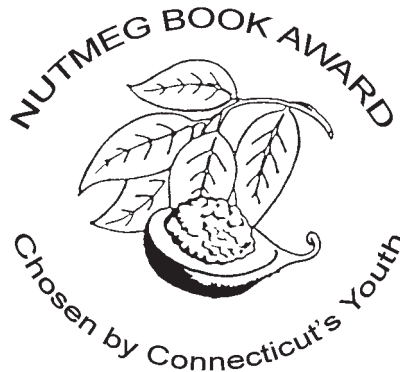


NUTMEG 2006

Nutmeg Book Award

www.nutmegaward.org



The Nutmeg Book Award encourages students to read quality literature and to choose their favorite of ten nominated titles. It is jointly sponsored by the Connecticut Library Association (CLA) and the Connecticut Educational Media Association (CEMA). The Nutmeg Selection Committees are comprised of children's librarians, school library media specialists and teachers. Due to the success of this reading incentive program, a new level has been added this year. We are proud to announce a set of ten nominees for the Middle School Level (approximately grades 7-8) as well as a set for the Intermediate Level (approximately grades 4-6). We encourage all children to participate in one or both levels depending on their reading abilities. We look forward to your continued involvement in the "Nutmeg Book Award."

All books nominated for the award must be:

1. Works of fiction, with appeal for readers in grades 4-6 (Intermediate) or 6-8 (Teen);
2. Copyrighted in the United States, and published in the five years previous to the award year ;
3. Available in paperback as well as hard cover at the time the nominees are announced;
4. Well-written, with strong characterization, vivid settings, striking language, well-constructed plots, and plausible conclusions.

The Nutmeg Book Award offers you an exciting opportunity to connect intermediate readers with notable fiction. We look forward to your input and support in this worthwhile endeavor.





March 2005

Dear Nutmeg Supporters:

We are very pleased to announce this year's Nutmeg Book Award winner, as chosen by Connecticut's Children. The breakdown of votes is as follows:

Skeleton Man	4752
Loser	3797
Monsters of Morley Manor	3365
Ruby Holler	2742
Mysterious Matter of I.M. Fine	2176
School Story	1880
Joshua's Song	1649
Saving Lilly	1456
Belle Teal	945
Any Small Goodness	253
Total Number of Votes:	23,015

Joseph Bruchac, when notified, said he was delighted to be so honored. There is even a rumor that a sequel is in the works! My e-mails this year have reflected how the Nutmeg Book Award has affected lives. I received one from a parent who said the Nominee List this year had motivated her daughters to turn off the television and read aloud all ten books on the list. She was thrilled. One parent called because her son had read all ten nominees and could not find a place to vote in their community. He wanted her to make sure that his vote counted! Other e-mails from media specialists and teachers from across Connecticut, have described exciting programs using the nominated books in the classroom. It is this type of feedback that makes us keep working to ensure a quality program for all the student readers in Connecticut. The new Nutmeg Book Award Teen level has officially been launched. Please tell all the interested people you contact about this exciting news. We have already had lots of interest from schools. My hope is that the new Teen level will generate as many votes as our Intermediate level has. The Book Selection Committees this year did an outstanding job on both lists. Information and announcements about the 2006 Nutmeg Book Award program are available on our website at www.nutmegaward.org. Have Fun!

Sincerely,

Patricia Pierce

2005 Nutmeg Book Award Chair

NUTMEG BOOK AWARD NEWS

*The winner for the
2005 Intermediate Award
is*



Skeleton Man

by Joseph Bruchac

Receiving 4752 votes out of 23,015



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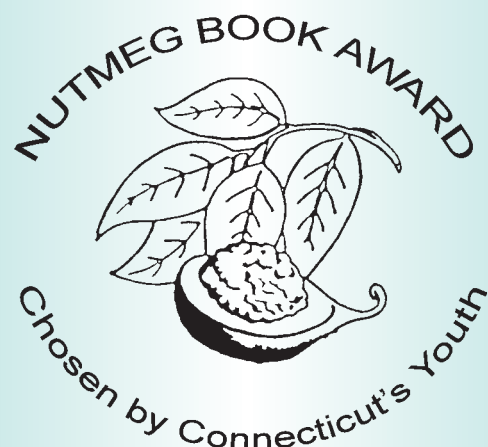
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TIMELINE

January

Readers vote in their schools or public libraries for their favorite book to determine the NBA winners.

Deadline for sending Tally forms to the NBA Chair.

February

The winning books are announced!

February to March

Nominated titles for the awards (both grade 4-6 award and grade 7-8 award) are announced and publicity materials are made available.

Spring

Participating schools and libraries encourage 4th-8th grade students to read books nominated for the award.

May

Publicity materials for orders submitted before April 1st are distributed. After this date, orders will be accepted and filled while supplies last.

June to September

Public libraries sponsor summer reading programs featuring Nutmeg nominees. Schools add Nutmeg books to summer reading lists.

September to December

Students continue to read the Nutmeg nominees in schools and public libraries across the state.

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