



Introducing the 2012 Teen Nutmeg Nominees

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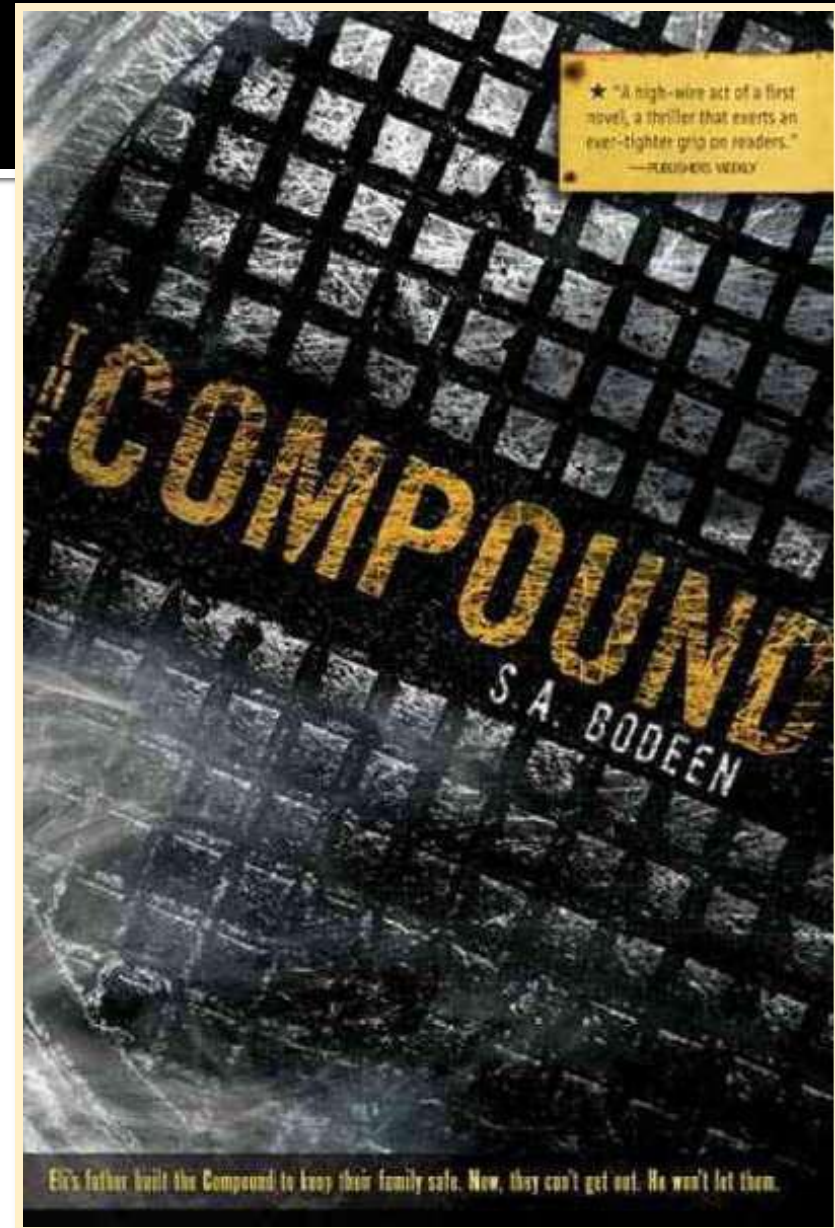
Mrs. Poulos, Silas Deane Middle School (Wethersfield) and Mrs. Munoz, Horace W. Porter School (Columbia)

