



Mid-Michigan Library League

Book Lists for Battle 2024

3rd & 4th Grade Book List:

- *Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume. *Synopsis:* More than anything in the world, Andrew Marcus wants freckles. His classmate Nicky has freckles—they cover his face, his ears, and the whole back of his neck. But when Andrew asks Nicky where he got them, Nicky just says he was born with them. Some help *he* is! That's when Sharon offers Andrew her secret freckle juice recipe—for fifty cents, she promises, Andrew can look just like Nicky. His freckleless days are over! He rushes home to whip up the concoction. Grape juice, vinegar, mustard...
But what starts out as a simple freckle juice recipe quickly turns into something disastrous. Andrew is still determined to get his freckles, and to show that pesky Sharon that she doesn't know everything—and he has the perfect solution! Or does he?
- *The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Skene Catling. *Synopsis:* In this zany twist on the legend of King Midas and his golden touch, a boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate! Kids will eat this up for summer reading or anytime!
- *Frindle* by Andrew Clements. *Synopsis:* Is Nick Allen a troublemaker? He just likes to liven things up at school -- and he's always had plenty of great ideas. When Nick learns some interesting information about how words are created, suddenly he's got the inspiration for his best plan ever...the frindle. Who says a pen must be called a pen? Why not call it a frindle? Things begin innocently enough as Nick gets his friends to use the new word. Then other people in town start saying frindle. Soon the school is in an uproar, and Nick has become a local hero. His teacher wants Nick to put an end to all this nonsense, but the funny thing is frindle doesn't belong to Nick anymore. The new word is spreading across the country, and there's nothing Nick can do to stop it.
- *Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days* by Stephen Manes. *Synopsis:* Milo Crinkley thought so. What gave him the idea was a book that fell on his head one day at the library--a book with the impressive title *Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days!* The author, Dr. K. Pinkerton Silverfish, did look kind of weird, but he claimed to be the world's leading authority on perfection.
Milo took the book home and followed its instructions. He liked the idea of being perfect. Perfect people never had their parents nag at them. Perfect people never had to take the blame for rotten tricks their sisters played. Perfect people never needed erasers. Perfect was obviously the perfect thing to be!
Did Milo become a perfect person in just three days? More important, can you?
Do you think we're going to answer all your questions here when we want you to read this hilarious book?