

Not Quite Sequoyah Children's Books 2009

Brown, Don. *Bright Path: Young Jim Thorpe*. Roaring Brook Press, 2006, [40] p.

A harsh Oklahoma childhood unconsciously molded Jim Thorpe of the Sac and Fox nation into the raw talent that Pop Warner, Carlisle Indian School coach, trained to become an Olympic gold medalist in Stockholm, Sweden in 1912.

Burton, Leslie. *Uncharted Waters*. Peachtree Publishers, 2006, 185 p.

Jonah is a teenager, who is as good at fixing things, as he is afraid of the ocean. Now he is spending the summer covering up his fears and trouble at school, while telling lie after lie to his favorite uncle.

Codell, Esme Raji. *Vive La Paris*. Hyperion, 2006, 210 p.

Paris McCray has a lot going on in her life. Her older brother is being bullied by a younger girl, and Paris doesn't understand why he won't fight back. She has to take piano lessons from a crazy old lady with a plastic couch, who gives her chopped-liver sandwiches and unsolicited advice. But over time, Paris learns that sometimes, compassion and understanding can turn a former enemy into a friend.

Corbett, Sue. *Free Baseball*. Viking Penguin, 2006, 152 p.

Angry with his mother, eleven-year-old Felix, who dreams of being a famous baseball player like his father, sneaks aboard a bus and becomes a bat boy for a minor league baseball team.

Fleischman, Sid. *The White Elephant*. Greenwillow/Harper Collins, 2006, 95 p.

When poor, young, Siamese mahout, Run-Run and his old elephant, Walking Mountain offend a prince, they are punished with the gift of a sacred white elephant, who may not work, but must still be fed his two to three hundred pounds of food every day!

Fleming, Thomas. *Everybody's Revolution: A New Look at the People Who Won America's Freedom*. Scholastic, 2006, 96 p.

This is a surprising look at the immigrants who fought for independence in America's Revolution: women, teenagers, Jews, African Americans, Native Americans, the Irish and other Europeans.

Loizeaux, William. *Wings*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006. 138 p.

Missing his father who died in the Korean War, ten-year-old Nick struggles through summer with his own growing pains while nurturing a hurt baby mockingbird to maturity.

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Lord, Cynthia. *Rules*. Scholastic Press, 2006, 200 p.

An autistic brother and disabled boy wanting her friendship keep upsetting 12 year-old Catherine's attempts to create a normal life.

Mackall, Dandi Daley. *Larger-Than-Life Lara*. Dutton, 2006, 151 p.

Laney uses the elements of writing to tell the story of Lara, the obese, new girl in her fourth grade class. In spite of the bullies, Lara is kind and changes the atmosphere in the classroom.

Matlin, Marlee. *Nobody's Perfect*. Simon & Schuster, 2006, 229 p.

Deaf fourth grader, Megan Merrill is planning a "Positively Purple" birthday party and has invited all the girls in her class. New to the class, Alexis Powell is smart, pretty and plays soccer well, but ignores Megan until they are forced to be science fair partners and Megan helps Alexis and her family open communication with an autistic brother.

Morrison, Taylor. *Wildfire*. Houghton Mifflin, 2006, 48p.

A non-fiction picture book about the nature of fire and its purpose in our ecology, *Wildfire* provides a close-up look at what it takes to fight fire; details abound in this fast-paced read.

Pettenati, Jeanne. *Galileo's Journal*. Charlesbridge, 2006.

Galileo's journal imagines his life in Italy 400 years ago as he developed the precision telescope and discovered facts about our solar system that set his world spinning.

Rupp, Rebecca. *Journey to the Blue Moon*. Candlewick Press, 2006, 263 p.

When Alex loses his grandfather's heirloom pocket watch, he becomes consumed with thoughts of time and how quickly it is passing. An eccentric old lady starts Alex on a journey that leads to the eerie and confusing world of the Blue Moon, where all lost things go: lost possessions, dreams, tempers. There Alex learns the meaning of the mysterious inscription on his grandfather's watch...Choose Time or Lose Time.

Schade, Susan. *Travels of Thelonius*. Simon and Schuster, 2006, 214 p.

Thelonius, a young chipmunk, is taken from the safety of the world he knows and travels to the City of Ruin. Here he encounters many other animals, and journeys with new friends to find the haven of Fog Mound.

Trine, Greg. *The Curse of the Bologna Sandwich*. Henry Holt, 2006, 144 p.

Melvin's first superhero assignment after graduating from the Superhero Academy begins well, but will he be able to fight crime after the cleaners shrink his cape and his vulnerability to bologna becomes public knowledge?