Compound

by S.A. Bodeen

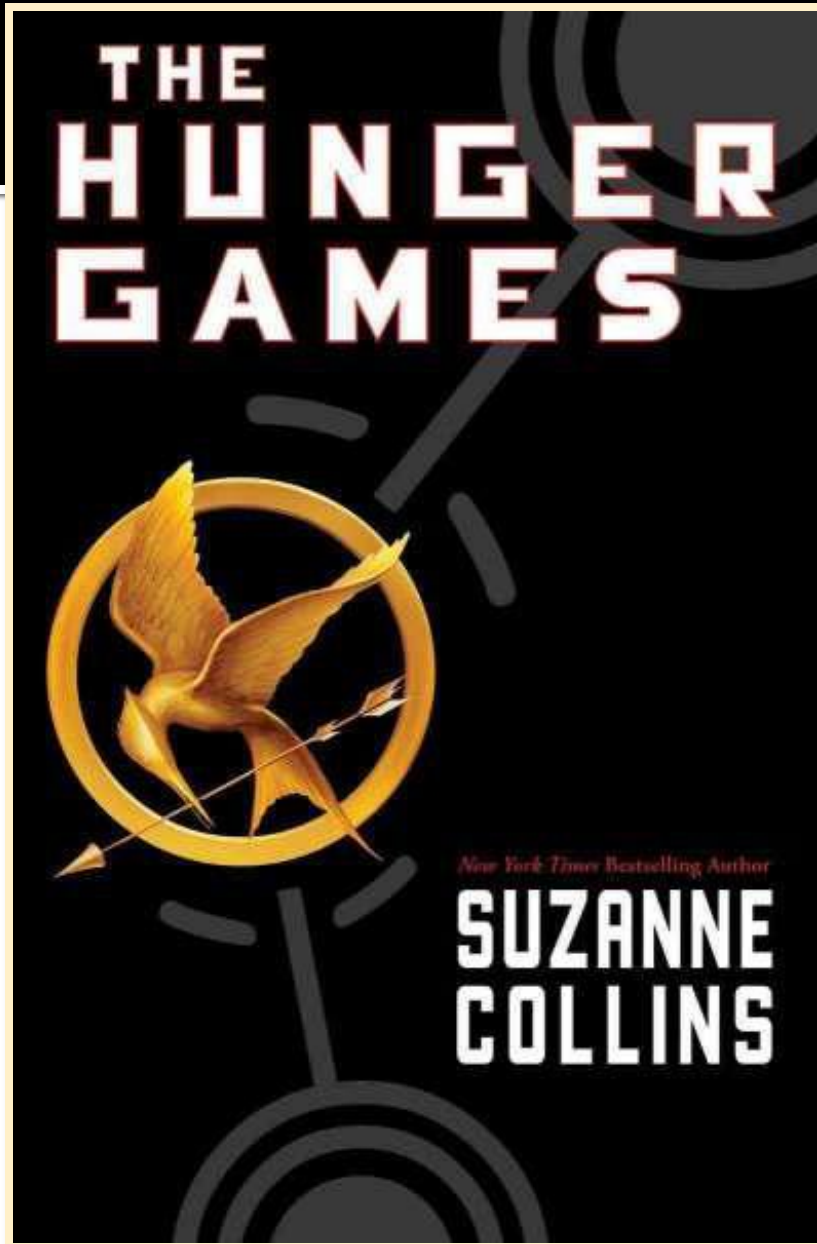
Nine-year-old Eli, his sisters, and parents move into the Compound, an expansive underground bunker built by Eli's billionaire father as a refuge from nuclear attack. Waiting for the outside environment to be safe to reenter, fifteen-year-old Eli is starting to have doubts about his father's motives, explanations, and sanity. Can Eli trust his father?

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The Hunger Games

by [Suzanne Collins](#)



In the ruins of North America lies the nation of Panem, a capitol surrounded by twelve districts. Each year, the districts send one boy and one girl to participate in the Hunger Games, a brutal fight to the death televised for Panem's entertainment. Sixteen-year-old Katniss steps in to take the place of her sister in the Hunger Games, hoping to survive the competition.

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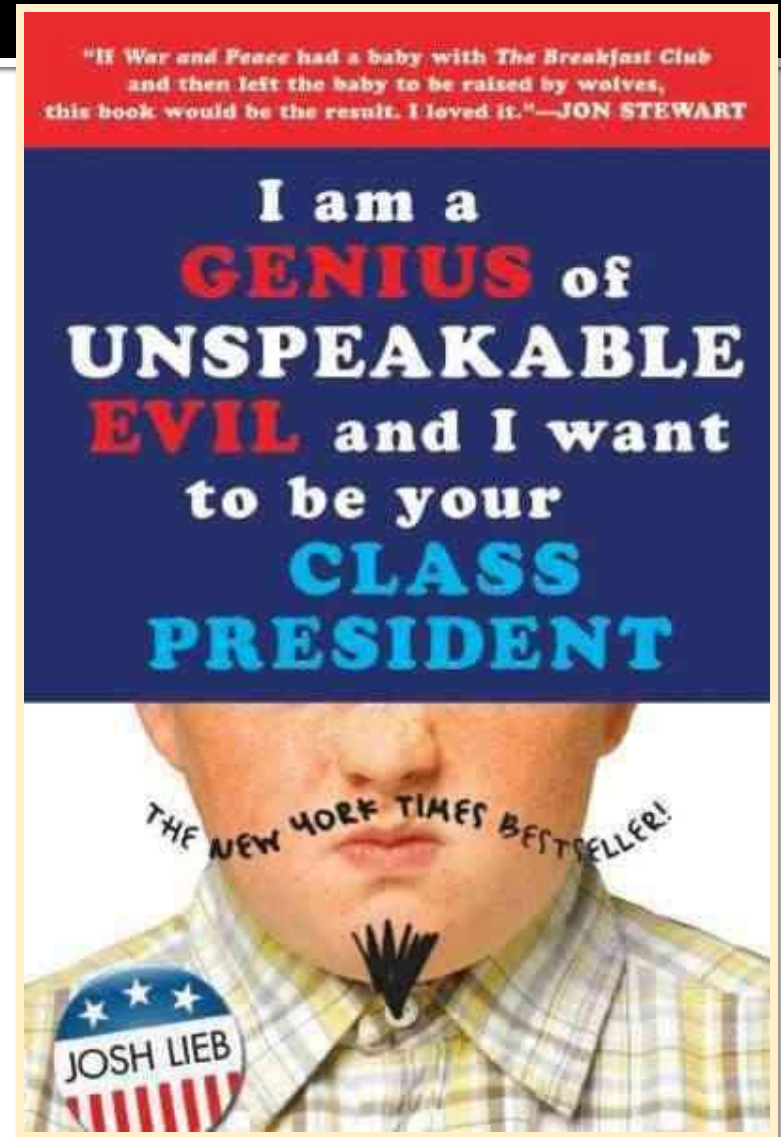
With sequels: *Catching Fire* and *Mockingjay*

