2017 Intermediate Sequoyah Annotated Masterlist

In a rhythmic, rapping verse novel, middle school basketball phenom Josh Bell and his equally talented twin brother Jordan deal with struggles on and off the court.


Bell, Cece. *El Deafo.* New York: Amulet Books, 2014. 233 p. After a bout with meningitis as a child that left her deaf, author Cece Bell tells the story of her childhood in the graphic memoir, and also how her superhero alter ego, named El Deafo, became her refuge from uncomfortable or embarrassing situations related to her deafness.

Blankman, Anne. *Prisoner of Night and Fog.* New York: Balzer + Bray, 2014. 401p. (Grade 8 and up). Gretchen Müller is a favored member of rising Nazi leader Adolf Hitler who always assures her family’s protection and basic needs until Gretchen meets a reporter and begins to question the true nature of her Uncle Dolf.

Jules and her Amazing Maroni family of tightrope walkers join the Cirque American at the risk of confronting their dreaded enemies, the Flying Garcia family, and items that are believed to bring bad luck and possibly causing Jules to fall to her death.

Gebhart, Ryan. *There Will Be Bears.* Massachusetts: Candlewick, 2014. 224 pages (Grades 5 and Up). Thirteen year old Tyson’s Grandpa Gene has been put into a nursing home, just days before their first elk hunting trip together, and just moments after he was told it would be canceled anyway due to the series of Grizzly Bear attacks in the area. With Tyson’s best friend Bright quickly drifting into a new crowd, this trip was the only thing keeping his spirits up, and Tyson was not about to just give it up.


Lewis, R.C. *Stitching Snow*. Los Angeles: Hyperion, 2014. 328 p. (Grades 7 & up). In this futuristic retelling of Snow White, Essie lives on the mining planet, Thanda working on robots and drones "stitching" their code. When a shuttle crash lands on the planet Essie is kidnapped by the pilot Dane and forced into the war she was hiding from.

McCahan, Erin. *Love and Other Foreign Words*. New York: Dial Books, 2014. 331p. (Grades 9 and up). Gifted Josie has a fascination for languages but struggles to understand the meaning of love when her favorite sister brings home on obnoxious fiancé, and when her own love life is so confusing.

Polonsky, Ami. *Gracefully Grayson*. Los Angeles: Hyperion, 2014. 243 p. (Grades 6 & up). Grayson Sender is twelve-years-old and living with a big secret -- She knows she's a girl but everyone else knows her as a boy. When she is chosen to play Persephone in the school play she learns what it means to be yourself when the odds are stacked against you.


De los Santos, Marisa, and David Teague. *Saving Lucas Biggs*. New York: Harper, 2014. 288p. (Grades 5-8). Margaret has a secret gift with potentially terrible consequences that she pledges to never use. She can time travel. But when Margaret’s innocent father is sentenced to death by the corrupt Judge Biggs, Margaret decides to defy her pledge and use her gift to try to prevent Judge Biggs from becoming evil.

Sheinkin, Steve. *The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights*. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2014. 208p. (Grades 7 - 12). After a horrendous explosion killed over 320 soldiers and wounding many more, at the Navy base in Port Chicago, California, Why were fifty African Americans charged with mutiny when refusing to return to work in unsafe conditions loading ammunition on the docks?
