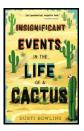
BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2020



# Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

#### Call number: F Bow

Aven Green loves to tell people that she lost her arms in an alligator wrestling match, or a wildfire in Tanzania, but the truth is she was born without them. And when her parents take a job running Stagecoach Pass, a rundown western theme park in Arizona, Aven moves with them across the country knowing that she'll have to answer the question over and over again .



## Ink by Alice Broadway

#### Call number: F Bro

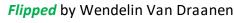
In Saintstone everyone gets tattoos recording their deeds from birth until death, and the ink lets every other citizen know your triumphs as well as your sins; so when Leora's father dies and she sees glimpses of a symbol of a horrible crime on the back of his neck she is horrified, and sure it is a mistake--and in her efforts to find out the truth she discovers the lengths that Saintstone will go to preserve its "perfect" society.

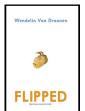


Be Prepared by Vera Brosgol

#### Call number: F BRO

All Vera wants to do is fit in--but that's not easy for a Russian girl in the suburbs. Her friends live in fancy houses and their parents can afford to send them to the best summer camps. Vera's single mother can't afford that sort of luxury, but there's one summer camp in her price range--





#### Call number: F Dra

From the time Bryce moves into the neighborhood, Juli knows there is no one else but Bryce for her. Bryce cannot stand Juli and thinks she is weird. As they grow older, their feelings don't change until junior high. Bryce can't seem to get Juli off of his mind. Juli isn't sure her first love is as perfect as she once thought. As we read each one's thoughts and views of the same situation, we learn more about them and their families.



# Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez

#### Call number: F Her

When Sal Vidon meets Gabi Real for the first time, it isn't under the best of circumstances. Sal is in the principal's office for the third time in three days, and it's still the first week of school. Gabi is determined to prove that somehow, Sal planted a raw chicken in Yasmany's locker, even though nobody saw him do it and the bloody poultry has since mysteriously disappeared.



# The Girl I Used to Be by April Henry

#### Call number: F Hen

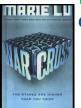
Olivia was only three years old when her mother was killed and everyone suspected her father of murder. But his whereabouts remained a mystery. Fast forward fourteen years. New evidence now proves Olivia's father was actually murdered on the same fateful day her mother died. That means there's a killer still at large.



## **Endurance** by Scott Kelly

## Call number: 629.45 Kel

Kelly spent a year in space onboard the International Space Station (ISS), but that is just one of his incredible achievements. Kelly and his twin brother Mark are both celebrated space travelers, but they did not journey the same path, and Kelly does a wonderful job of detailing.



## Warcross by Marie Lu

#### Call number: FLU

Emika Chen, hacker extraordinaire, has been scraping together a living on the streets of New York, working as a bounty hunter who tracks down people betting illegally on Warcross, an insanely popular virtual reality game. But it's not enough to get by, and a desperate Emi hacks into a Warcross tournament game to scavenge.



## Pay Attention, Carter Jones by Gary Schmidt

### Call number: F Sch

Carter Jones is astonished early one morning when he finds a real English butler, bowler hat and all, on the doorstep--one who stays to help the Jones family, which is a little bit broken. In addition to figuring out middle school, Carter has to adjust to the unwelcome presence of this new know-it-all adult in his life and navigate the butler's notions of decorum.

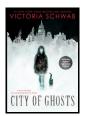


# **Scythe** by Neal Schusterman

## Call number: F Sch

In the year 2042, humans conquered death. Now, in the postmortal society of MidMerica, people can live for millennia, either reanimated from fatal accidents or "turning the corner" when they get old by resetting themselves to a younger age. But Earth remains the only habitable planet and so exist the Scythes, tasked with keeping the population in check: those who a Scythe gleans stay dead

## City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab



Call number: F Sch

Cassidy is looking forward to a mostly ghost-free summer vacation when her parents, paranormal history authors, break the news that, instead of a summer at the shore, their family will be traveling to Edinburgh to investigate the most haunted places in Scotland. This trip of a lifetime is exciting but also scary for Cassidy, who has the power to cross "the Veil" and see ghosts ever since her brush with death.



Flygirl by Sherri Smith

Call number: F Smi

In 1941, black high-school graduate Ida Mae Jones, 18, worries about her soldier brother, who is on the front, and longs to fight for her country, too. Her late dad taught her to fly a crop-dusting plane, and when the U.S. starts the WASP (Women Airforce Service Program), she is determined to join up.



A Time to Dance by Padma Venkatraman

Call number: F Ven

Veda lives with her warm, traditional parents and sweet grandmother, Paati. She blissfully expresses herself through dance, even though engineering is her expected career goal. When tragedy strikes, she struggles to find her rhythm using her new, severely diminished physicality.



Top Prospect by Paul Volponi

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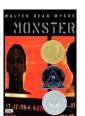
Travis Gardner lives to play quarterback. He's a standout QB by the middle school, and he's prepared to put everything he has into the game. Then Gainesville University's head coach makes Travis a promise: Travis will have a place on the team, and a scholarship to go with it. He just has to get through high school first.



White Rose by Kip Wilson

Call number: F Wil

German university student Sophie Scholl of the White Rose resistance movement was murdered by the Nazis on February 22, 1943. She and her brother Hans were guillotined for the crime of creating and distributing leaflets that encouraged people to consider what the Third Reich was doing to European Jews and to oppose Hitler.



**Monster** by Walter Dean Myers

Call number: F Mye

Steve Harmon, 16, is accused of serving as a lookout for a robbery of a Harlem drugstore. The owner was shot and killed, and now Steve is in prison awaiting trial for murder. From there, he tells about his case and his incarceration.



Inter-School Battle Featuring: Highlands, Gurrie, McClure, Park, and Pleasantdale

School Battles: Week of February 11th

Inter-School Battle at Pleasantdale
March 12 at 9:30am

# Rules:

- 16 books need to be read by each team.
- Teams will consist of up to 6 members.
- Teams will compete in a School Battle.
- The top two teams will move onto the Inter-School Battle.
- Questions are answered with the title and author of book.
- Trivia Style Format this year!