

# Battle of the Books: 2022



## **You'll be the Death of Me by Karen McManus (mystery)**

Estranged friends Ivy, Mateo, and Cal witness a murder while skipping school, and the only way they can solve it is by revealing what they have been hiding from one another--and themselves.



## **You'd Be Home Now by Kathleen Glasgow (realistic fiction)**

After a fatal car accident that reveals Emory's brother Joey's opioid addiction, Emory struggles to help him on his road to recovery and make herself heard in a town that insists on not listening.



## **This Poison Heart by Kalynn Bayron (fantasy)**

Teenaged Briseis, who possesses a supernatural power over plants, even poisonous ones, inherits a dilapidated estate in rural New York and must protect herself and her family from centuries-old secrets that threaten their lives.



## **In the Wild Light by Jeff Zentner (realistic fiction)**

Attending an elite prep school in Connecticut on a scholarship with his best friend (and secret love) science genius Delaney Doyle, sixteen-year-old Cash Pruitt, from a small town in East Tennessee, struggles with leaving his hometown and ailing grandfather behind.



## **Tokyo Ever After by Emiko Jean (realistic fiction)**

After learning that her father is the Crown Prince of Japan, Izumi travels to Tokyo, where she discovers that Japanese imperial life--complete with designer clothes, court intrigue, paparazzi scandals, and a forbidden romance with her handsome but stoic bodyguard--is a tough fit for the outspoken and irreverent eighteen-year-old from northern California.



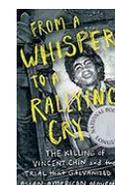
## **Enduring Freedom by Jawad Arash & Trent Reedy (historical fiction)**

In this dual-narrative tale, a teenage American army private and an Afghan boy living under the horrors of the Taliban, caught on separate sides of the world during the tumultuous times leading up to and following 9/11, come to discover how much more they have in common than they ever could have imagined.



## **Burden Falls by Kat Ellis (mystery)**

When someone close to Ava Thorn is brutally murdered and Ava becomes the primary suspect, she starts to wonder if ghostly legends surrounding her town might be more fact than fiction.



## **From A Whisper to a Rallying Cry by Paula Yoo (non-fiction)**

When Japanese cars were believed to be killing the jobs of American autoworkers, Asian American Vincent Chin found himself in a brutal bar fight that proved lethal. His murder inspired anger and protest in the hearts of Detroit's Asian American Community during 1982. This is a searing examination of killing, trial, and the following verdicts.



## **Crown of Bones by A.K. Wilder (fantasy)**

In a world on the brink of mass extinction, Ash the lowly scribe records the efforts of a young heir, a dangerous High Savant, a mysterious child-stealing Mar race and a secretive guide, who take respective roles in the fight for humanity's survival.



## **Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley (mystery)**

Daunis, who is part Ojibwe, defers attending the University of Michigan to care for her mother and reluctantly becomes involved in the investigation of a series of drug-related deaths.