SEQUOYAH YOUNG ADULT MASTERLIST 2009

Draper, Sharon M. *Copper Sun*. Atheneum. 2006. 302p. Grades 8 and up. Amari's life changes drastically when she is stolen from her peaceful village and plunged into the horrific life of a slave.

Gauthier, Gail. *Happy Kid!* Penguin. 2006. 192p. Grades 5-8. Kyle's only wish for seventh grade is to stay invisible and out of trouble, but his mom and her back-to-school present of a self-help book have different plans for him.

Jones, Traci L. *Standing Against the Wind*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux: New York. 2006. 192p. Grades 6 and up. Shy eighth-grader Patrice works to overcome the obstacles of her inner-city neighborhood, while helping a boy find his own way out of trouble.

Kidd, Ronald. *Monkey Town: The Summer of the Scopes Trial*. New York. Simon & Schuster. 2006. 272p. Grades 6-9. In the summer of 1925, 15-year old Frances Robinson finds herself caught up in national events, as her father and other city leaders decide to bring publicity to their small town in the form of a science vs. religion "Monkey Trial".

Korman, Gordon. *Born to Rock.* Hyperion Books: New York. 2006. 261p. Grades 7 and up. Young Republican Leo Caraway discovers that his biological father is the lead singer in the punk rock group Purge and becomes a roadie to learn more about his father.

Lord, Cynthia. *Rules*. Scholastic Press: New York. 2006. 200p. Grades 4-7. Twelve-year old Catherine just wants to live a "normal" existence which seems impossible because of the demands of living with her autistic brother.

Lupica, Mike. *Heat*. Philomel: New York. 2006. 220p. Grades 5-8. Michael Arroyo dreams of taking his baseball team to the Little League World Series while he and his brother try to survive without their father and avoid social services to keep from being separated.

Mass, Wendy. *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life.* Little, Brown: New York. 2006. 304p. Grades 5-7. As his 13th birthday approaches, Jeremy receives a mysterious box labeled "the Meaning of Life", and he and his friend Lizzy go in search of the four keys, hoping that Jeremy will be able to open the box on his birthday.

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. *Dairy Queen.* Houghton Mifflin: Boston. 2006. 288p. Grades 6 and up. Sixteen-year old D.J. decides to try out for her school's football team after she has spent the summer helping the rival team's quarterback and running her family's farm.

Nemeth, Sally. *The Heights, the Depths, and Everything in Between*. New York: Knopf, 2006. 272p. Grades 5-8. Lucy, who is six feet tall, and her best friend Jake, who is four feet short, don't care that everyone makes fun of them, until they get to middle school and their friendship is tested in an unexpected way.

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. *Life As We Knew It.* Harcourt. 2006. 337p. Grades 6-8. After a meteor hits the moon, 16 year-old Miranda and her family must learn to survive the natural disasters that follow.

Shusterman, Neal. *Everlost.* Simon & Schuster: New York. 2006. 336p. Grades 8 and up. After a fatal car crash, Nick and Allie find themselves stranded between life and death in the world of the "everlost."

Sonnenblick, Jordan. *Notes from the Midnight Driver.* Scholastic Press: New York. 2006. 261p. Grades 7 and up. Alex's drinking and driving stunt leads him to a community service project that pairs him with the meanest bully in the Egbert P. Memorial Home for the Aged and gives him a lesson in responsibility.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. *Runaway*. Knopf. 2006. 256p. Grades 6-8. Twelve-year old Holly lives on the streets, documenting her life in a journal, after her mother dies of a drug overdose and she runs away from an abusive foster home.

Werlin, Nancy. *The Rules of Survival*. Dial Books: New York. 2006. 259p. Grades 7 and up. Child abuse, more psychological than physical, has taught Matthew that his fear and terror can help in saving himself and his sisters from their psychotic mother.

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