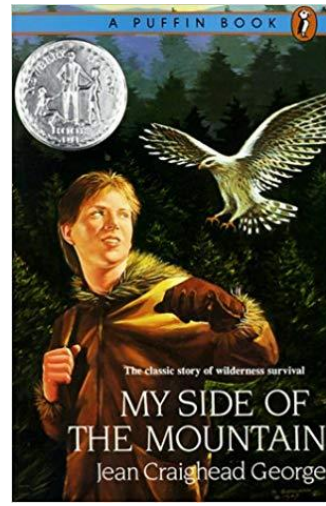
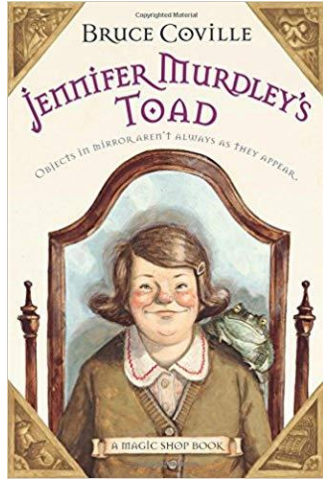
- There are a total of 12 books. You will read 4 titles for each of the 3 battles.
- Points are combined for all 3 battles.
- The team with the most points at the end will represent our school at the semi-finals, which will be held in April. At the semi-finals, the same questions will be asked from all 3 battles.



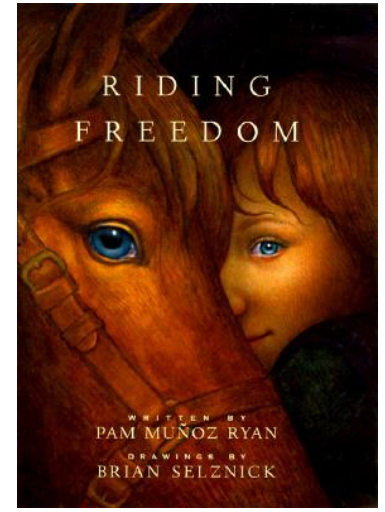
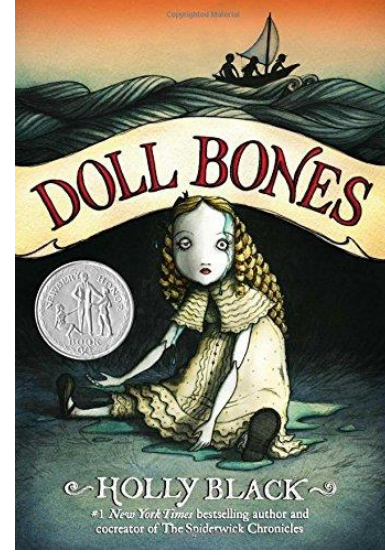
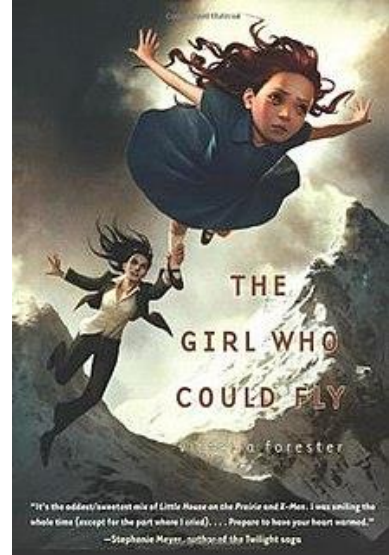
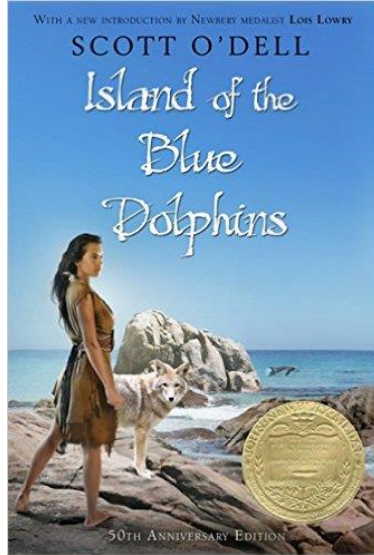
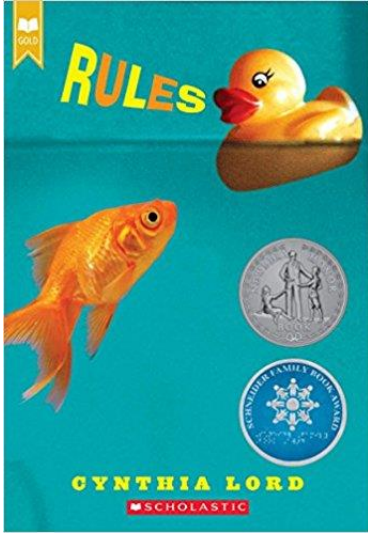
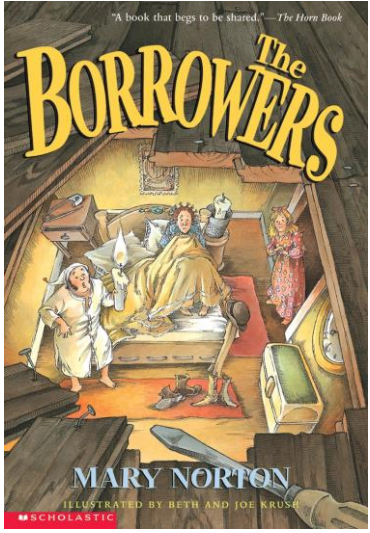
THE BATTLE IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS

- Part One has 5 questions per team.
 - Questions begin with, “In what book...”
 - 5 points for the correct title of the book, 3 points for the author’s last name (40 points)
- Part Two has 3 questions per team
 - Questions begin with, “In the book...”
 - 10 points per question
 - 20 seconds to answer with a 5 second warning





The Books



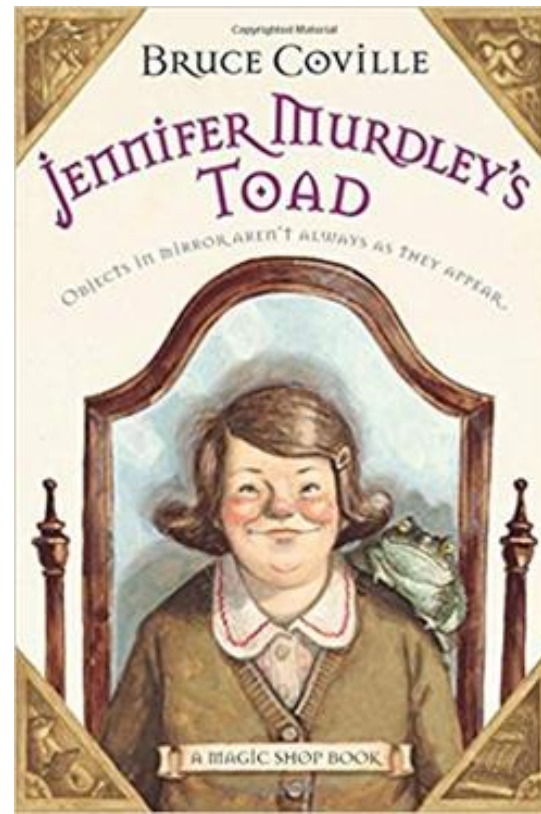
BATTLE ONE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD



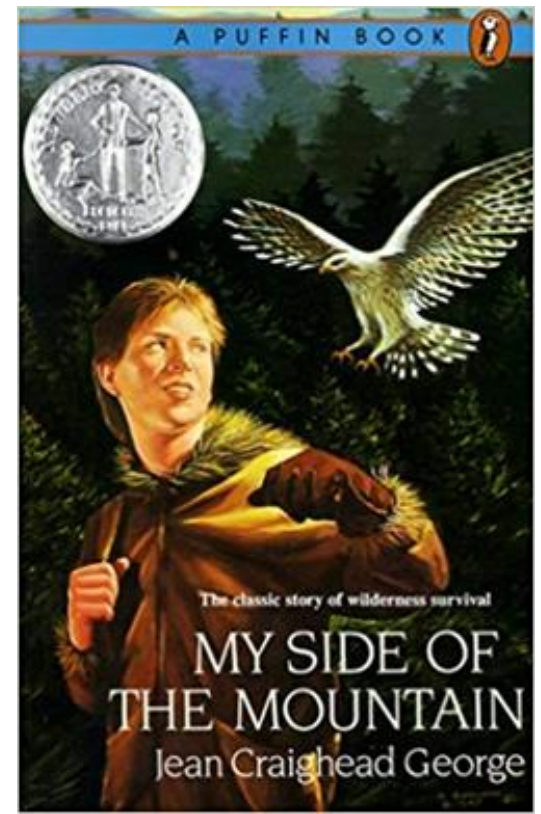
5.0 (9 points)



4.7 (11 points)



4.6 (4 points)



5.2 (6 points)



ARTEMIS FOWL BY EOIN COLFER



- Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a millionaire, a genius—and, above all, a criminal mastermind. But even Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These aren't the fairies of bedtime stories—they're dangerous!
- It's a magical adventure
- Genre is Fantasy.
- [Book Trailer](#)



WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS BY WILSON RAWLS



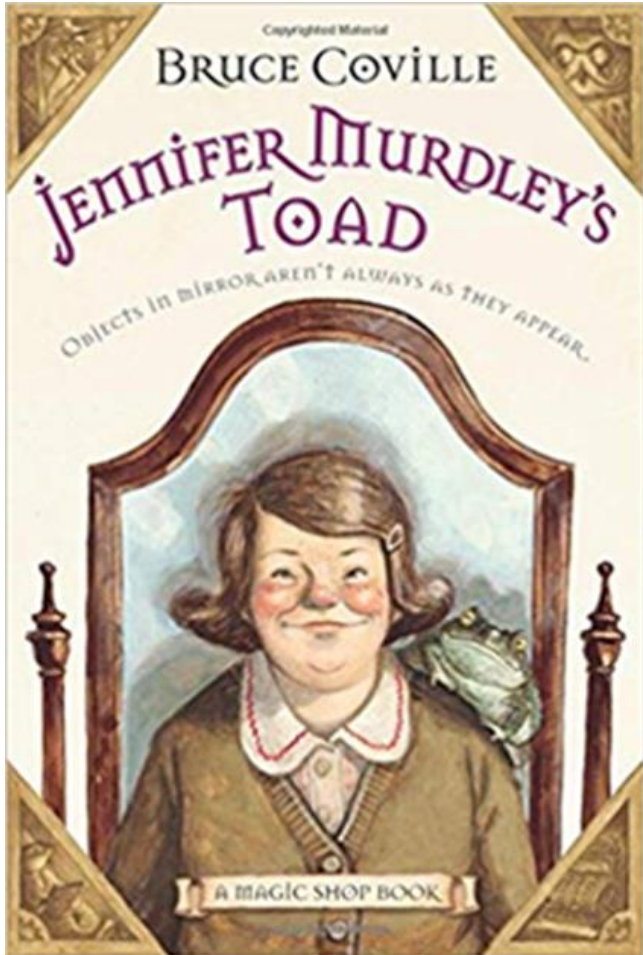
- Billy has long dreamt of owning not one, but two, dogs. So when he's finally able to save up enough money for two pups to call his own—Old Dan and Little Ann—he's ecstatic. It doesn't matter that times are tough; together they'll roam the hills of the Ozarks.

