

2026 OLA Intermediate Sequoyah Annotated Masterlist

Choldenko, Gennifer. *The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2024. 320 p. (Grades 5-12). When Hank's mom doesn't return home for a week, he has to seek the help of a total stranger or risk starving along with his baby sister, Boo. Asking for help might have been a huge mistake though. Will Hank be able to keep his family together?

Edge, Clare. *Accidental Demons*. New York: HarperCollins, 2024. 365p. (Grades 4-7). Diagnosed with diabetes, young witch Bernadette, whose family can conjure demons with their blood, must now prick her finger to test her blood sugar level, inadvertently unleashing demons and stumbling into a deeper, more mysterious magic while trying to solve the problem, putting her entire coven in danger.

Fipps, Lisa. *And Then, Boom!* New York: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2024. 244 p. (Grades 4-8). Joseph Oak's life is full of struggle, but when his grandmother dies, everything falls apart. Left with a bipolar mom who abandons him, Joe faces a summer with no food, no money, and no clue when his mother is going to return. *And Then, Boom!* is a powerful story detailing the challenges those in poverty face.

Forman, Gayle. *Not Nothing*. New York: Aladdin, 2024. 280p. (Grades 5-up). 12-year-old Alex, troubled by personal challenges, is assigned to volunteer at a retirement home. There, he befriends 107-year-old Holocaust survivor Josey, who shares his life story. Their bond helps Alex confront his past and find new purpose.

Fung, Rosena. *Age 16*. Berkeley: Annick Press, 2024. (Grades 7-12). A vivid graphic novel exploring body image, cultural pressures, and family ties through three multigenerational stories spanning across 1954 China, 1972 Hong Kong, and 2000 Toronto. Colorful artwork enhances this touching tale of mother-daughter relationships and self-acceptance.

Giles, Lamar. *Ruin Road*. New York: Scholastic, 2024. 368 p. (Grades 8-12). Cade has a plan on how to improve the life of him and his family and he has been putting in the work to succeed. Everything changes when Cade makes a wish and suddenly everyone around him is acting strange. Cade has one chance to make it right, but will it be worth the cost?

Gregson, Marc J. *Sky's End*. Atlanta: Peachtree Teen, 2024. 416 p. (Grades 8-12). In a meritocracy where strength is everything, Conrad becomes a Hunter in order to prove himself to his vicious uncle and free his sister. He must rise through the ranks in a deadly competition to kill the most and the largest gorgantians: massive steel beasts determined to destroy their home in the sky.

Lloyd, Natalie. *The Witching Wind*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2024. 368 p. (Grades 3-7). Two friends, Roxie and Grayson, need help finding their missing loved ones who would never leave without saying goodbye. Obviously, the Witching Wind that "steals" what people love most must be responsible! And it's up to Roxie and Grayson to outwit the Witching Wind before it's too late.

Nadel, Estelle. *The Girl Who Sang: A Holocaust Memoir of Hope and Survival*. New York:

Roaring Book Press, 2024. 272 p. (Grades 5-12). In a memoir told in graphic novel format, Estelle Nadel shares how she and her brothers survived the Holocaust in Poland and the years after the war.

Reno, Ginger. ***Find Her***. New York: Holiday House, 2024. 210 p. (Grades 5-7). Wren has a talent for finding things, except her own mother, who disappeared without a trace over five years ago. When local pets come up missing, Wren decides to sharpen her skills and solve at least one mystery. Will Wren learn to deal with her perplexing family situation and solve the mysteries surrounding her?

Schu, John. ***Louder Than Hunger***. Somerville: Candlewick Press, 2024. 528 p. (Grades 5-9). This powerful novel written in verse follows Jake's struggle with anorexia, offering an emotional and raw exploration of disordered eating from a male perspective. Inspired by Schu's own experiences, the story highlights resilience, vulnerability, and the difficult path toward healing.

Tracy, Taylor. ***Murray Out of Water***. New York: HarperCollins Publishers Inc., 2024. 400 p. (Grades 5-8). Forced to live with relatives after a hurricane, Murray is separated from the ocean and her magic. But new friendships and community help Murray finally find her true self- and the courage to live authentically in this novel in verse.

Ursu, Anna. ***Not Quite a Ghost***. New York: HarperCollins, 2024. 288 p. (Grades 5-7). Starting with her family's move, everything seems to be changing for Violet Hart. Plagued with a sudden and mysterious illness, she finds herself spending more time alone in the yellow wallpapered room with shadows moving all around her. Soon Violet starts to suspect that she might not be alone at all...

Varner, Kristin. ***Dog Trouble***. New York: First Second, 2024. 287 p. (Grades 4-7). Ash is in big trouble! Sent to spend the summer with his dad on a small island, he must complete community service at an animal shelter. There, he gains a new perspective and starts thinking outside the box to help the dogs find homes.

Weaver, Tony, Jr. ***Weirdo***. New York: First Second, 2024. 310 p. (Grades 5-8). Middle school can be challenging enough, but Tony Weaver's classmates brand him a weirdo because he likes comic books, anime, and videogames. The bullying gets the better of him and he doubts his own self worth. After a traumatic occurrence, he gets the help he needs to see his own worth.