2023 Children’s Sequoyah Annotated Masterlist

Anderson, Jodi Lynn. *The Memory Thief*. New York: Aladdin, 2021. 336p. (Grades 4-8). Rosie’s mother is forgetful and aloof, leaving Rosie to raise herself. When Rosie throws away her handwritten stories because she thinks they might hinder her from maturing, she unknowingly triggers a series of magical events. Could Rosie’s forgetful mother be the victim of a witch who steals memories?

Arnold, Elana, K. *The House That Wasn’t There*: New York: IMPRINT, 2021. 282p. (Grades 3-6). Alder and Oak are newly neighbors, but their families don’t see eye-to-eye after a huge tree is cut down between the houses. The two are determined to hate each other on principle, until something unexplainable happens one rainy afternoon that will connect them for life.

Coats, J. Anderson. *The Night Ride*: New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2021. 216 p. (Grades 3-7). Sonnia, a poor girl who loves horses, spends all her free time with a beautiful chestnut gelding in the King’s Stables. When Ricochet is moved to the racetrack, she gets a job as a stable hand. Sonnia discovers something illicit is going on and she must decide between participating to protect Richochet, or telling the truth and risk losing it all.

DiCamillo, Kate. *The Beatryce Prophecy*. Candlewick: 2021. 256 p. (Grades 3-7). A mysterious young girl appears at a monastery with broken memories and the unheard-of ability to read. She is nursed back to health by a gentle monk and a not-so-gentle goat. They realize she is a child of prophecy, and she is sent away for her own protection. Beatryce must face the darkness in not only her own past, but that of the missing king and her new companion in order to bring light back to the kingdom.

Eagle, Judith. *The Secret Starling*. Candlewick/Walker: 2021. 249 p. (Grades 4-6). Clara lives in a falling apart manor house with her uncle and guardian. This is not, however, The Secret Garden, as her uncle up and abandons her with hardly a word and puts the manor house up for sale. Clara (along with some new friends) then discovers a mystery about her birth and her mother’s death and suddenly: dangers abound.

Holm, Jennifer L. *The Lion of Mars*: New York: Random House Books for Young Readers 2021. 272 p. (Grades 3-6). Bell is an average kid who lives in the U.S colony on Mars. As he begins questioning the isolation of his colony, a mysterious virus breaks out among the adults. It is up to Bell to save his family and potentially the rest of the planet, but does he have what it takes?

Hoyle, McCall. *Stella*. Salt Lake City: Shadow Mountain, 2021. 170p. (Grades 4-6). Stella is a beagle pup who struggles with the trauma of losing her owner to a tragic incident. After being placed in a new home, she develops a bond with Cloe, a young girl with epilepsy. Stella must overcome her fears and rely on her well-trained nose to protect her friend.
Klise, Kate. *Mystery on Magnolia Circle*: New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2021; 208 p. (Grades 4-6). Ivy breaks her leg, her best friend Teddy is working through the news that his dog is gravely ill, and it seems like the start of the worst summer ever. When Ivy witnesses a burglary, however, the two work together to crack the case and uncover more than they expected.

Jagger, Louisa & Shari Becker. *Sprouting Wings: The True Story of James Herman Banning, the first African American Pilot to Fly Across the United States*: New York: IMPRINT, 2021. 22p. (Grades K-3). James dreams about touching the sky. He wants to build a kite that people can fly on with him. But how is a boy who is from Oklahoma supposed to accomplish his dreams when there is no other pilot that looks like him? The true story of James Herman Banning, the first African American pilot to fly across the United States.

McNicoll, Elle. *A Kind of Spark*: Crown Books for Young Readers, 2021. 192p. (Grades 3-7). Addie, a young autistic girl, discovers her small Scottish town historically held witch trials for women who were considered different. Knowing that people are more alike than different, she sets out to spark change by fighting to keep their stories from being forgotten.

Nickel, Sandra. *The Stuff Between the Stars* ABRAMS/Abrams Books for Young Readers: 2021. 48p. (Grades 2-5). Both fascinating and inspiring, this book is a look into how Vera Rubin, a science-minded woman from childhood, discovered dark matter in spite of being ignored, ridiculed and marginalized. Her positive outlook throughout her life and work is an example for up-and-coming explorers and observers.

Reed, Dwayne. *Simon B Rhymin’*. New York: Little Brown and Company, 2021. 230p. (Grades 3-7). Simon dreams of becoming a world-famous rapper. He is small for his age, and afraid to use his voice. When his fifth-grade teacher assigns an oral presentation, Simon must face his fears. With help from others, he must gain the confidence to educate others on an important issue affecting his community.

Thomas, Shelley Moore. *The Last Rabbit*: New York: Wendy Lamb Books 2021. 288 p. (Grades 5-7). Albie and her sisters are orphaned, and sent to live on a magical island. Albie's curiosity gets her in trouble: all of the sisters become rabbits, and the island is sinking. When it is time for Albie to leave the island, she is unsure of herself, but journeys to find her sisters and decide their fates.

Wallmark, Laurie. *Code Breaker, Spy Hunter. How Elizbeth Friedman Changed the Course of Two World Wars*: New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2021. 48p. (Grades 2-4) Code Breaker, Spy Hunter is a picture book biography following the life of Elizbeth Friedman. Readers discover how Friedman's love of reading prepared her to be one of the best code breakers in US history and provides readers some insight into becoming code breakers themselves!
West, Jacqueline. *Long Lost*: New York: Greenwillow Books, 2021. 273 p. (Grades 3-7). Fiona Crane, 11, is adjusting slowly after her family moves to a new town. She explores the local library, where she finds the most exciting mystery novel she’s ever read. The book’s story about family secrets, unsolved disappearances, and historical events seems to be about her own town, and Fiona finds herself in the middle of an adventure she never expected.