

2016 Children's Sequoyah Masterlist with Annotations

Engle, Margarita. *Mountain Dog*. Illustrated by Aleksey & Olga Ivanov. New York: Henry Holt & Company, 2013. 215p. (Grades 3-5). When his mother goes to prison, Tony is sent to Sierra, Nevada to live with his great-uncle. With the help of Gabe, his uncle's search-and-rescue dog, Tony not only learns survival skills, he also learns how to trust again.

Gaiman, Neil. *Fortunately, the Milk*. Illustrated by Skottie Young. New York: Harper, 2013. 113p. (Grades 3-5). An ordinary day turns extraordinary when a simple trip to the store is met with aliens, time-travel, talking dinosaurs, pirates, and much more.

Grimes, Nikki. *Words with Wings*. Pennsylvania: WordSong, 2013. 83p. (Grades 3-5). Gabby has always been a dreamer, and a divorce and new school only confuse her more. How will she ever be successful at school, make friends or please her mom?

Harley, Bill. *Charlie Bumpers vs. the Teacher of the Year*. Illustrated by Adam Gustavson. Atlanta: Peachtree Publishers, 2013. 138p. (Grades 3-5). Charlie Bumpers is horrified to find his name on Mrs. Burke's fourth grade class list because even though she is Teacher of the Year, she is also the strictest teacher in the entire school! He is definitely worried because besides being the strictest teacher, he has already gotten in trouble with her the year before and believes she has it out for him.

Hicks, Betty. *The Worm Whisperer*. Illustrated by Ben Hatke. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2013. 192p. (Grades 3-5). Ellis lives on a farm, working hard to help his family make ends meet, and jumps at the opportunity to help his family out of a crisis by entering the Woolly Worm Race. While preparing for the race, he discovers a caterpillar who seems to follow his directions.

Hopkinson, Deborah. *The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2013. 256p. (Grades 3-6). Eel, an orphan living in London, combs the muddy banks of the Thames River for bits of things to sell during the deadly 1854 outbreak of cholera. While Eel is hunted by a mean crook named Fisheye Bill Tyler, he and his friend, Florrie, help Dr. Snow conduct scientific research to determine the true cause of the epidemic.

Kurtz, Chris. *The Adventures of a South Pole Pig: A Novel of Snow and Courage*. Illustrated by Jennifer Black Reinhardt. New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2013. 288p. (Grades 3-6). Flora, an innocent young pig who has never left the farm, is convinced she is destined to live an adventurous life and embarks on a trip to the South Pole, determined to show her worth as a sled-pig. Flora must survive the elements of the Antarctic and avoid being a meal for the shipwrecked crew while teaching a snooty, independent cat and the lead sled-dog the value of teamwork.

Lee, Jenny. *Elvis and the Underdogs*. Illustrated by Kelly Light. New York: Balzer Bray, 2013. 298p. (Grades 4-6). Friendless, sickly, ten year old Benji, acquires both friends and a talking 200 pound Newfoundland named Elvis, who is supposed to be the presidential dog but mistakenly ends up as Benji's service dog.

MacLachlan, Patricia. *White Fur Flying*. New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2013. 112p. (Grades 3-5). Zoe's family rescues dogs and the new neighborhood family has a young boy who refuses to speak. Who knew that a dog that was rescued would end up rescuing someone else right back?

Montijo, Rhode. *Chews Your Destiny: The Gumazing Gum Girl!* New York: Disney-Hyperion Books, 2013. 128p. (Grades 3-5). Gabby Gomez's constant gum chewing creates a lot of trouble in her life. After sneaking a piece of gum one morning Gabby becomes the Gumazing Gum Girl and her troubles take a turn toward adventure as Gum Girl comes to the rescue.

Rappaport, Doreen. *To Dare Mighty Things: The Life of Theodore Roosevelt*. Illustrated by C.F. Payne. New York: Disney-Hyperion Books, 2013. 48p. (Grades 1-3). Theodore Roosevelt grows from a sickly young boy who loves to read about adventures to living those adventures as a Rough Rider, police commissioner, governor, and eventually President of the United States.

Rhodes, Jewell Parker. *Sugar*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2013. 272p. (Grades 3-5). After the Civil War, ten year old Sugar and her family must find a way to deal with the changes in the south and the Chinese workers that are hired to help on the sugar plantation.

Shurtliff, Liesl. *Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. 258p. (Grades 4-6). When Rump discovers that he can turn straw into gold he is also warned that magic comes at a price. In this retelling of Rumpelstiltskin, Rump's troubles go from bad to worse when the more he tries to fix his problems, the more entangled in them he becomes.

Tavares, Matt. *Becoming Babe Ruth*. Somerville, Massachusetts: Candlewick Press, 2013. 40p. (Grades 3-5). Learn little known details about George Herman Ruth's life before he became "The Great Bambino."

Wissinger, Tamera Will. *Gone Fishing*. Illustrated by Matthew Cordell. New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2013. 120p. (Grades 1-4). Sam loves to go fishing with his dad but he really doesn't want his vexatious little sister to go along. Relish the delightful poems and endearing illustrations about one lively fishing trip and enjoy the "Poet's Tackle Box" of poetry techniques at the end.