I am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I want to be your Class President

by [Josh Lieb](#)

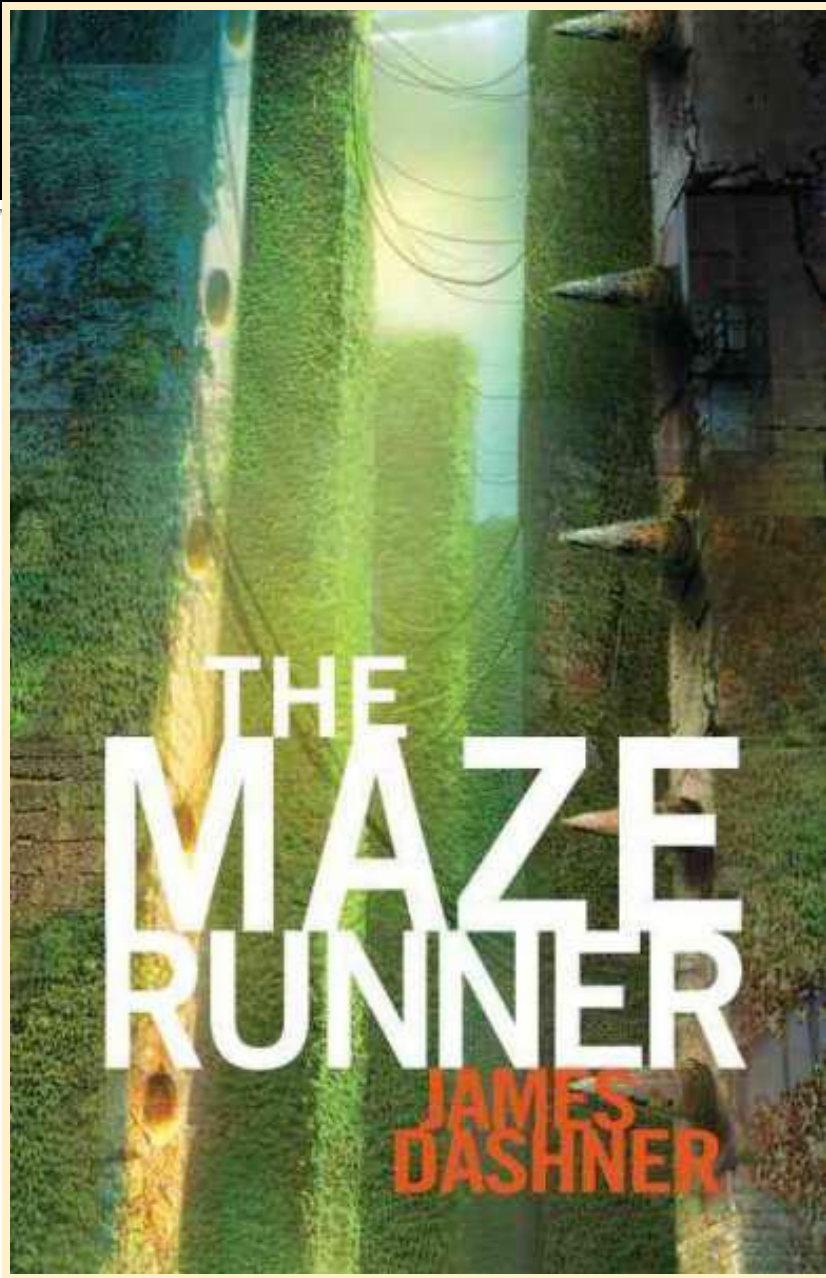
Running for seventh-grade class president looks easy to Oliver Watson. With his good looks, intelligence, and wealth, he can control his classmates, teachers, and parents. But can he control the outcome of an election?

