Reading Olympics 2023 Book List

  

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| **Title** | **Author** |
| ***Barbed Wire Baseball***  Looks at Japanese American baseball player Kenichi Zenimura's time spent in the internment camps during World War II and his creation of a baseball field there. | Moss, Marissa |
| ***Before the Ever After***  J's friends Ollie, Darry and Daniel help him cope when his father, a beloved professional football player, suffers severe headaches and memory loss that spell the end of his career. | Woodson, Jacqueline |
| ***Belly Up***  Twelve-year-old Teddy investigates when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction--Henry the hippopotamus--is murdered. | Gibbs, Stuart |
| ***Book Scavenger***  Just after twelve-year-old Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams up with new friend James to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery or come after the friends. | Bertman, Jennifer Chambliss |
| ***Can You Survive Storm Chasing? An Interactive Survival Adventure***  Describes the fight for survival when caught in tornadoes, hurricanes, and flash floods. The readers' choices reveal encounters from different perspectives. | Raum, Elizabeth |
| ***Dragonet Prophecy, The (Wings of Fire, #1)***  Clay and the other four MudWing dragonets were stolen from their homes while they were still in their eggs and hidden for years in order to fulfill a prophecy claiming that the dragonets would end the war between the dragon tribes, but not all the dragonets want their destiny. | Sutherland, Tui |
| ***Firegirl***  A middle school boy's life is changed when Jessica, a girl disfigured by burns, starts attending his Catholic school while receiving treatment at a local hospital. | Abbott, Tony |
| ***Flora and Ulysses, the Illuminated Adventure***  A girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after he was involved in an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses’ superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak. | DiCamillo, Kate |
| ***Flush***  With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home. | Hiaasen, Carl |
| ***Ghosts***  Catrina and her family have moved to the coast of Northern California for the sake of her little sister, Maya, who has cystic fibrosis--and Cat is even less happy about the move when she is told that her new town is inhabited by ghosts, and Maya sets her heart on meeting one. | Telgemeier, Raina |
| ***Hello, Universe***  The lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him. | Entrada Kelly, Erin |
| ***Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery***  After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game. | Feinstein, John |
| ***Leon's Story***  The son of a North Carolina sharecropper recalls the hard times faced by his family and other African Americans in the first half of the twentieth century and the changes that the civil rights movement helped bring about. | Tillage, Leon Walter |
| ***Martina & Chrissie: The Greatest Rivalry in the History of Sports***  Traces the friendship and rivalry of tennis stars Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert | Bildner, Phil |
| ***Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring***  Paloma Marquez is traveling to Mexico City, birthplace of her deceased father, for the very first time. She is hoping that spending time in Mexico will help her unlock memories of the too-brief time they spent together. | Cervantes, Angela |
| ***Merci Suarez Changes Gears***  Thoughtful, strong-willed Merci Suárez navigates the trials and tribulations of middle school, from evolving friendships to changes at home to finding her own rhythm—and everything in between. | Medina, Meg |
| ***Orphan of Ellis Island, The***  During a school trip to Ellis Island, Dominick Avaro, a ten-year-old foster child, travels back in time to 1908 Italy and accompanies two young emigrants to America. | Woodruff, Elvira |
| ***Pax***  After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back. | Pennypacker, Sara |
| ***Rules***  Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic. | Lord, Cynthia |
| ***Save Me a Seat***  Recent immigrant Ravi and lifelong U.S. resident Joe become friends the first week of fifth grade when they are brought together by a common enemy, the biggest bully in school, and a shared need to take control of their lives. | Weeks, Sarah |
| ***War That Saved My Life, The***  A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. | Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker |
| ***When You Reach Me***  As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The $20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space. | Stead, Rebecca |
| ***Where the Mountains Meets the Moon***  Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River. | Lin, Grace |
| ***Who Were the Navajo Code Talkers?***  In order to win the war and protect its soldiers during WWII, the US Marines recruited twenty-nine Navajo men to create a secret code that could be used to send military messages quickly and safely across battlefields. | Buckley, James |
| ***Wild Robot***  Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants. | Brown, Peter |