Soon Billy and his hounds become the finest hunting team in the valley. Stories of their great achievements spread throughout the region, and the combination of Old Dan's brawn, Little Ann's brains, and Billy's sheer will seems unbeatable. But tragedy awaits these determined hunters—now friends—and Billy learns that hope can grow out of despair, and that the seeds of the future can come from the scars of the past.

- Genre is Realistic Fiction
- [Book Trailer](#)



JENNIFER MURLEY'S TOAD BY BRUCE COVILLE

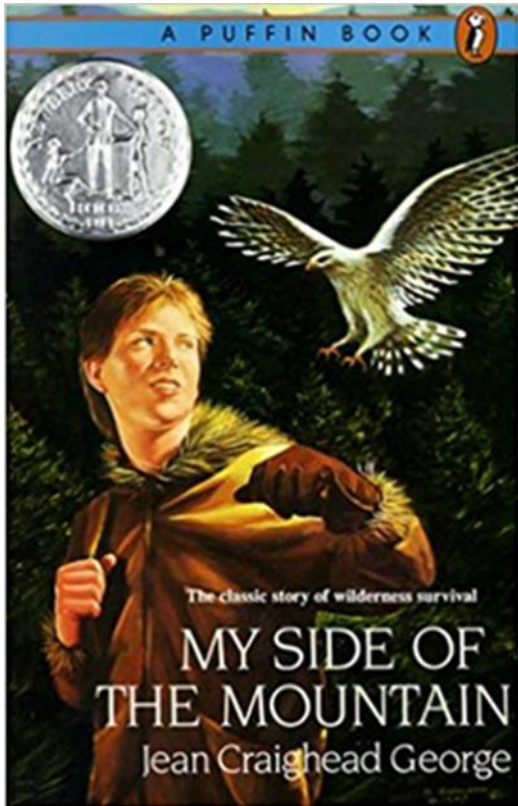


- Jennifer Murdley, a homely fifth-grader who would give anything to be beautiful, accidentally stumbles into a magic shop and purchases a very ugly toad. The toad, it turns out, can talk and ends up getting Jennifer into the worst trouble of her life. This madcap, head-spinning adventure is also a thought-provoking story about the nature of true beauty.
- Genre is Fantasy



MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN

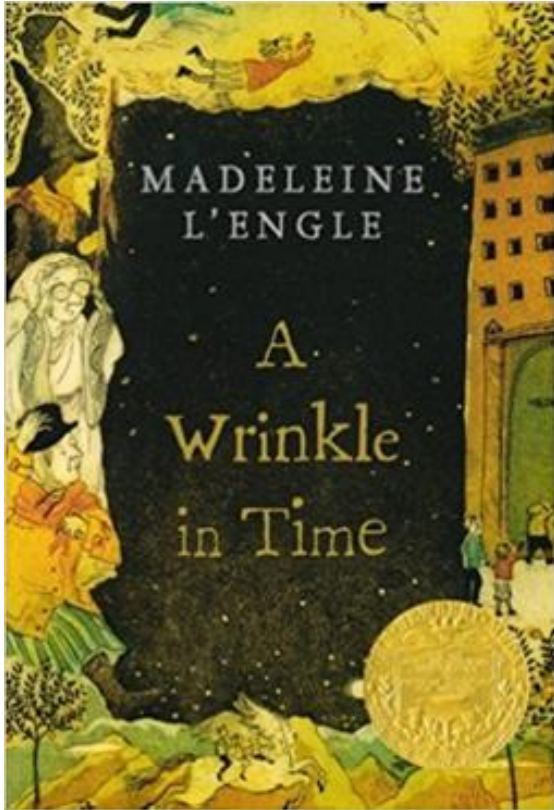
BY JEAN CRAIGHEAD GEORGE



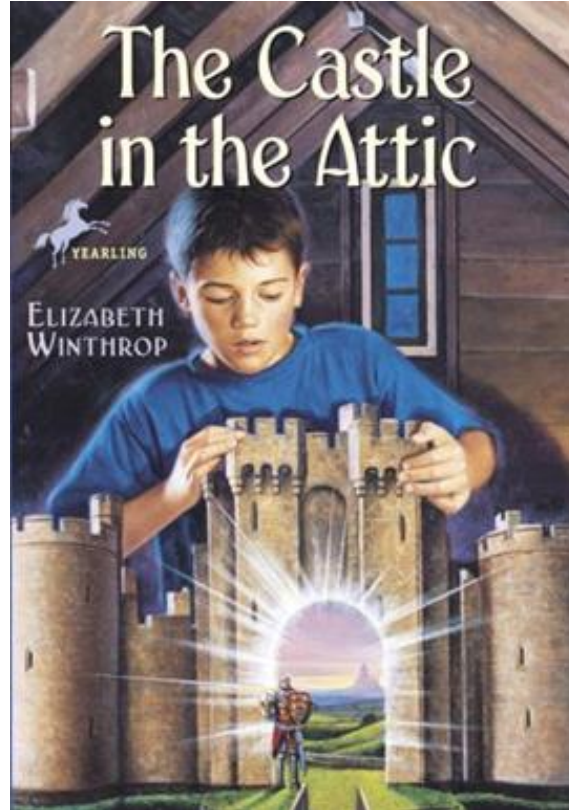
- Sam Gibley is terribly unhappy living in New York City with his family, so he runs away to the Catskill Mountains to live in the woods—all by himself. With only a penknife, a ball of cord, forty dollars, and some flint and steel, he intends to survive on his own. Sam learns about courage, danger, and independence during his year in the wilderness, a year that changes his life forever.
- Genre is Adventure
- [Book Trailer](#)