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The Maze Runner

by [James Dashner](#)



Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up in an elevator with no memory except for his first name. He's arrived in "the glade," an area surrounded by stone walls that open to amaze every morning. With him in the glade are about 60 boys, all searching for an escape route. And then a girl appears with a message, and things begin to change.

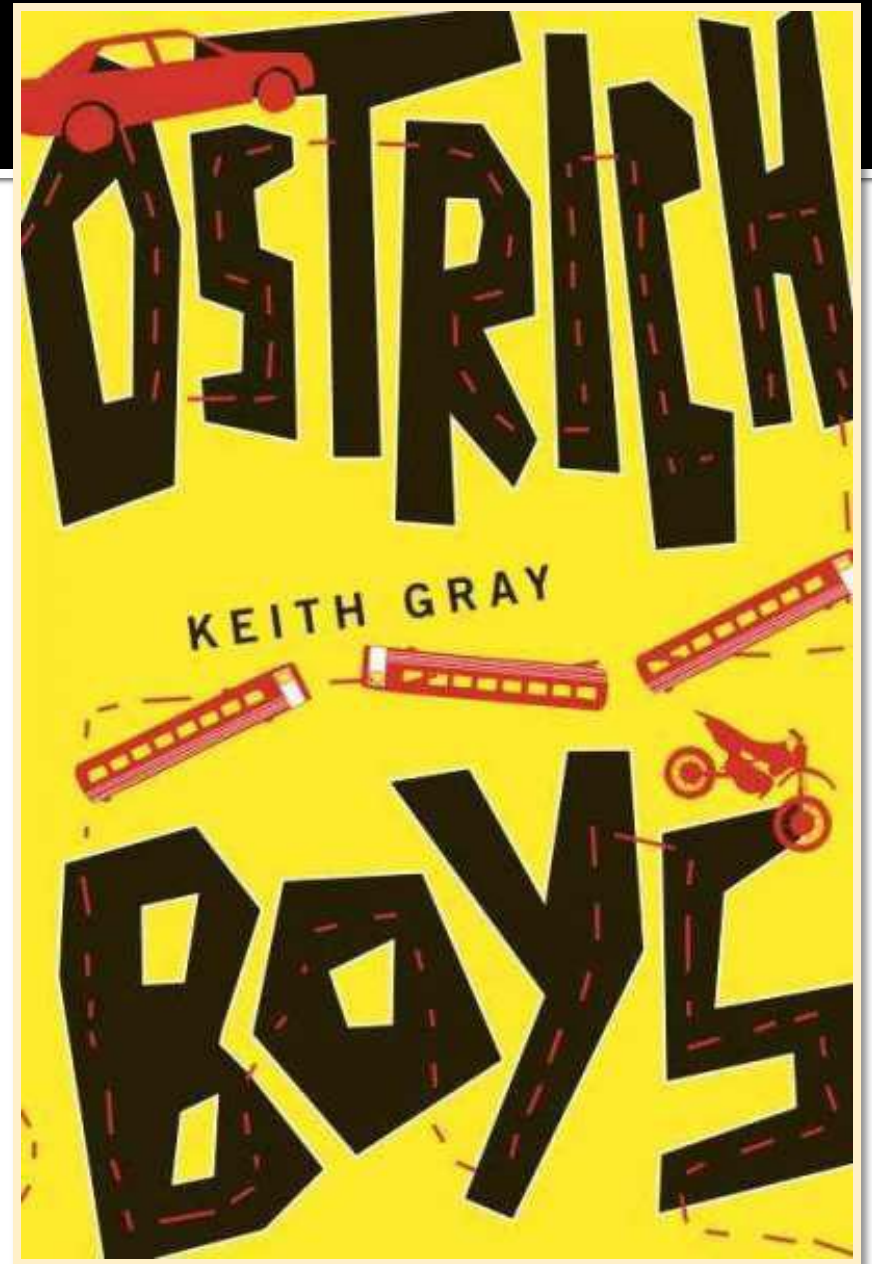
With sequel: *The Scorch Trials*

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Ostrich Boys

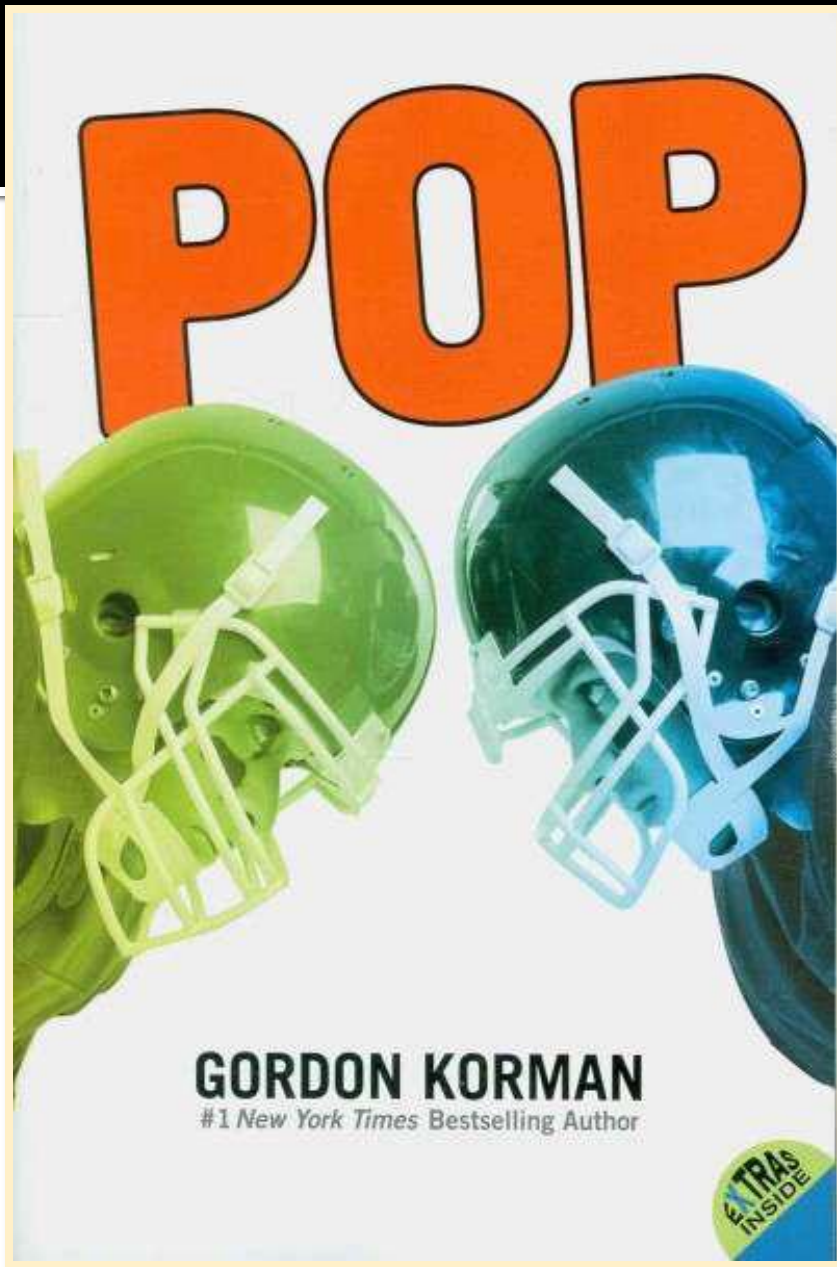
by Keith Gray

After their best friend Ross dies, English teenagers Blake, Kenny, and Sim plan a proper memorial by taking his ashes to Ross, Scotland, an adventure-filled journey that tests their loyalty to each other and forces them to question what friendship means.



Pop

by Gordon Korman



Quarterback Marcus Jordan has a big problem: his new school isn't interested in adding Marcus to their winning football team. Practicing in the park, Marcus meets a childlike 50-year-old man named Charlie with startling football abilities. Charlie's pranks and spotty memory make Marcus wonder what Charlie's story is.

