

## **STM vs. St Clare 2021/2022 Battle of the Books List**

*Below is the 2021/2022 list of books agreed upon for the 6th - 8th grade Battle of the Books competition vs. St. Clare.*

### **Akata Witch by Nnedi Okorafor**

*Fantasy/284 Pages/590L*

*Twelve-year-old Sunny Nwazue, an American-born albino child of Nigerian parents, moves with her family back to Nigeria, where she learns that she has latent magical powers which she and three similarly gifted friends use to attempt to catch a serial killer.*

### **Almost American Girl by Robin Ha**

*Biography/Graphic Novel/240 Pages*

*A powerful and moving teen graphic novel memoir about immigration, belonging, and how arts can save a life.*

### **Archimancy by J.A. White**

*Paranormal Fiction/320 Pages*

*Sixth-graders Cordelia, Agnes, and Benji go on a quest to unravel the secrets of Shadow School.*

### **Arlo Finch in the Valley of the Fire by John August**

*Fantasy/352 Pages/670L*

*When Arlo Finch moves to Pine Mountain, Colorado, and joins the Rangers, he learns how to harness the wild magic seeping in from the mysterious Long Woods--a parallel realm of wonder and danger.*

### **Deep Water by Watt Key**

*Adventure/288 Pages/720L*

*When a dive off the coast of Alabama goes horribly wrong, twelve-year-old Julie and one of her father's scuba clients struggle to survive after reaching an abandoned oil rig.*

### **Genesis Begin Again by Alicia D. Williams**

*Realistic Fiction/384 Pages/670L*

*Math genius Lucy Callahan enrolls in middle school after years of homeschooling, and learns life is more than numbers.*

### **A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée**

*Realistic Fiction/384 Pages/720L*

*Strictly following the rules to pursue her junior-high ambitions, 12-year-old Shayla is forced to choose between her education and her identity when her sister joins the Black Lives Matter movement in the wake of a powerful protest.*

**It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime by Trevor Noah** \*Young Readers Edition      Biography/304 Pages/780L

*A middle-grade adaptation of The Daily Show host's best-selling adult memoir traces his experiences growing up half black, half white in South Africa under and after apartheid, describing how he used his wits and humor to navigate a harsh life under a racist government.*

**My Year in the Middle by Lila Quintero Weaver**      Historical Fiction/288 Pages/720L

*In a racially polarized classroom in 1970 Alabama, Lu's talent for running track makes her a new best friend - and tests her mettle as she navigates the school's social cliques.*

**Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh**      Realistic Fiction/368 Pages/810L

*Fourteen-year-old Ahmed, a Syrian refugee, and thirteen-year-old Max, an American boy, are bound by a secret that sets them on an adventure of a lifetime.*

**The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart**      Realistic Fiction/352 Pages/730L

*Twelve-year-old Coyote and her father rush to Poplin Springs, Washington, in their old school bus to save a memory box buried in a park that will soon be demolished.*

**Steelheart by Brandon Sanderson**      Science Fiction/432 Pages/680L

*At age eight, David watched as his father was killed by an Epic, a human with superhuman powers, and now, ten years later, he joins the Reckoners -- the only people who are trying to kill the Epics and end their tyranny.*

**The Storm Runner by J.C. Cervantes**      Fantasy/464 Pages

*To prevent the Mayan gods from battling each other and destroying the world, thirteen-year-old Zane must unravel an ancient prophecy, stop an evil god, and discover how the physical disability that makes him reliant on a cane also connects him to his father and his ancestry.*

**When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed**      Biography/264 Pages/GN530L

*Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, and when the opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in an intimate and touching portrayal of family and daily life in a refugee camp.*