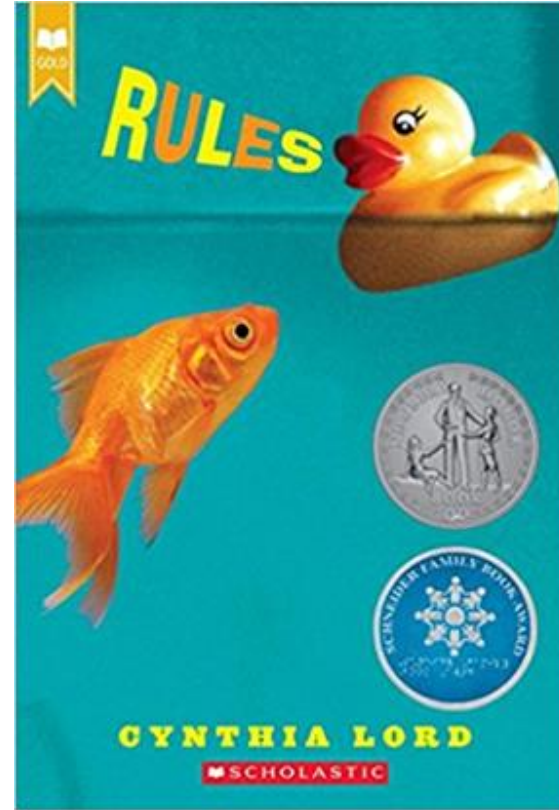
BATTLE TWO: THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH



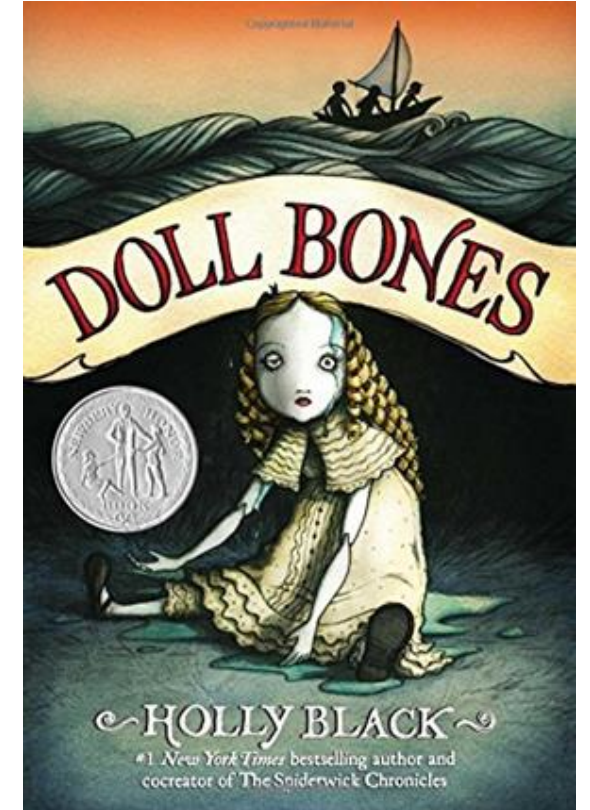
4.7 (7 points)



4.9 (6 points)



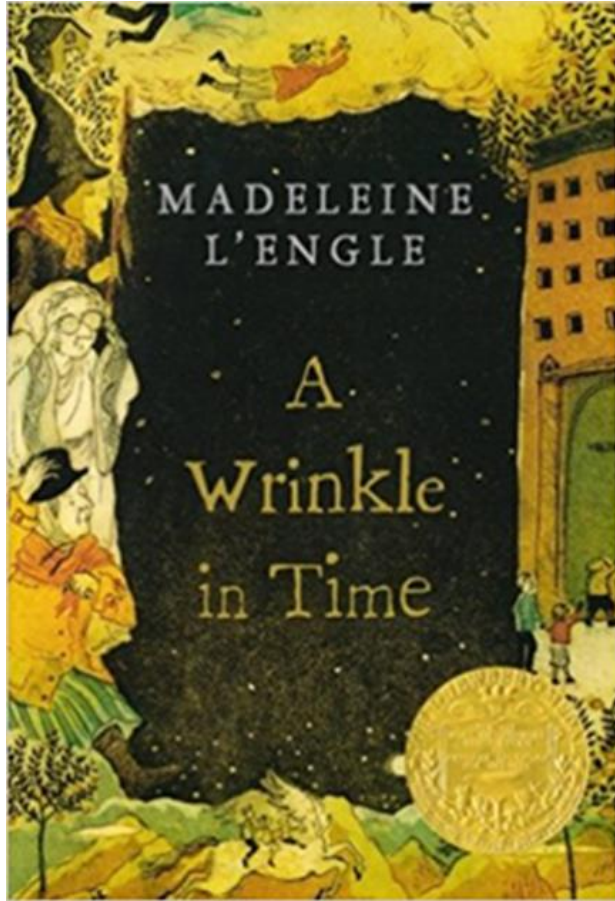
3.9 (4 points)



5.4 (7 points)