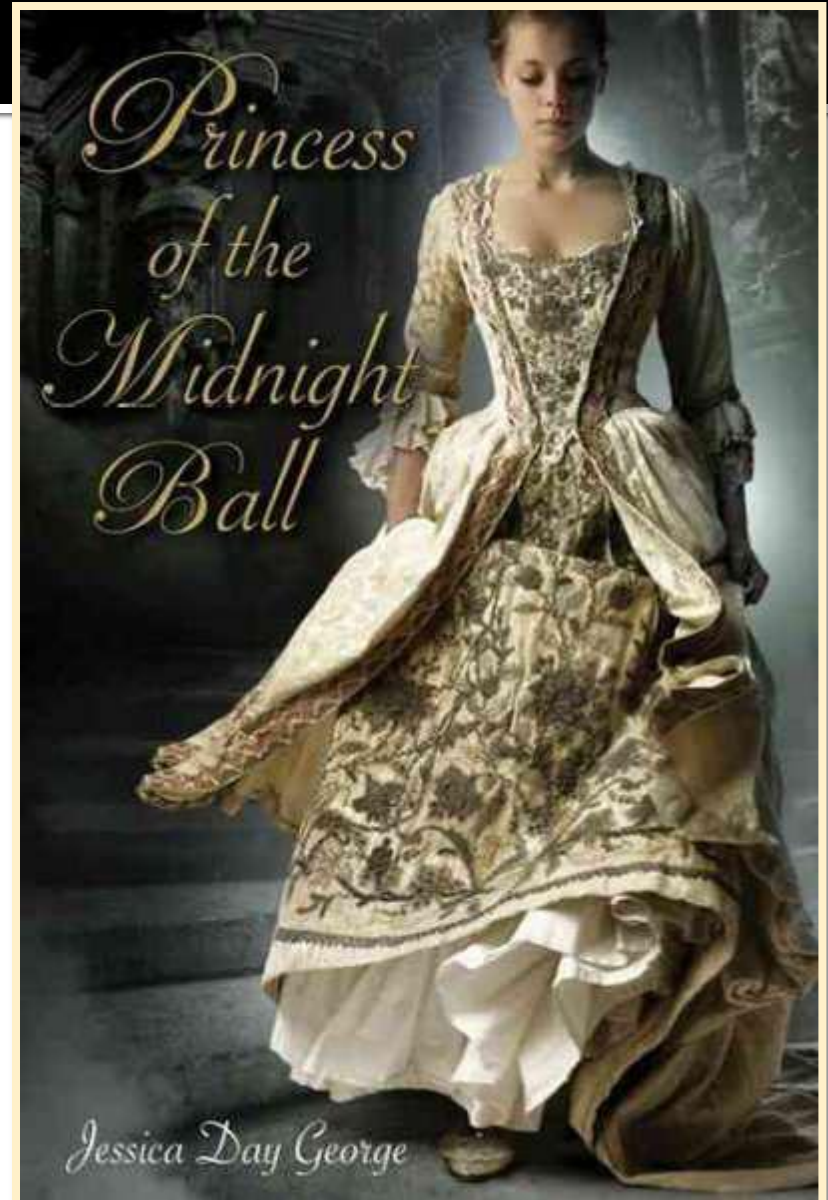
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Princess of the Midnight Ball

by [Jessica Day George](#)

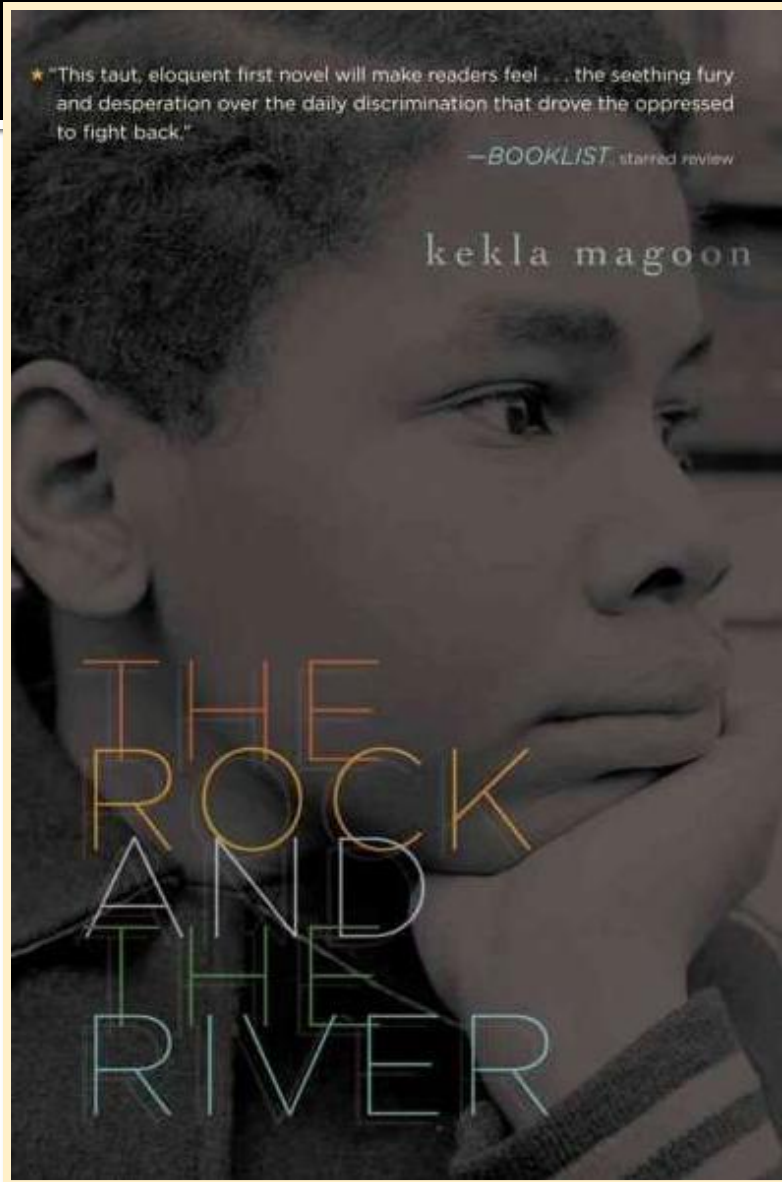
Galen, a soldier recently returned from the war, now works in the royal palace, where he meets 12 beautiful princesses. As innocent as the king's twelve daughters seem, they harbor a secret. Will Galen be the one to uncover the activity that leaves their slippers in tatters, as if worn for years? Or will he, like the others, fail... and die for his trouble?

