

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 teammates don't have to attend the same school.

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 Managers. 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, 2027, by 8:00 PM.**

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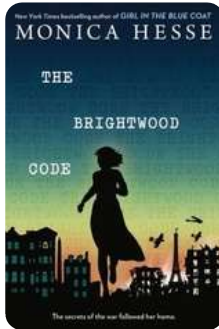
Tuesday, Feb. 23 @ 7:00 pm

Quaker Valley Middle School Auditorium



***And the River Drags Her Down* by Jihyun Yun**

When her older sister is found mysteriously drowned, Soojin Han uses ancestral magic to bring her back from the dead. But Mirae wants revenge, and Soojin must consider the possibility that the sister she brought back isn't the one she knew.



***The Brightwood Code* by Monica Hesse**

Desperate to forget the circumstances that cut her time overseas short, former WWI switchboard operator Edda receives a panicked call from someone who utters the fateful code word "Brightwood" and must uncover what secrets may have followed her across the ocean.



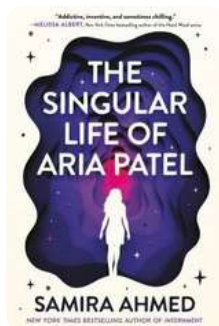
***Dreamover* by Dani Diaz**

Two best friends becoming more than friends feels like a dream come true. But when one sleepover literally turns into a dream, will they ever want to wake up again? Find out in this beautiful graphic novel.



***One Step Forward* by Marcie Flinchum Atkins**

This historical fiction novel in verse follows Matilda's journey as she fights for suffrage and becomes the youngest American suffragist imprisoned for picketing the White House to demand women's right to vote.



***The Singular Life of Aria Patel* by Samira Ahmed**

Aria Patel finds herself falling through parallel universes and can't explain why there's a new reality every day. While she cherishes this new version of her life, it belongs to another, and she must find her own happiness.



***Sisters in the Wind* by Angeline Boulley**

Five years in the foster system has taught Lucy to be cautious and smart. But she wants to believe Mr. Jameson and his "friend-not-friend," who say they want to look after her as she learns the secrets of her past.



***Stars and Smoke* by Marie Lu**

Winter Young is recruited by a covert organization to take down a criminal tycoon and finds himself paired with Sydney Cossette, a fierce and unpredictable secret agent. Sparks fly among secrets and deception!



***When We Were Monsters* by Jennifer Niven**

Enjoy this psychological thriller about a dead teacher at an elite New England boarding school, the students who had reasons to want her gone, and the tangled web of rivalry and romance concealing the truth.

