Battle of the Books Information for Students

BOB is a fun way to show your love of reading and earn some great prizes for it! All you need to do is grab up to four friends (as teams should be made up of five or fewer people) from 9–12th Grade, read the list of librarian-chosen books, and participate in our trivia competition. Keep in mind that you don't all have to attend the same school to be a team.

As a team, decide who's going to read which books and how many books everyone wants to read. You can have each team member read two books, all of the books, or some other combination. It's up to you!

IMPORTANT: Teams will be required to correctly spell authors' last names to receive full credit during the Battle.

Your team will need a responsible adult (18 years or older) to be your **Team Manager**. The Manager is there to help you get organized, practice for the battle, and provide transportation the night of the event. In the past, teams have asked a parent, teacher, older sibling, or school librarian to be their Team Manager. The Team Manager is also responsible for attending the Battle and keeping score for a different team.

Here are some rules to know before checking out BOB books from your library:
- **BOB books can only be borrowed on a library card belonging to a team member. Please limit checkouts to three books per team member.**
- **If your library charges fines, fines for BOB books are $0.25/day overdue.**
- **If your library doesn't have the book you want, ask a librarian to order you a copy from another library.**

Questions? Visit **moonlibrary.org** OR **sewickleylibrary.org** for more info.

The Night of Battle

On the night of the Battle, your team will need to arrive at Quaker Valley Middle School at least 15 minutes before the start time. You'll check in, set up your area, and fill out any necessary forms. Your Team Manager must be present, as they will be working as a Scorekeeper for a different team during the Battle.

The Battle Moderator will begin by asking the first question twice. Then, teams will have **20 seconds to write down their answers.** Play will continue in this manner for the next five questions. The Moderator will announce the answers for the first five questions. **If your team answers correctly, you will earn four points, plus a bonus point if you have correctly spelled the author's last name.** This means that each question is worth, at most, five points. Please note that there is no partial credit given for answers.

The Moderator and Judges will decide if an answer is correct, and **that decision is final.** Play will resume for the rest of the round. There will be three rounds, and every round will include one question from each book. At the end of each round, scorecards will be collected and verified, and at the end of the third round, the Judges will tally all scores. If there is a tie, a lightning round will take place between the tied teams. Once a clear winner has been determined, the Battle Moderator will announce the winners. **The top three teams will receive prizes.**

Interested yet?? To get started, grab this booklist and a registration form. Find up to four friends in 9–12th Grade, find a responsible adult to be a Team Manager, create a name for your team, and start reading!!! All final registration forms are due **January 31, 2026 by 8:00 PM.**

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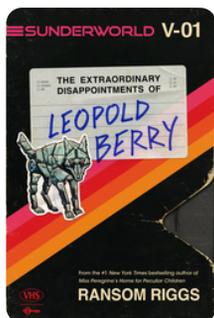# HIGH SCHOOL BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2026

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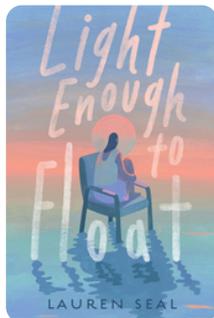## Tuesday, Feb. 24 @ 7:00 pm

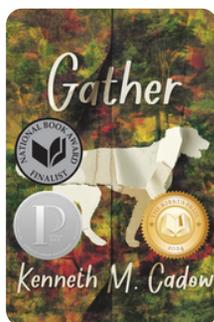## Quaker Valley Middle School Auditorium

Aisle Nine by Ian X. Cho
When a hell portal opens up in aisle nine, discount-mart checkout clerk Jasper teams up with his crush, who shares his frightening vison of the impending apocalypse, to save the world before this Black Friday becomes the darkest yet.

Sunderworld, Vol. I: The Extraordinary Disappointments of Leopold Berry by Ransom Riggs
Obsessed with the 1990s kids' fantasy series *Sunderworld*, Leopold Berry believes the mythology is real and he's destined to be Sunder's chosen one, which turns out to be half right when he must survive a magical side of LA that's less disappointing and far stranger than he ever imagined.

Light Enough to Float by Lauren Seal
When fourteen-year-old Evie is diagnosed with anorexia, she begins the slow process of recovery with the help of caregivers and peers who are battling their own disordered-eating habits.

Gather by Kenneth M. Cadow
Ian Gray, a teenager living in rural Vermont, is tasked with caring for his mother and their home after she suffers a work-related injury. With the help of his new dog and community members, things are looking up. But when unexpected circumstances arise, Ian and his dog are forced to flee his home, relying on the practical skills he's honed along the way.

Everything We Never Had by Randy Ribay
From the 1930s to today, four generations of Filipino American boys grapple with identity, masculinity, and father-son relationships.

Brownstone by Samuel Teer
In the summer of 1995, almost-fifteen-year-old Almudena is sent to live with her estranged Spanish-speaking father, and together they renovate a brownstone and build a relationship while Almudena navigates the Latin American side of her heritage for the first time.

Breakup from Hell by Ann Davila Cardinal
When she realizes there is something off about her new boyfriend, Mica Angeles finds herself living in a horror novel and must find a way to leave him without bringing an end to everything she knows and loves.

Dear Wendy by Ann Zhao
A student at Wellesley College, aromantic and asexual Sophie Chi, aka "Dear Wendy," finds herself in an online feud with her relationship advice rival, "Sincerely Wanda," while unwittingly becoming friends in real life, but will their friendship survive when the truth comes out?

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