



**North Carolina School Library Media Association  
Middle School Battle of the Books (MBOB) List  
2025-2026**

<i>Title</i>	<i>Author</i>
<i>Across So Many Seas</i>	Ruth Behar
<i>Aru Shah and the End of Time</i>	Roshani Chokshi
<i>The Bitter Side of Sweet</i>	Tara Sullivan
<i>Black Brother, Black Brother</i>	Jewell Parker Rhodes
<i>The Bletchley Riddle</i>	Ruta Sepetys & Steve Sheinkin
<i>City Spies</i>	James Ponti
<i>The Door of No Return</i>	Kwame Alexander
<i>The First Rule of Punk</i>	Celia C. Pérez
<i>The Fort</i>	Gordon Korman
<i>Ground Zero*</i>	Alan Gratz
<i>Healer of the Water Monster</i>	Brian Young
<i>House Arrest</i>	K. A. Holt
<i>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</i>	Dusti Bowling
<i>The Mona Lisa Vanishes</i>	Nicholas Day & Brett Helquist
<i>The Shape of Thunder</i>	Jasmine Warga
<i>Solimar</i>	Pam Muñoz Ryan
<i>Starfish</i>	Lisa Fipps
<i>The Storyteller</i>	Brandon Hobson
<i>To Night Owl From Dogfish</i>	Holly Goldberg Sloan & Meg Wolitzer
<i>When Stars Are Scattered</i>	Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed

\*Student choice selection