

2018 Nutmeg Book Award Intermediate Nominees



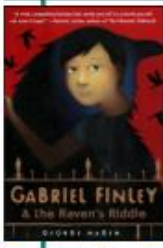
Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

"Book Scavenger" is an online game which has gone viral. Solving puzzle clues to find books hidden all over the world is the name of the game. When Emily moves to San Francisco, she discovers that the game's creator has been attacked and his new game is missing! Can she and her new friend James figure out what happened before the attackers find them?



Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Ally was a class jokester to hide the fact that she had trouble reading. When Ally's teacher goes on maternity leave, the substitute sees through her act and is determined to help her learn differently. As her reading skills improve and Ally's confidence grows, can the class clown become the class president?



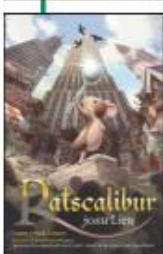
Gabriel Finley and the Raven's Riddle by George Hagen

When Gabriel rescues a baby raven, he discovers people in his family can bond with ravens in fantastic ways. He goes on a quest with three brave friends and his raven to try to rescue his missing father, solving riddles and avoiding flocks of vicious birds along the way.



Kinda Like Brothers by Coe Booth

Jarrett's plans for an amazing summer come crashing down when he realizes he not only has to go summer school, but his mom is fostering a new baby... and the baby comes with an older brother. Now Jarrett has to share his friends, his room, and his life with a complete stranger, Kevon. The two cannot get along: Kevon acts like he's better than Jarrett, and has been keeping some major secrets. Jarrett's got to do something about it. But what?



Ratscalibur by Josh Lieb

After being bitten by an elderly rat, Joey finds himself transformed from a 7th grade boy into a rat. After drawing the "spork from the scene," Joey goes on a quest into Central Park to find Squirrelin the Squagician, battling crows, rats and more with Ratscalibur, his sword, in order to save his new rat friends in this rodent retelling of the classic King Arthur story.

The Tapper Twins go to War (with Each Other) by Jeff Rodkey

It all started with a rumor (someone farted in the cafeteria) and twins Claudia and Reese were at war. Through text messages, interviews, photos, and screenshots, the series of events in the battle are retold. The pranks are all fun and games until they have to deal with the consequences of their actions.



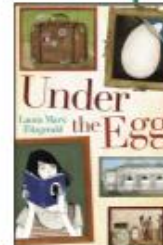
Took: A Ghost Story by Mary Downing Hahn

Daniel is the new kid in a small town in West Virginia and isn't fooled by Brody trying to scare him with creepy ghost stories. When Daniel's little sister starts acting strange and distant, eventually disappearing into the woods, Daniel knows something is terribly wrong. Could the ghost stories be true? Has Erica been "look"?



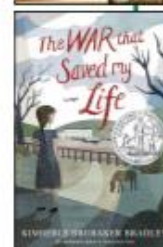
Under the Egg by Laura Marx Fitzgerald

Theodora Tenpenny's beloved Grandpa Jack has died and left her with a broken heart and a house full of responsibilities. Grandpa Jack's last words, telling Theo to look "under the egg," lead her and her quirky new allies on a chase from clue to clue across New York City.



The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Born with a twisted foot, Ada has never been allowed to leave her small London apartment. As the threat of bombs looms over London during World War II, Ada and her little brother Jamie escape to the countryside. Ada's world opens up as she gains confidence and learns to trust those around her... but is trust enough to keep her family safe?



A Whole New Ballgame by Phil Bildner

5th grade is exciting and unpredictable for best friends Rip and Red. Their new teacher, Mr. Acevedo prefers eccentric out-of-the-box assignments that prove to be the opposite of boring test prep. When Mr. Acevedo turns out to be their new basketball coach, too, the boys realize they're along for a wild ride.



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2018 Nutmeg Book Award Teen Nominees



The Boy in the Black Suit by Jason Reynolds

Matt is trying to cope with his mom's death from cancer and his dad's drinking. A job at a local funeral home gives him comfort and then he meets a girl, who helps him share his feelings. This is a story of growing from loss.

Full Cicada Moon by Marilyn Hilton

All Mimi wants is to be an astronaut, but being a female with Japanese and African-American parents in 1969 Vermont comes with its own challenges. As she makes new friends and overcomes the barriers around her, she realizes what is really important.

Goodbye Stranger by Rebecca Stead

Three girls, who promised never to fight, have found their friendship tested. Will their friendship survive the trials of middle school and growing up?

I am Princess X by Cherie Priest

When they were young May and Libby created a princess together. When Libby died the princess died with her. Years later May starts seeing images of the princess around town. Could Libby still be alive?

I Kill the Mockingbird by Paul Acampora

In honor of their recently deceased teacher a group of friends hatch a plot to popularize the classic "To Kill a Mockingbird," by creating a controversy surrounding the novel. Their efforts increase demand, but have consequences they don't expect.



The Last Boy at St. Edith's by Lee Gjersten Malone

There used to be 27 boys at St. Edith's Academy, but over time all but one left leaving Jeremy the only boy out of 475 students! In desperation, Jeremy pulls a series of pranks in hopes of getting expelled so he can go to school with his friends.

The Novice by Taran Matharu

When Fletcher accidentally summons a Familiar, he is forced to leave his home to attend The Academy where he is taught how to use his powers.

Orbiting Jupiter by Gary Schmidt

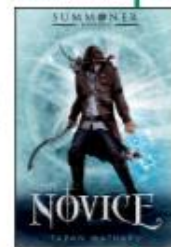
Trying to escape his past, Joseph is trying to find his future. Can Jack and his family help Joseph find a home on their family farm? Will Joseph find the one thing from his past that he is looking for?

The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall

After his father's death, Arthur throws a brick at the local "Junk Man" when he sees him wearing his father's favorite hat. He is sentenced to community service working with the Junk Man to complete his mysterious project.

Thirteen Chairs by Dave Shelton

Thirteen souls at a table, each with a tale to tell. Are you brave enough to pull up a chair?



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