2022 OLA Children’s Sequoyah Masterlist Annotations

Carter, Ally. *Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valor*. New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2020. 322 p. (Grades 4-6) A rag-tag group of orphans selected to be fostered by the mysterious Winterborne Estate discovers there’s more to the creepy mansion than meets the eye. They must work together to uncover the mystery of the missing Winterborne heir (and unclaimed fortune) throughout strange and dangerous happenings at the manor.

Ecton, Emily. *The Great Pet Heist*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2020. 250 p. (Grades 3-6) Ms. Food’s pets had a great life. However, the day Ms. Food went missing, they started to worry about their future. They made plans to steal gold coins from the scary man in the top floor apartment, and the five pets started a wild adventure!

Faruqi, Saadia & Shovan, Laura. *A Place at the Table*. New York: Clarion Books, 2020. 325 p. (Grades 4-6) Sara has to attend an after school cooking class because her mother is the teacher. Elizabeth takes the class because her mother has stopped cooking. These two girls are different and soon become cooking partners. But, will they be able to build a strong friendship?

Hargrave, Kiran Millwood. *The Way Past Winter*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2020. 273 p. (Grades 4-6) In this Scandanavian folklore-inspired tale, orphaned Mila and her siblings must face The Bear, who has stolen their brother away and brought an endless winter down on their world. They partner with a seemingly ageless young mage to travel to the north and reunite their family.

Khoury, Jessica. *The Mystwick School of Musicraft*. Boston; New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2020. 361 p. (Grades 4-6). Amelia's grandmother has raised her since she was small because her mother mysteriously disappeared. Mysterious events occur when Amelia finally gets accepted to Mystwick School of Musicraft and the lives of her friends and teachers are in danger. Does Amelia have what it takes to save them all?

Krull, Kathleen. *The Only Woman in the Photo: Frances Perkins & her New Deal for America*. New York; Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2020. 42 p. (Grades Pre-3). Frances Perkins helped change the American government and laws throughout her long career. She helped create the New Deal and made laws to protect the poor, women, and children. All while being one of the only women working in government.

Marks, Janae. *From the Desk of Zoe Washington*. New York: Katherine Tegan Books, 2020. 291 p. (Grades 3-7) Zoe has never met her biological father, but on her twelfth birthday, she finds a letter from the Massachusetts State Penitentiary. Her father is in prison for a terrible crime he says he didn’t commit. Can Zoe find a way to prove he is innocent or will she discover something else?
Bryn’s dream is to become a Seeker which will allow her to travel into the magical side of her island home. Seekers have always been boys and the training master refuses to train her. An ally is found in Ari, but he knows secrets that may ruin everything.

Kaia loves turning her friends into mythical creatures from her grandfather’s Philippino folktales and she can’t wait to use her skills at film camp. Her world is turned upside down, though, when her grandfather announces he is moving to the Philippines. Kaia is determined to stop the move, but how?

Rhodes, Jewell Parker. *Black brother, Black brother.* New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2020. 239 p. (Grades 3-7) Donte and Trey are brothers. They are treated differently at school because of their skin color. While looking for a place to “fit in” Donte meets Arden Jones who is an Olympic fencer. Donte learns a lot about himself and justice as he stands up to the bullies at his school.

Rimington, Celesta. *The Elephant’s Girl.* New York: Crown Books for Young Readers, 2020. 324 p. (Grades 3-7). This is a mystery of a 12-year-old girl who is trying to find out who she is. It involves ghosts, lost treasure, a tornado, a puzzle, and of course elephants. Can she summon the courage to find out who she is?

Smith, Ronald L. *Gloom Town.* Boston; New York: Clarion Books, 2020. 288 p. (Grades 3-7) Rory begins working at a spooky mansion in his gloomy seaside town, Gloom. Rory and Isabella learn Lord Foxglove is not even human. As they embark on their adventure they find it is shrouded with magic and seafaring mythology. Can they save the townspeople from losing their shadows and dreams?

Stoddard, Lindsey. *Brave Like That.* New York: Harper Collins, 2020. 261 p. (Grades 3-7) Cyrus' dad is a former football star, now he's a brave firefighter. Everyone expects Cyrus to follow in his dad's footsteps. Cyrus wants to be like his dad, but he's never been brave like that. Can Cyrus find his own kind of brave?

Sumner, Jamie. *Tune it Out!.* New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2020. 275 p. (Grades 4-6) Lou’s mother is determined that she will be a singing star. These plans are derailed when a crisis strikes. Lou must live with relatives she barely knows, and a new friend wants her to join theater class. Lou has a secret, though, and joining might make it difficult to hide.

Tubb, Kristin O’Donnell. *Zeus, Dog of Chaos.* New York: Katherine Tegan Books, 2020. 283 p. (Grades 3-7) Service dog Zeus has been paired with Madden, a 6th grader with diabetes. While Madden wants to fit in at his new school, Zeus wants to save Madden from any threat, Madden playing in the school band. Can Madden and Zeus learn to work as a team or will Zeus be reassigned?
Wolk, Lauren. *Echo Mountain.* New York: Dutton Children’s Books, 2020. 356 p. (Grades 5-6). Ellie’s life changes when her family loses everything during the Depression. They escape to the mountain where they build a cabin and try to survive as mountain people. But when Ellie’s father has an accident, the blame lands unfairly on her. Now she must find a way to save her father with the help of some mysterious mountain residents.