

NUTMEG 2007

Nutmeg Book Award

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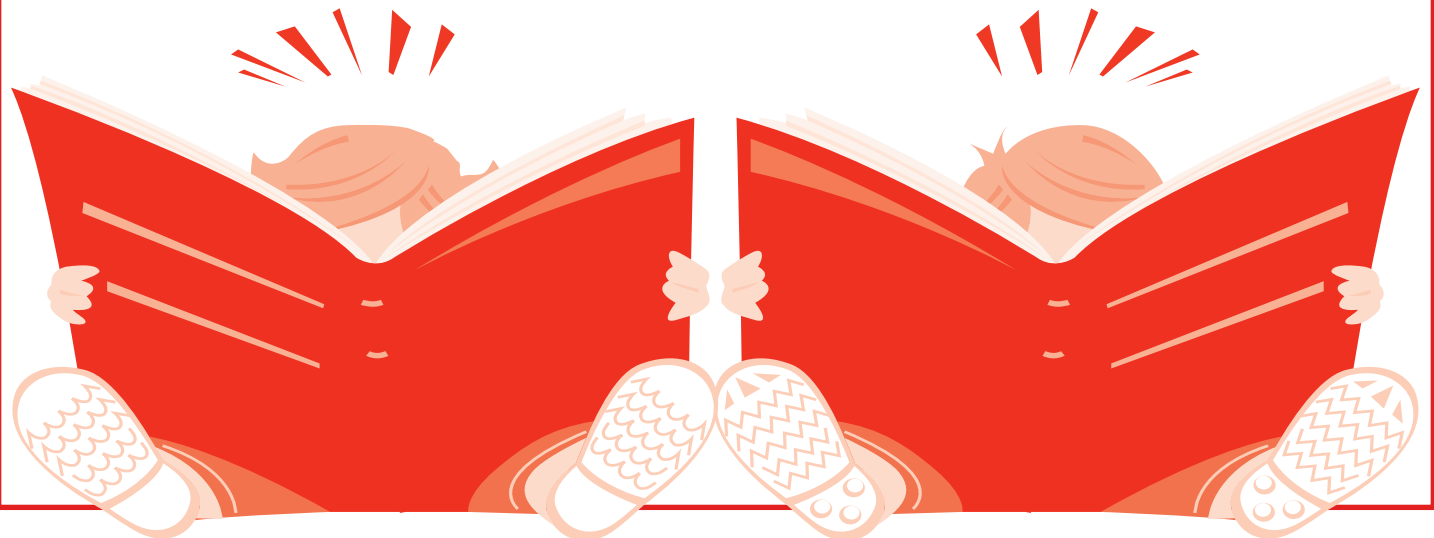


The Nutmeg Book Award encourages students to read quality literature and to choose their favorite from ten nominated titles. It is jointly sponsored by the Connecticut Educational Media Association (CEMA) and the Connecticut Library Association (CLA). The Nutmeg Selection Committees are comprised of children's librarians and school library media specialists. For the second year, we are pleased to present two outstanding lists of nominees; one list of 10 titles targeted to intermediate readers (grades 4-6) and one list of 10 titles targeted to teen readers (grades 7-8). We remind participants that while nominees are targeted to grades 4-6 and 7-8 respectively, children in grades 3-9 are invited to vote and participate as their reading and interest levels allow. 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 nominees) and 7-8 (teen nominees);
2. Copyrighted in the United States and published in the five years previous to the award year;
3. Available in paperback as well as hardcover 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 an exciting opportunity to connect intermediate and middle school readers with notable fiction. We look forward to your input and support in this worthwhile endeavor.





February 2006

Dear Nutmeg Participants:

I am very pleased to announce this year's Nutmeg Book Award winners, as chosen by Connecticut's youth. The voting totals are as follows:

The City of Ember	WINNER 4377	Bronx Masquerade	364
Goosed!	2393	Full Tilt	1141
Gregor the Overlander	2806	Goblin Wood	271
Made You Look	2630	Goddess of Yesterday	220
Once Upon a Marigold	2042	Hoot	WINNER 1315
Pictures of Hollis Woods	1300	The House of the Scorpion	993
Sahara Special	1285	Hush	406
Trial by Journal	2627	Soldier Boys	926
Trouble Don't Last	1572	Things Not Seen	786
The Voyage of Patience Goodspeed	545	Touching Spirit Bear	858

I have had the privilege of ushering in the first teen nominees as well as a superb list of intermediate nominees, an incredible experience to say the least. I am profoundly grateful to the members of the Nutmeg steering committee who suggested, and enthusiastically endorsed, the new teen level with the concomitant commitment of their valuable time and resources. To the Connecticut children and teens who participated in Nutmeg; reading, joining bookgroups, and voting; I have loved spending the past year with each of you. We are honored to serve you and your avid love of reading.

Sincerely,

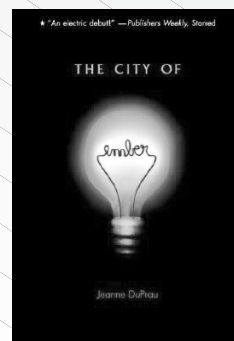
*Caitlin Augusta
2006 Nutmeg Book Award Chair*

NUTMEG BOOK AWARD NEWS

*The winner for the 2006
Nutmeg Book Intermediate
Award is*

The City of Ember

*by Jeanne DuPrau
receiving 4377 votes
out of 21755*



*The winner of the first
ever Nutmeg Book
Teen Award is*

Hoot

*by Carl Hiaasen
receiving 1315 votes
out of 7280*



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Sharon Cerasoli - Russell Public Library, Middletown
Pamela Dear - Baldwin Middle School, Guilford
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Vida Lashgari - Farmington Public Library
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Pat Smith - Pomperaug Elementary School, Southbury
Shelley Spoering - Simsbury Public Library
Melanie Swider - Latimer Lane School, Simsbury
Chris Wallace - Holmes School, Darien

Teen:

Melissa Yurechko (Chair) - Darien Library
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Geri Diorio - Ridgefield Library
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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 submitting tally forms on the Nutmeg website (preferred) or by mail.

February

The winning books are announced!

February to March

Nominated titles for the awards (Both the Intermediate (grades 4-6) and the Teen (grades 7-8) award) are announced, and promotional materials are made available. Poster contests for student art of the winning titles are announced and promoted.

February to December

Students read the Nutmeg nominees in schools and public libraries across the state. Schools add Nutmeg books to summer reading lists. Children participate in book groups and other school and library programs.

