2016 Children’s “Not Quite Sequoyah”

Beaty, Andrea. *Dorko the Magnificent*. New York: Amulet, 2013. 192p. (Grades 4-6). Robbie Darko is already a magician at heart, it’s just his magic stunts that always fall flat. When his Grandma Melvyn moves in he soon discovers that there is a lot more to magic than he believed and Grandma Melvyn might just be the one to help him discover those secrets and help him become the magician he has always wanted to be.

Cate, Annette LeBlanc. *Look Up! Birdwatching in Your Own Backyard*. Somerville, Massachusetts: Candlewick Press, 2013. 51p. (Grades 4-6). Just peek out your window and you will likely see any number of feathered animals. Various sizes, colors, songs, and beaks distinguish one type of bird from another. With fun illustrations and comic book style blurbs, you can learn everything you need to know to become a backyard birdwatcher.


Greenwald, Tommy. *Jack Strong Takes a Stand*. New York: Roaring Book Press, 2013. 240p. (Grades 4-6). Jack Strong is a regular kid who is extremely tired of being in every possible extracurricular activity. Finally, after a missed school dance and a missed baseball team celebration, Jack takes a stand by sitting down.

Haskell, Merrie. *Handbook for Dragon Slayers*. New York: Harper Collins, 2013. 324p. (Grades 3-7). All princesses are not without physical imperfections. We see young Tilda prove to others, as well as herself that there are other important qualities as she bravely faces danger, such as flame-spouting dragons, to save her kingdom for her people.

Henkes, Kevin. *The Year of Billy Miller*. New York: Greenwillow Books, 2013. 229p. (Grades 3-7). After receiving a bump on the head, seven year old Billy Miller worries that he won’t be smart enough for second grade. With the help of family, friends and teachers, Billy finds out he can be a great second grader.

Klise, Kate. *The Show Must Go On!* New York: Algonquin Young Readers, 2013. 137p. (Grades 2-5). The circus clean-up crew, including an elephant and two mice, save the human and animal performers from the new owner, Barnabas Brambles, who only cares about making money for himself.
LeGrand, Claire.  *The Year of Shadows*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2013. 416p. (Grades 5-7). When Olivia, her father, and grandmother move to a decaying orchestra hall, she encounters the ghostly residents and she feels she must help them move on so they won’t live in limbo as ghosts forever.

Marchiano, John Bemelmans. *The 9 Lives of Alexander Baddenfield*. New York: Viking Books, 2013. 135p. (Grades 3-5). Alexander is a horrible boy with a family curse that states he will die young. However, he finds a way to avoid death by taking the nine lives of his cat.

Mills, Claudia. *Kelsey Green, Reading Queen*. New York: Margaret Ferguson Books, 2013. 122p. (Grades 3-4). Kelsey Green loves to read so when her principal announces a reading contest she is sure she can win. She soon realizes for her class to win, she must reach out to one of her classmates who does not like to read.

Preller, James. *Home Sweet Horror (Scary Tales)*. New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2013. 116p. (Grades 3-5). Liam Finn, his sister, and their father move into an old house which turns out to be a perfect place to play a game that called Bloody Mary back from the dead. Unfortunately, the game becomes all too real and their only hope is another spirit who keeps trying to protect them from Bloody Mary.

Pflugfelder, Bob and Hockensmith, Steve. *Nick and Tesla’s High-Voltage Danger Lab: A Mystery with Electromagnets, Burglar Alarms, and Other Gadgets You Can Build Yourself*. China: Quick Productions, 2013. 240p. (Grades 4-6). Siblings, Nick and Tesla, find themselves living with their eccentric Uncle Newt when their parents disappear. Thankfully, Nick and Tesla have inventive minds, just like Uncle Newt, and use their intelligence to solve a mystery and outsmart the bad guys in their very own neighborhood.

Sloan, Holly Goldberg. *Counting by 7s*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2013. 380p. (Grades 4-7). Willow Chance is a gifted and unusual girl who has never quite fit in. After the sudden death of her adoptive parents, Willow must find a new path in this world with the help of some surprising new friends.

Tashjian, Janet. *Einstein the Class Hamster*. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2013. 148p. (Grades 4-6). Einstein, the super smart class hamster, wants to help the students in his class win an audition for a trivia game show. Unfortunately, Ned is the only student who can hear him.