

# NUTMEG 2008



Nutmeg Book Award

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## ABOUT THE AWARD

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. 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. Students need not read all 10 titles to vote. 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.

**Special Announcement:** The 2007 Nutmeg Book Award winners will be announced on the Nutmeg website in February of 2007. Visit us at [www.nutmegaward.org](http://www.nutmegaward.org).

## TIMELINE

### JANUARY

Readers vote in their schools or public libraries for their favorite book to determine the NBA winners. Deadline for submitting student votes on the Nutmeg website (preferred) or by mail.

### FEBRUARY

The winning books are announced!

### FEBRUARY TO MARCH

Nominated NBA titles (Both the Intermediate (grades 4-6) and the Teen (grades 7-8) awards) are announced, and promotional materials are made available.

### 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.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### 2008 Steering Committee Co-Chairs

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#### Past Co-Chairs

Ruth Gaffey, Wallingford Public Library

Melissa Yurechko, Darien Library

### 2008 Nutmeg Book Selection Committees

*Intermediate:* Vida Lashgari (Chair) - Farmington Public Library

Heather Baker - Harwinton Public Library

Rebecca Banever - Farmington, Student Representative

Jane Breen - West Hartford Public Library

Julia Dandio - Wallingford, Student Representative

Pamela Dear - Guilford Public Schools

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Kristen Frost - Clover Street Elementary School, Windsor

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Pat Smith - Pomperaug Elementary School

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## Nutmeg Book Award Intermediate Level 2008 NOMINEES

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|----------------------------|--|
| 1. A Bear Named Trouble    | 6. Project Mulberry                      |
| 2. Escaping the Giant Wave | 7. The Ravenmaster's Secret              |
| 3. Hatching Magic          | 8. The Seven Professors of the Far North |
| 4. Jackie's Wild Seattle   | 9. Shredderman: Secret Identity          |
| 5. The Lightning Thief     | 10. White Star: A Dog on the Titanic     |

Circle the number of the book you liked best!

### OFFICIAL BALLOT

Vote once at your school or public library. You are not required to read all ten books to vote.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School or Public Library \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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## Nutmeg Book Award Intermediate Level 2008 FINAL TALLY

Due January 31, 2008. Please submit your organization's votes on the Nutmeg website at <http://www.nutmegaward.org>.

Please return votes in this format only for school/library total votes. Do not return the students' individual ballots to our committee.

### TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENT VOTES

<input type="checkbox"/>	A Bear Named Trouble	<input type="checkbox"/>	Project Mulberry
<input type="checkbox"/>	Escaping the Giant Wave	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Ravenmaster's Secret
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hatching Magic	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Seven Professors of the Far North
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackie's Wild Seattle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shredderman: Secret Identity
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Lightning Thief	<input type="checkbox"/>	White Star: A Dog on the Titanic

Number of Voters by Grade:

3rd Grade	_____
4th Grade	_____
5th Grade	_____
6th Grade	_____
Other	_____
Total Votes	_____

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ School/Library \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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## Nutmeg Book Award Teen Level 2008 NOMINEES

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Bucking the Sarge    | 6. Locomotion             |
| 2. Down the Rabbit Hole | 7. Revenge of the Witch   |
| 3. Emako Blue           | 8. The River Between Us   |
| 4. In Darkness Death    | 9. The Sea of Trolls      |
| 5. The Lightning Thief  | 10. Shackleton's Stowaway |

Circle the number of the book you liked best!

### OFFICIAL BALLOT

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

School or Public Library \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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### TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENT VOTES

<input type="checkbox"/>	Bucking the Sarge	<input type="checkbox"/>	Locomotion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Down the Rabbit Hole	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revenge of the Witch
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emako Blue	<input type="checkbox"/>	The River Between Us
<input type="checkbox"/>	In Darkness Death	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Sea of Trolls
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Lightning Thief	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shackleton's Stowaway

Number of Voters by Grade:

5th/6th Grade	_____
7th Grade	_____
8th Grade	_____
9th Grade	_____
Total Votes	_____

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ School/Library \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

# NUTMEG BOOK ISBNs

The Nutmeg nominees for 2008 are available in the following formats.

Please order books from your usual vendors. The Nutmeg Book Award does not sell books.

*Confidentiality Statement: This list of 2008 Nutmeg Nominees is confidential information provided to school media specialists and librarians only. We ask that you respect the Nutmeg Book Award's confidentiality policy until the nominees are made public on February 1, 2007.*

## Ten Intermediate Nominees

### **A Bear Named Trouble** by Marion Dane Bauer

Trade: Clarion 0618517383; 9780618517381  
Paper: Yearling 0440421322; 9780440421320

### **Escaping the Giant Wave** by Peg Kehret

Trade: S&S 068985272X; 9780689852725  
Paper: Aladdin 0689852738; 9780689852732

### **Hatching Magic** by Ann Downer

Trade: Atheneum 0689834004; 9780689834004  
Paper: Aladdin 1416924973; 9781416924975

### **Jackie's Wild Seattle** by Will Hobbs

Trade: HarperCollins 0688174744; 9780688174744  
Paper: HarperTrophy 0380733110; 9780380733118  
LB: HarperCollins 0060516313; 9780060516314

### **The Lightning Thief** by Rick Riordan

Trade: Miramax 0786856297; 9780786856299  
Paper: Miramax 0786838655; 9780786838653  
Audio: Listening Library 0307245349; 9780307245342