A WRINKLE IN TIME BY MADELINE L'ENGLE

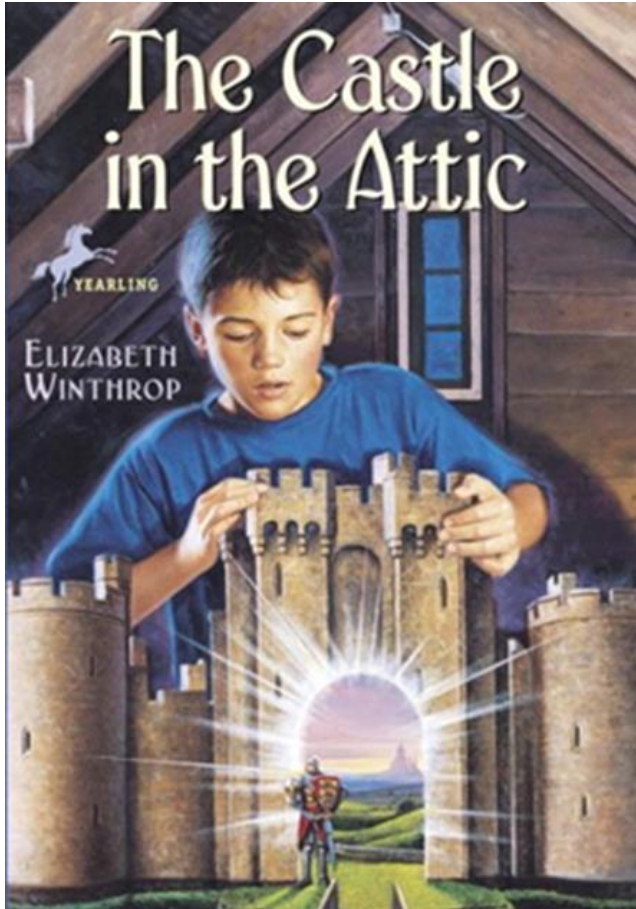


- It was a dark and stormy night; Meg Murry, her small brother Charles Wallace, and her mother had come down to the kitchen for a midnight snack when they were upset by the arrival of a most disturbing stranger.
- *A Wrinkle in Time* is the winner of the 1963 Newbery Medal.
- Genre is Science Fiction
- [Book Trailer](#)



THE CASTLE IN THE ATTIC

BY ELIZABETH WINTHROP

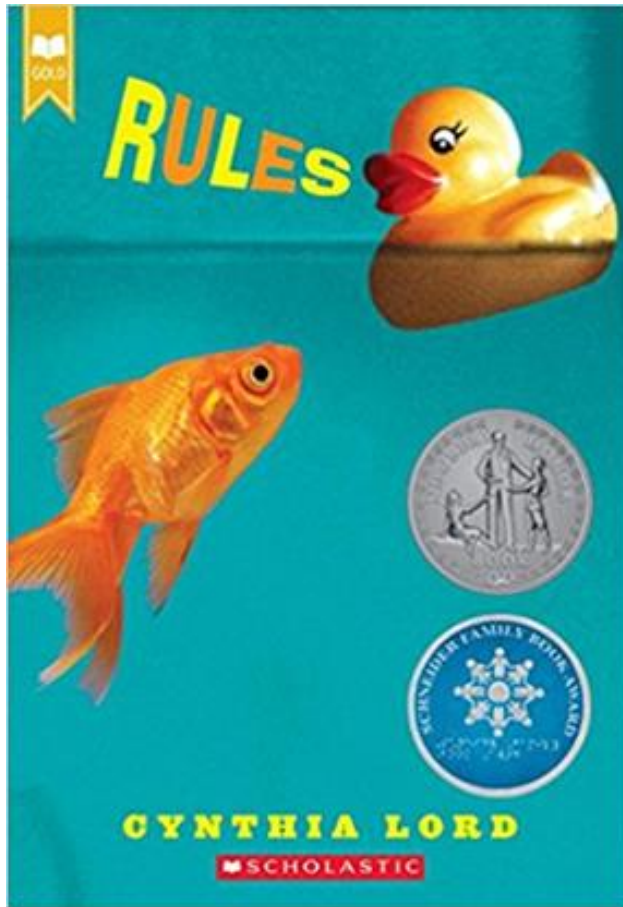


- William has just received the best present of his life—an old, real-looking stone and wooden model of a castle, with a drawbridge, a moat, and a finger high knight to guard the gates. It's the mysterious castle his housekeeper has told him about, and even though William is sad she's leaving, now the castle is his! William can't wait to play with the castle—he's certain there's something magical about it.

- Genre is Fantasy
- [Book Trailer](#)



