

Chief Joseph OBOB

2021-2022



What is OBOB?



OBOB stands for Oregon Battle of the Books

It is a voluntary competition where teams across the state read the same books and then compete in battles to see who knows the books best!

- ▶ Teams consist of 4-5 students in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade.
- ▶ Each team needs a team coach (a parent, guardian, or other adult).
- ▶ Team meetings are set up by the team coach outside of school hours.
- ▶ In February we will have virtual school battles among all the teams.
- ▶ This is what a battle looks like (in-person - a virtual battle will look different remember):
<https://safeshare.tv/x/xtTsoHtGTLg>

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Do I have to read all 16 books on the list?** No! You can if you want to, but most teams divide up the list.
- 2. I don't want to speak in front of everybody during a battle.** That's OK! Only the team spokesperson has to talk in front of everybody. The rest of the team quietly discusses their answer before the spokesperson gives it.
- 3. What if I don't have a team or if my team needs more teammates?** Have your adult contact Kerry Lear at kerrylear@gmail.com and if other teams are looking for someone we can put you in touch with them.
- 4. What do I get if my team wins?** The winning team represents our school in a virtual regional battle. But whether or not your team wins the competition you get to read a bunch of awesome books, have fun with your friends and learn good sportsmanship. So everybody wins!



Enough about the rules! What about the books?!

► The 16 books for this year's 3rd-5th division are:

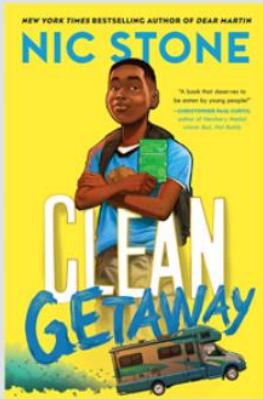
- Astrid the Unstoppable by Maria Parr
- The Bookwanderers by Anna James
- The Care and Feeding of a Pet Black Hole by Michelle Cuevas
- Clean Getaway by Nic Stone
- The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer L. Holm
- Guts by Raina Telgemeier
- The Harlem Charade by Natasha Tarpley
- I Can Make This Promise by Christine Day
- Lety Out Loud by Angela Cervantes
- Lowriders in Space by Cathy Camper & Raúl the Third
- Sarah Journeys West by Nikki Shannon Smith
- Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan
- Some Places More Than Others by Renée Watson
- Some Writer!: The Story of E. B. White by Melissa Sweet
- Stay by Bobbie Pyron
- The Storm Keeper's Island by Catherine Doyle

► You can also find the list here (scroll down to the 3rd-5th grade titles):

<https://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/2021-2022-obob-title-lists/>

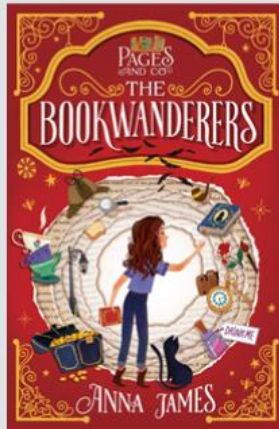
Here is a bit about a few of this year's titles:

Clean Getaway by Nic Stone



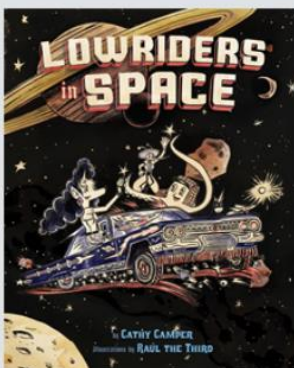
An 11-year-old boy confronts the realities of race relations, past and present, and the mysterious agenda of his unconventional grandmother during an unplanned spring break road trip through the once-segregated American South.

The Bookwanderers by Anna James



Eleven-year-old Tilly Pages, who has found comfort in her grandparents' bookshop since her mother's disappearance, now learns that she can bookwander into any stories, and decides to seek her mother.

Lowriders in Space by Cathy Camper & Raúl the Third



Lupe, Flapjack, Elirio customize their car into a low rider for the Universal Car Competition to win the cash prize that will enable them to buy their own garage.

That all sounds good!

What do I do next?

1. Talk to your friends about forming a team (4-5 people) and to your adults about being a coach.
2. Watch for team sign up forms in December.
3. **START READING!!!**



Information for Parents

What is OBOB?

OBOB is a statewide reading program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries.

How does it work?

Kids read books from this year's list (various genres), practice with a team of other students, and then compete against other teams in trivia battles about knowledge from the books.

Who can participate?

3rd-5th graders

When is it?

Timeline:

- November: START READING!
- December: Team sign ups, keep reading, and coaches meeting/practice preparation
- January: Team practices
- February: Practice battles and school competition
- March: Regional competition

Practices and battles will generally be weekdays after school (though some flexibility)

Where will it be?

Virtual

What is a battle?

Two teams of 4 compete. Alternating question asked to each team. The team can confer and then respond with their team answer. Points awarded for correct answers.

What are the questions like?

Two types:

- 1) "In which book" (example: In which book is there a Model T roadster named Hotspur? Answer: Some Writer! by Melissa Sweet)
- 2) "In X book, _____" (example: In Lowriders in Space, what does Lupe take apart when she is little? Answer: The jungle gym.)

What is required of coaches?

- Attend coaches meeting in mid-December
- Hold practices for your team (help them to divide up books, quiz each other, etc.)
- Assist in running practice and school battles

Want to know more?

OBOB official site: <https://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/>

Library site with some helpful information on OBOB: <https://library.cedarmill.org/kids/obob/>

Questions?

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