



2026-2027 SBCEO Battle of the Book Junior High Book List

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1	Linda Sue Park	<u>A Single Shard</u>
2	Christina Soontornvat	<u>A Wish in the Dark</u>
3	Cynthia L Smith	<u>Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids</u>
4	Gary Soto	<u>Baseball in April and Other Stories</u>
5	Samuel Teer and Mar Julia	<u>Brownstones</u>
6	James L. Swanson	<u>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</u>
7	Holly Sloan	<u>Counting by 7s</u>
8	Margarita Engle	<u>Enchanted Air</u>
9	Jacqueline Woodson	<u>Feathers</u>
10	Diane Lee Wilson	<u>I Rode a Horse of Milk White Jade</u>
11	James Patterson	<u>Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life</u>
12	Jennifer Holm	<u>Our Only May Amelia</u>
13	Katherine Johnson	<u>Reaching for the Moon</u>
14	Ying Chang Compestine	<u>Secrets of the Terra-Cotta Soldier</u>
15	Lynne Kelly	<u>Song for a Whale</u>
16	Lisa Fipps	<u>Starfish</u>
17	Kwame Alexander	<u>The Door of No Return</u>
18	Donna Barba Higuera	<u>The Last Cuentista</u>
19	Soman Chainani	<u>The School For Good And Evil</u>
20	Gordon Korman	<u>The Unteachables</u>
21	T. R. Simon	<u>Zora and Me</u>

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