



HILLDALE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2017



1). **The Crossover** by Kwame Alexander
Basketball star Josh and his equally talented twin brother Jordan deal with struggles on and off the court. They will learn that breaking the rules comes at a terrible price as their story proves a game-changer for the entire family.



2). **The Night Gardener** by Jonathan Auxier
Irish orphans Molly and Kip travel to England to work as servants in a crumbling manor house where nothing is quite what it seems to be, and soon the siblings are confronted by a mysterious stranger and secrets of the cursed house.



3). **The Winner's Curse** by Marie Rutkoski
As a general's daughter, Kestrel enjoys an extravagant and privileged life. As she comes to know Arin, the Herrani slave she purchased on a whim, she sets in motion a rebellion that might overthrow her world as well as her heart.



4). **Red Queen** by Victoria Aveyard
Mare Barrow lives in a society that divides people into classes based on the color of their blood. When she, a commoner, becomes a hostage within the royal family, even her supernatural powers may not be enough to save her.



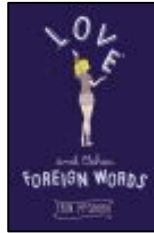
5). **The Boy in the Black Suit** by Jason Reynolds
Matt reluctantly accepts a job at Mr. Ray's funeral home in a rough Brooklyn neighborhood soon after his mother's death. When Matt meets Lovey at her grandma's funeral, he begins to deal with his own grief and responsibilities.



6). **Took** by Mary Downing Hahn
A witch called Old Auntie is lurking near Dan's family's new home. He doesn't believe in her at first but is forced to accept that she is real and take action when his little sister, Erica, is "took" to become Auntie's slave for the next fifty years.



7). **A Night Divided** by Jennifer A. Nielsen
When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz were trapped on the eastern side while her father and her other brother were in the West; years later, Gerta sees her father on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.



8). **Love and Other Foreign Words** by Erin McCahan
Gifted Josie has a fascination for languages but struggles to understand the meaning of love when her favorite sister brings home an obnoxious fiancé and when her own love life is so confusing.

9). **I Am Malala** by Malala Yousafzai
Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her.

10). **The Finisher** by David Baldacci
After a friend disappears into the dangerous forest surrounding Wormwood, Vega delves into the truth behind her town and its Council--and what she finds unravels everything she's ever known.

11). **Jackaby** by William Ritter
In New England in 1892, Abigail Rook becomes assistant to Jackaby, an investigator of the unexplained with the ability to see supernatural beings. She helps him delve into a case of serial murders which Jackaby is convinced is due to a nonhuman creature.

12). **The Secret Hum of a Daisy** by Tracy Holczer
After 12-year-old Grace's mother's sudden death, Grace is forced to live with a grandmother she has never met. Then she discovers clues in a mysterious treasure hunt--one that will help her find her true home.

13). **Ink and Ashes** by Valynne E. Maetani
When Claire Takata finds out that her deceased father was once a member of the yakuza, a Japanese crime syndicate, danger enters her life. The race to outrun her father's legacy reveals secrets of his past that threaten Claire, her friends and family, and--ultimately--her life.

14). **Saint Anything** by Sarah Dessen
Sydney's charismatic older brother, Peyton, has always been the center of attention in the family. When he is sent to jail, Sydney struggles to find her place at home and the world until she meets the Chathams, including gentle, protective Mac, who makes her feel seen for the first time.

15). **The Young Elites** by Marie Lu
Adelina Amouteru survived the blood fever, a deadly illness that killed many but left others with strange markings and supernatural powers. Cast out by her family, Adelina joins the secret society of the Young Elites and discovers her own dangerous abilities.