### **Project Mulberry** by Linda Sue Park

Trade: Clarion 0618477861; 9780618477869  
Paper: Yearling 0440421632; 9780440421634  
Audio: Listening Library 0307245349; 9780307245342

### **The Ravenmaster's Secret** by Elvira Woodruff

Trade: Scholastic 0439281334; 9780439281331  
Paper: Scholastic 0439281342; 9780439281348  
Audio: Blackstone 0786180900; 9780786180905

### **The Seven Professors of the Far North** by John Fardell

Trade: Putnam 039924381X; 9780399243813  
Paper: Puffin 0142407356; 9780142407356

### **Shredderman: Secret Identity** by Wendelin Van Draanen

Trade: Knopf 0375823514; 9780375823510  
Paper: Yearling 0440419123; 9780440419129  
LB: Knopf 0375923519; 9780375923517  
Audio: Live Oak Media 159519763X; 9781595197610

### **White Star: A Dog on the Titanic** by Marty Crisp

Trade: Holiday House 0823415988; 9780823415984  
Paper: Scholastic 0439712653; 9780439712651

## Ten Teen Nominees

### **Bucking the Sarge** by Christopher Paul Curtis

Trade: Wendy Lamb 0385323077; 9780385323079  
Library: Wendy Lamb 0385901593; 9780385901598  
Paper: Laurel Leaf 0440413311; 9780440413318  
Audio: Listening Library 1400090970; 9781400090976

### **Down the Rabbit Hole** by Peter Abrahams

Trade: Laura Geringer 0060737018; 9780060737016  
Library: Laura Geringer 0060737026; 9780060737023  
Paper: HarperTrophy 0060737034; 9780060737030  
Audio: HarperAudio 0060786647; 9780060786649

### **Emako Blue** by Brenda Woods

Trade: Putnam 0399240063; 9780399240065  
Paper: Puffin 0142404187; 9780142404188

### **In Darkness Death** by Dorothy Hoobler

Trade: Philomel 0399237674; 9780399237676  
Paper: Puffin 0142403660; 9780412403662

### **The Lightning Thief** by Rick Riordan

Trade: Miramax 0786856297; 9780786856299  
Paper: Miramax 0786838655; 9780786838653  
Audio: Listening Library 0307245349; 9780307245342

### **Locomotion** by Jacqueline Woodson

Trade: Putnam 0399231153; 9780399231155  
Paper: Puffin 0142401498; 9780142401491

### **Revenge of the Witch** by Joseph Delaney

Trade: Greenwillow 0060766182; 9780060766184  
Library: HarperTrophy 0060766190; 9780060766191  
Paper: Greenwillow 0060766204; 9780060766207  
Audio: HarperAudio 0060824026; 9780060824020

### **The River Between Us** by Richard Peck

Trade: Dial 0803727356; 9780803727359  
Paper: Puffin 0142403105; 978014203105  
Audio: Listening Library 0307282503; 9780307282507

### **The Sea of Trolls** by Nancy Farmer

Trade: Atheneum 0689867441; 9780689867446  
Paper: Simon Pulse 0689867468; 9780689867460  
Audio: Recorded Books 0307245306; 9781402593444

### **Shackleton's Stowaway** by Victoria McKernan

Trade: Knopf 0375826912; 9780375826917  
Library: Knopf 0375926917; 9780375826917  
Paper: Laurel Leaf 0440419840; 9780440419846

# Nutmeg Book Award

## 2008 Promotional Materials Order Form

The promotional materials offered will be forwarded to you as soon as possible. Please fill out the mailing label to the right. The order should be mailed to:

Ann Marie Lund  
 Children's Division  
 West Hartford Public Library  
 20 South Main Street  
 West Hartford, CT 06107  
 860-523-3280 / FAX 860-523-3236

SHIPPING LABEL - PLEASE PRINT

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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School / Library \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Nutmeg Materials for Purchase

	Price	Quantity	Total
10 Blue spine labels (2008 Nominee Intermediate Level)	\$1.00	_____	\$ _____
10 Green spine labels (2008 Nominee Teen Level)	\$1.00	_____	\$ _____
1 package of 25 bookmarks (Intermediate Level)	\$3.00	_____	\$ _____
1 package of 25 bookmarks (Teen Level)	\$3.00	_____	\$ _____
10 gold foil seals (for past winners)	\$2.00	_____	\$ _____
10 silver foil seals (for past nominees)	\$2.00	_____	\$ _____
25 white Nutmeg pencils with maroon lettering <i>Text: Connecticut's Nutmeg Book Award</i>	\$10.00	_____	\$ _____
1 red carabiner (key clip) <i>Nutmeg Book Award inscribed on handle</i>	\$1.75	_____	\$ _____
10 red carabiners (save \$3.50)	\$14	_____	\$ _____
25 participation certificates for students	\$2.50	_____	\$ _____
	TOTAL		\$ _____
<b>Shipping/Handling charges:</b> \$3.00 for orders of 9.00 or less \$5.00 for orders of 9.01 to 30.00 \$8.00 for orders totaling \$30.01 or more	Shipping and Handling		\$ _____
	TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$ _____

**Orders must be pre-paid & NO purchase orders are accepted**  
 Make checks payable to: Nutmeg Book Award

Please complete the following information for our records:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School/Library \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if this is for a school or library (saves on postage)

<b>for staff use only</b>	Date Rec'd _____	Date Shipped _____	Shipping Cost _____
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