RULES BY CYNTHIA LORD



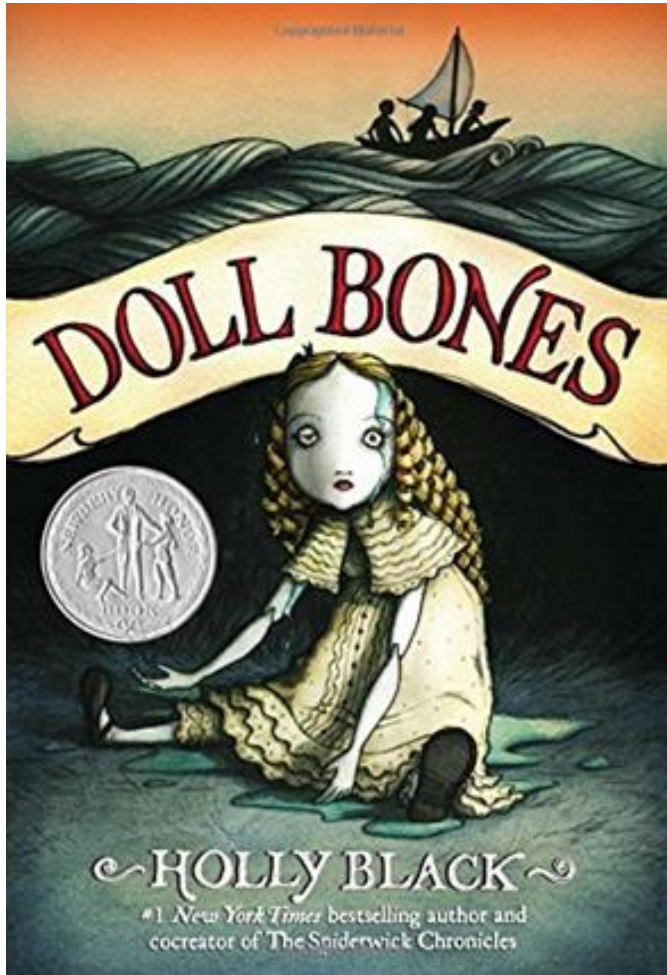
- “At our house, we have a rule....”

This story is about being different, feeling different, and finding acceptance.

- Genre is Realistic Fiction
- [Book Trailer](#)



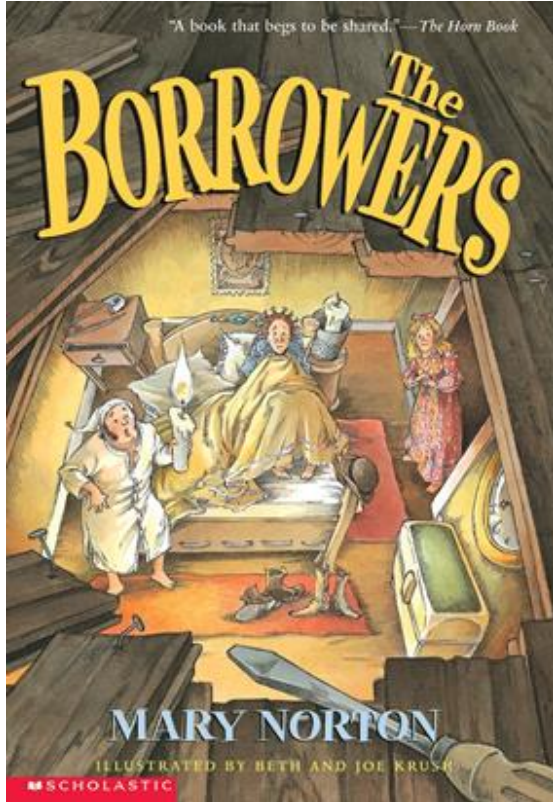
DOLL BONES BY HOLLY BLACK



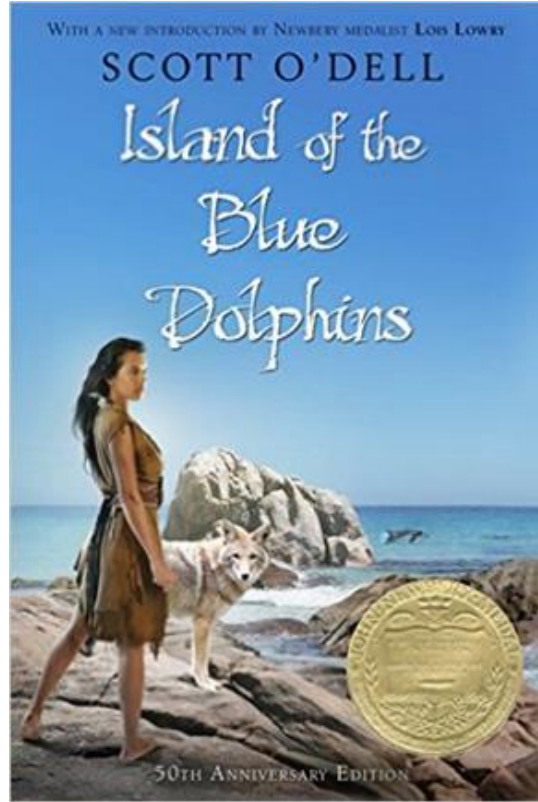
- Did you ever have favorite toys and were told you were “too old” to play with them...
- Newbery Medal Honor Book 2014
- Genre is Suspense/Mystery
- [Book Trailer](#) [Book Trailer \(scarier\)](#)