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The Rock and The River

by [Kekla Magoon](#)



The year is 1968 and the Civil Rights Movement is in full swing in Chicago, Illinois. Teenager Sam Childs is caught between his father, who follows the non-violent path of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and his older brother who has joined the Black Panther Party and its sometimes violent methods. Will Sam choose the rock or the river?

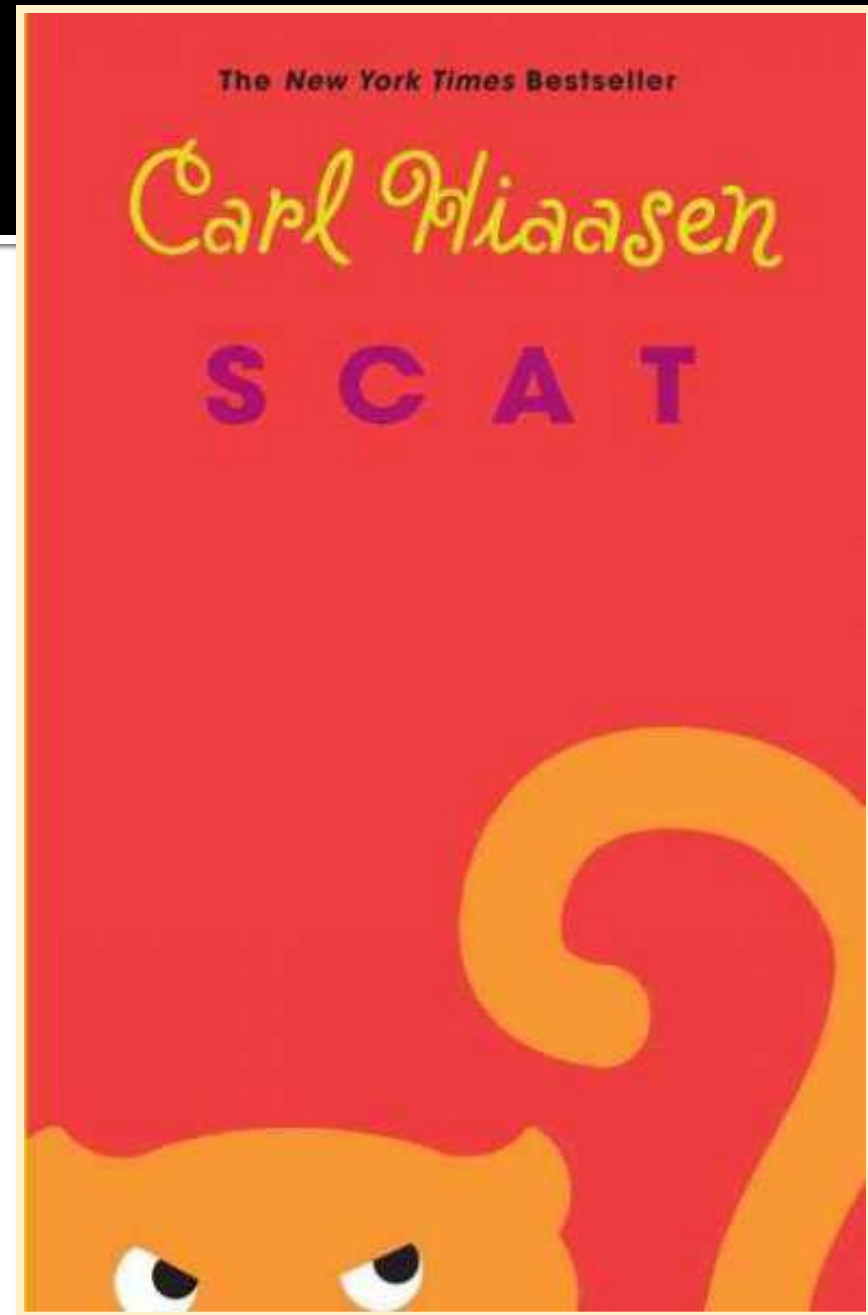
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Scat

by Carl Hiaasen

After mean Mrs. Starch goes missing during a class field trip to the Black Vine Swamp, two of her students, Nick and Marta, believe her disappearance is mysterious and that there is something strange about the note that she left behind. Can Nick and Marta solve the mystery of the missing teacher?

