

NUTMEG 2009



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 Association of School Librarians (CASL) 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 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 2008 Nutmeg Book Award winners will be announced on the Nutmeg website on February 14, 2008. Visit us at www.nutmegaward.org.

TIMELINE

JANUARY

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

To volunteer to serve on a committee, to discuss financial support, or to obtain further information, contact Heather Baker or Geri Diorio.

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