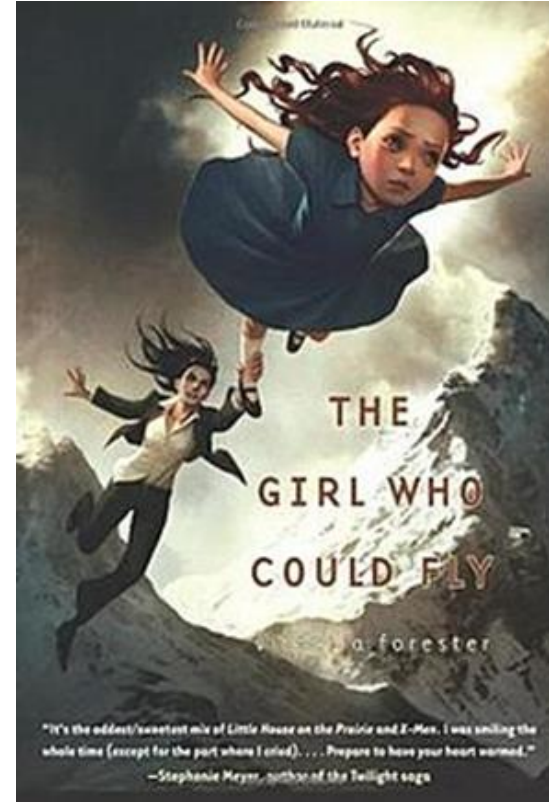
BATTLE THREE: TUESDAY APRIL 2ND



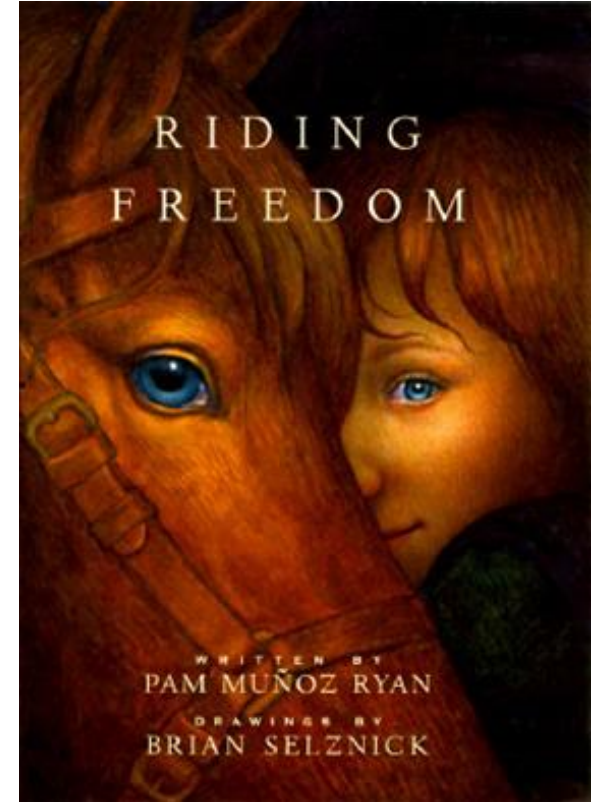
5.3 (5 points)



4.7 (5 points)



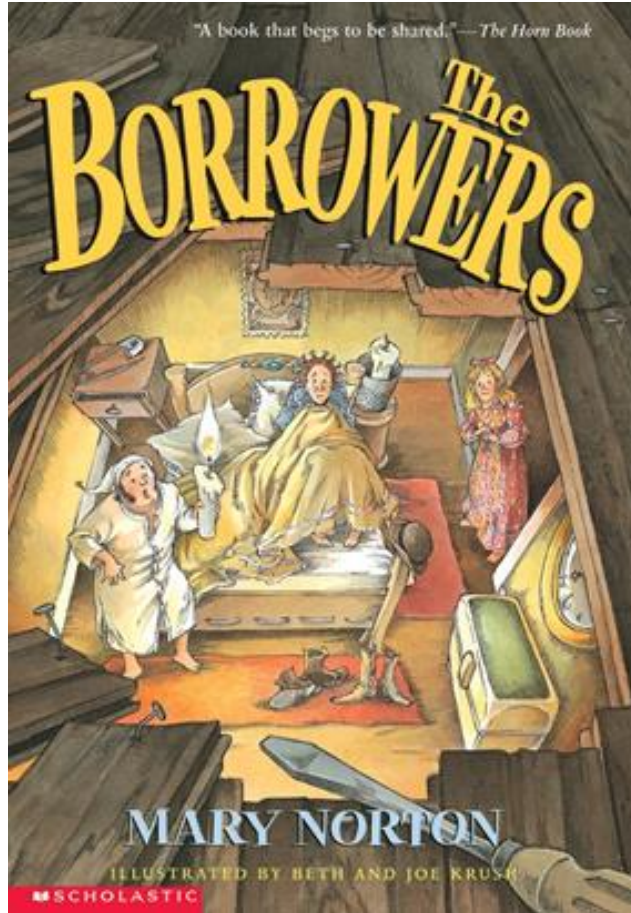
6 (11 point)



4.5 (3 points)



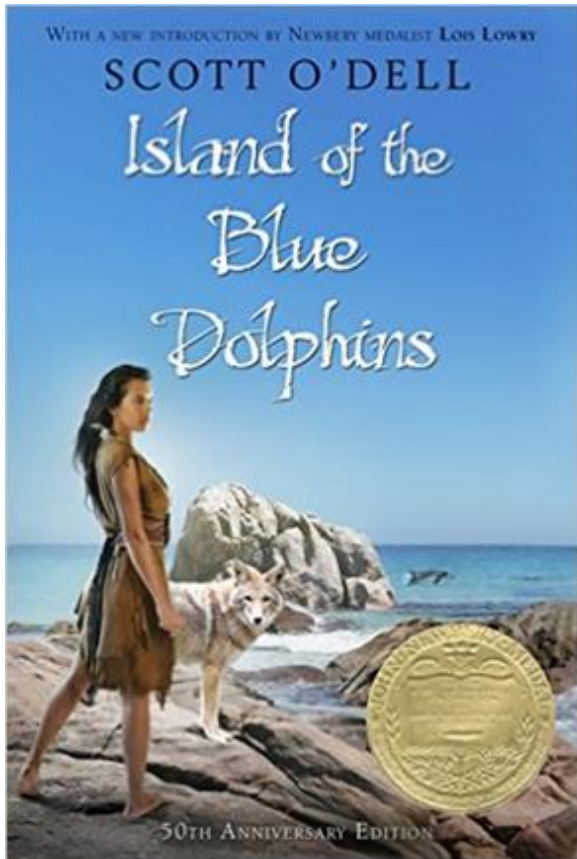
THE BORROWERS BY MARY NORTON



- The Borrowers—the Clock family: Homily, Pod, and their fourteen-year-old daughter, Arrietty, to be precise—are tiny people who live underneath the kitchen floor of an old English country manor. All their minuscule home furnishings, from postage stamp paintings to champagne cork chairs, are “borrowed” from the “human beans” who tromp around loudly above them. All is well until Pod is spotted upstairs by a human boy! Can the Clocks stay nested safely in their beloved hidden home, or will they be forced to flee?
- Genre is Fantasy
- [Book Trailer](#)