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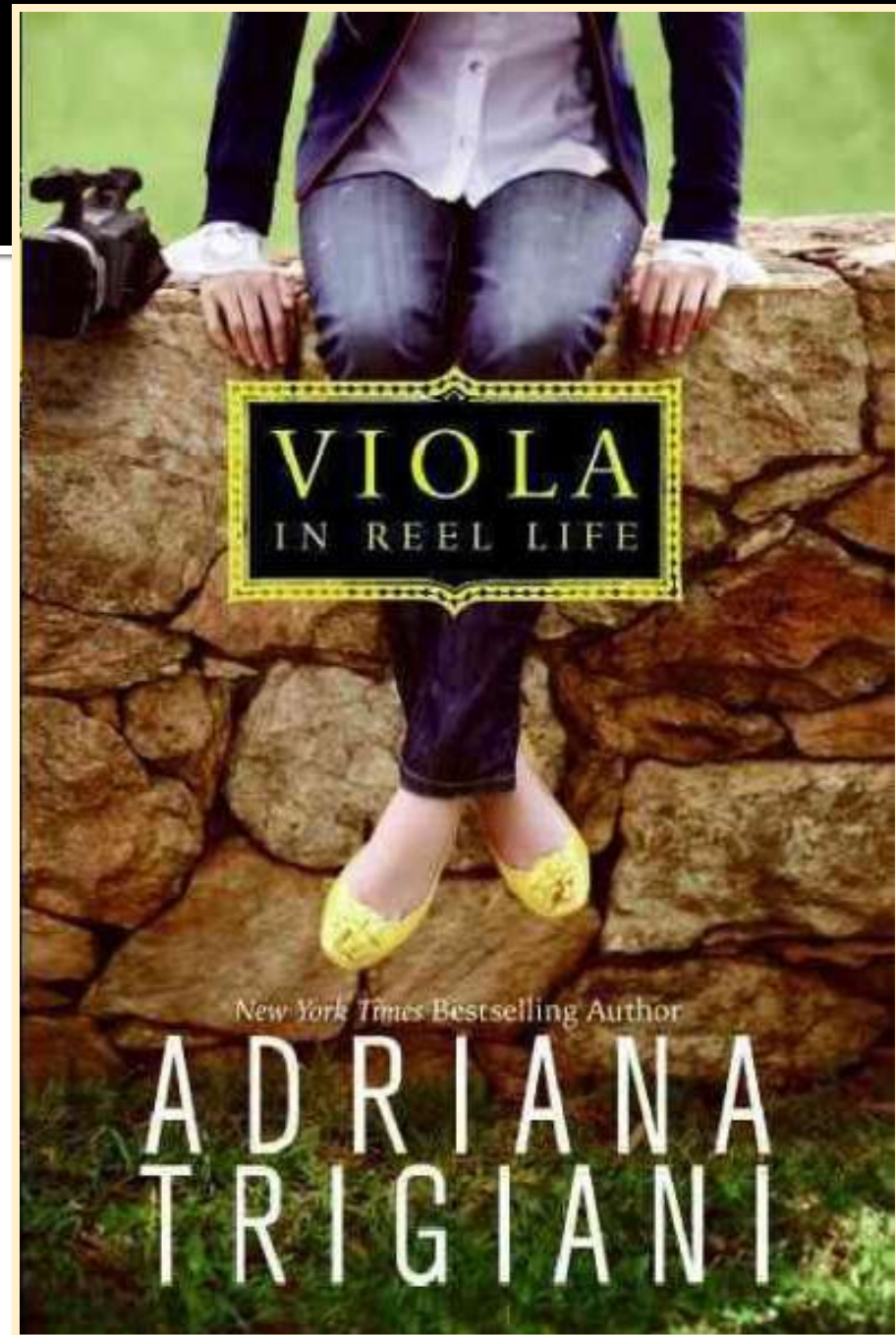


Viola in Reel Life

by [Adriana Trigiani](#)

Aspiring filmmaker 14-year-old Viola is the child of devoted documentary filmmakers, but her parents' overseas assignment brings her to Prefect Academy, a boarding school for girls. Viola is sure that she'll hate Prefect, but she befriends her roommates, learning that she can flourish in a new environment.

With sequel: *Viola in the Spotlight* coming out in April 2011



About the Nutmeg Awards...

Teens all across CT read as many of the ten Teen Nutmeg Nominees as they can.

They vote for their favorite in
January 2013!

The book that gets the most votes from CT teens is the Nutmeg Award Winner!

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