

# 2010 NUTMEG BOOK AWARD INTERMEDIATE NOMINEES

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## Archer's Quest

by Linda Sue Park

Facing another evening of dreary homework, Kevin Kim is startled by an unusual intruder. Standing before him is Koh Chu-Mong, an ancient Korean archer from the 1st century B.C. Kevin's quest is to return this brave stranger to his own time within 24 hours or history will be changed forever.

## Attack of the Turtle

by Drew Carlson

Living on the Connecticut shoreline during the Revolutionary War, fourteen-year-old Nathan secretly helps his cousin, inventor David Bushnell, build the first submarine. Nathan must overcome his fears and Tory spies to help the Patriots fight the British.

## A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray

by Ann M. Martin

Everything is comfortable in Squirrel's world until her mother and brother disappear. Left on her own, she is forced to face many challenges from humans, other animals, and the elements. As days pass, Squirrel learns that her life will never be the same, but with all these obstacles, can she survive?

## Double Identity

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

What would you do if your parents dropped you off at an unknown aunt's house in the middle of the night, in an unknown town, where everyone you met looked at you as if they just saw a ghost? This is Bethany's living nightmare, and it takes all her courage to slowly unravel the truth.

## Drita, My Homegirl

by Jenny Lombard

Drita emigrates to New York City from Kosovo. During a social studies project, she meets Maxie, a native New Yorker who can't seem to stay quiet in school. What can two girls from such different worlds possibly have in common? More than you think.

## The Ghost's Grave

by Peg Kehret

When twelve-year-old Josh apprehensively spends the summer in Washington state with his eccentric Aunt Ethel, he encounters the ghost of a one-legged coal miner. After stumbling upon a metal box of buried treasure, he solves the mystery of the box and finds out more about himself and his family.

## Paint the Wind

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Maya lives secluded in her grandmother's overprotective care until an unexpected event sends her to Wyoming to meet her mother's family. Maya learns about the mother she hardly remembers, and she encounters a wild herd of horses including a mare that her mother once rode.

## Rules

by Cynthia Lord

If you have to tell your autistic brother "to keep his pants on in public," how can you hope for a normal life? Catherine discovers that her own behavior with new neighbor Kristi and wheelchair-bound Jason make her look again at what "normal" really means.

## The Stumptown Kid

by Carol Gorman and Ron Findley

Eleven-year-old Charlie Nebraska learns about friendship, heroism, and racism when he meets a former Negro-league baseball player. Luther Peale ends up coaching Charlie's team. Will this be the change they need to win against the premier team?

## The Year of the Dog

by Grace Lin

Taiwanese-American Grace has high hopes that the Year of the Dog will bring her great luck. During Grace's funny experiences throughout the year, she figures out what makes her unique and how she fits in with her family, friends, and classmates.