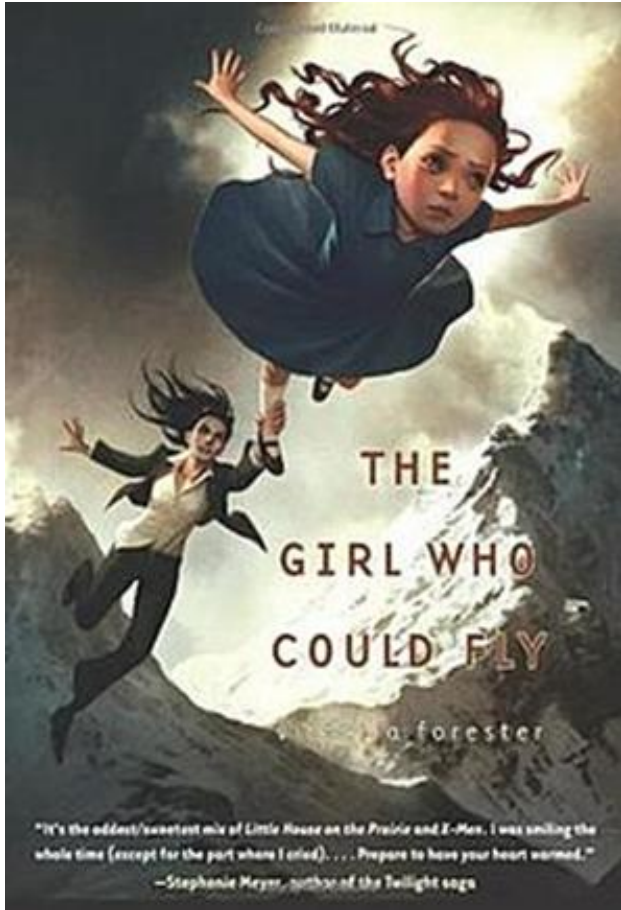
ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS BY SCOTT O'DELL



- Karana jumps overboard when she sees her brother has been left behind.....
- Here, in the early 1800s, according to history, an Indian girl spent eighteen years alone, and this beautifully written novel is her story.
- Genre is Adventure
- [Book Trailer](#)



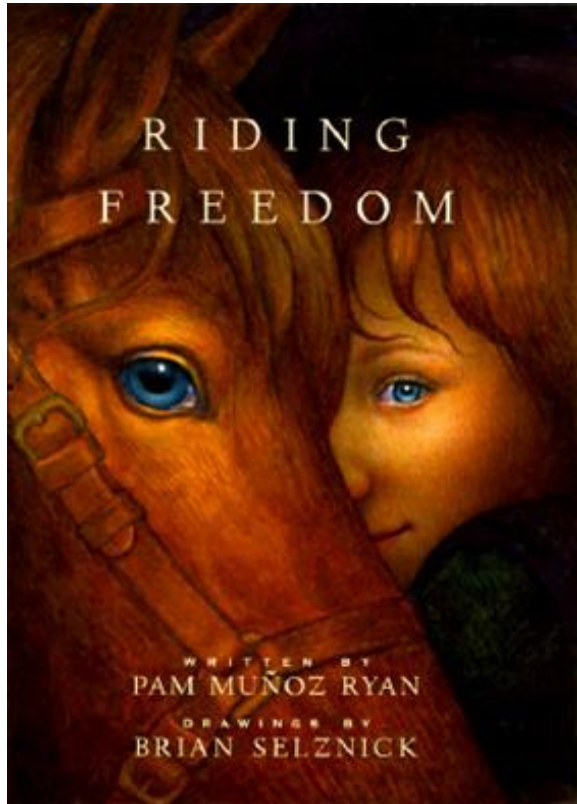
THE GIRL WHO COULD FLY BY VICTORIA FORESTER



- You just can't keep a good girl down . . . unless you use the proper methods.
 - Piper McCloud can fly. Just like that. Easy as pie.
 - Sure, she hasn't mastered reverse propulsion and her turns are kind of sloppy, but she's real good at loop-the-loops.
 - Problem is, the good folk of Lowland County are afraid of Piper. And her ma's at her wit's end. So it seems only fitting that she leave her parents' farm to attend a top-secret, maximum-security school for kids with exceptional abilities.
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- Genre is Science Fiction
 - [Book Trailer](#)



RIDING FREEDOM BY PAM MUNOZ RYAN



- My name is Charlotte Parkhurst and I was born in the mid 1800's. I live in an orphanage, but I'm not like other girls.
- In this fast-paced, courageous, and inspiring story, readers adventure with Charlotte as she first finds work as a stable hand, becomes a famous stage-coach driver (performing brave feats and outwitting bandits), finds love as a woman but later resumes her identity as a man after the loss of a baby and the tragic death of her husband.
- Genre is Historical Fiction
- [Book Trailer](#)



ARE YOU READY TO MAKE THE COMMITMENT?

- Find a group of three (make wise choices)
- Complete and return your permission slip by Friday, August 17th
- Each team member needs his/her own permission slip
- If you have questions, please see Mrs. Weiand, Ms. Giordano, or Mrs. Gagnon

