

2026 Children's Sequoyah Annotated Masterlist

Alonso, Nathalie. Rudy Gutierrez, (Illustrator). *Call me Roberto!: Roberto Clemente Goes to Bat for Latinos*. New York: Astra Books for Young Readers, 2024. 32 p. (Grades 2-5). In a climate of segregation and bias, Roberto Clemente battled away prejudice and threw out injustice. His amazing skills on the baseball fields demand respect by all. With colorful illustrations and Spanish woven in the pages, this book is an eye appealing look at Justice and Equality.

Burgos, Hilda Eunice. *Bodega Cats: Picture Purrfect*. New York: Macmillan, 2024. 134 p. (Grades 2-5). Miguel's parents emigrated from the Dominican Republic for a better life, and now they own and operate a bodega in New York. Miguel rescues a kitten, Lolo, who becomes a staple at the bodega, and fights to help his parents understand his passion for art.

Colfer, Eoin. *Beanie the Bansheenie*. New York: Candlewick Press, 2024. 64p.(Grades K-4). Bansheemies are known for being the bringer of sad news to their bonded humans. However, Beanie is not a typical Bansheenie. She has developed a care for her human, and a friendship with some atom fish. Will she be able to help her human? Or will she have to follow in Bansheenie footsteps?

Conrad, Vicki, and Holmes, Jeremy (illustrator). *Introducing Sandwina: The Strongest Woman In The World!*. New York: Astra Publishing House, 2024. 48p. (Grades 2-5). This biographical picture book tells the story of Katie Braumbach aka Sandwina: The Strongest Woman in the World! Taking the world by storm in the 1900's, Sandwina and her husband travel from city to city performing amazing feats of strength. With her husband held high over her head, the couple become some of the most beloved circus performers in the world.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Ferris*. Somerville, Massachusetts. Candlewick Press, 2024. 226 p. (Ages 8-12). It might be summer vacation, but it is anything but relaxing for Ferris Wilkey. Her little sister, Pinky, is terrorizing the town. Her uncle has moved into her family's basement. Her grandmother, Charisse, is seeing a ghost who has a wild and impractical request. How can Ferris help her grandmother while keeping her family together and making sure Pinky doesn't burn down the entire town?

Fagan, Deva. *A Game of Noctis*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2024. 306 p. (Grades 4-6). Pia begins to question the world she's so loyal to when her grandfather is taken to Pawn Island and a life of servitude. When following the rules of the Great Game isn't enough to keep you out of trouble, Pia joins a group of unconventional kids to create the Seafoxes. Pia and the Seafoxes are tasked with taking on the deadly Noctis game to win against even Death herself. But will she have to break the rules and the system to save her grandfather?

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Lloyd, Natalie. *The Witching Wind*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2024. 349 p. (Grades 3-7). Grayson and Roxie believe that an unusual weather phenomenon known as the "Witching Wind" has stolen their relatives. They band together with the other members of their club to seek out the wind, learn its secrets, and demand the return of their people and possessions.

Marr, Shirley. *Countdown to Yesterday*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2024. 259p. (Ages 9-12). James is stunned when his parents announce they are separating. With the help of a new friend, James learns he can potentially travel back in time and remain in one of his favorite memories, only to realize they might not be as perfect as he remembers.

McBride, Amber. *Onyx & Beyond*. New York: Macmillan Publishing Group, 2024. 214 p. (Grades 3-6). Onyx's city around him struggles with segregation and racism, as he reflects back to his grandma for wisdom and comfort. However, the rock steadiness he seeks comes from his father in this coming of age book.

O'Donnell Tubb, Kristin. *Fowl Play*. New York: Harper Collins, 2024. 277p. (Grades 4-7). When Chloe's favorite uncle dies, her family is shocked and saddened. The only thing that softens the blow for Chloe is inheriting Charlie, uncle Will's pet African Grey Parrot who is full of character and says the silliest things. Charlie is a great companion for Chloe, until she starts saying strange things like "call 911" and "It was murder." Obviously Charlie is trying to tell her something about uncle Will's mysterious death. Can Chloe, Charlie and Chloe's zany family find out what really happened to Uncle Will?

Pla, Sally J., and de Regil, Tania (illustrator). *Invisible Isabel*. Publisher city: Quill Tree Books, 2024. 208 p. (Grades 3-7). Isabel struggles with anxiety and often feels overwhelmed and underlooked, both in her large, loud family and at school. Her stomach often has "worry moths" but she can't get her parents to take this seriously. Art helps calm her but as her anxiety and isolation grows, Isabel reaches a point where she must overcome her shyness and reach out for help.

Soderberg Downing, Erin. *Just Keep Walking*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2024. 223p. (Ages 8-12). After her dad announces he can't go with Jo on their 100-mile hike along Lake Superior, Jo and her mom take on the hike with their entire lives stuffed into a pair of 30-lb backpacks. On the journey, they discover their resilience and prove they can survive -- both for themselves and for each other.

Varner, Kristin. *Dog Trouble*. New York: First Second, 2024. p. 290. (Grades 3-7). Ash's grades have gone downhill after his beloved Pop has passed away and now he has even been caught

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vandalizing, so it's off to his dad's house on Ferncliff Island for the summer. Worst summer ever! He is tasked to find somewhere to volunteer and decides on the animal shelter because it seems fun. What was supposed to be a boring summer takes a turn when Ash befriends a fellow skater, meets some incredible dogs, and even bonds with his younger step-sister. This book is full of heart and fast-paced, while featuring fun facts about dogs.

Warga, Jasmine. *A Strange Thing Happened in Cherry Hall*. New York. Harper Collins, 2024. 210 p. (Grades 3-7). An intriguing mystery about two friends, a ghost, a missing painting, and a turtle named Agatha.

Yee, Lisa, and Santat, Dan (illustrator). *The Misfits: A Royal Conundrum*. New York: Random House, 2024. 276 p. (Grades 4-7). When Olive's parents leave on yet another business trip, they decide to enroll her in a "reforming arts school" that was once a prison. She joins up with a group of misfits to try to catch a high-end jewel thief to save their school.