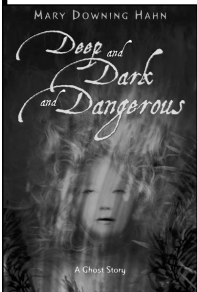


2012 NUTMEG BOOK AWARD INTERMEDIATE NOMINEES

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Deep and Dark and Dangerous

by Mary Downing Hahn

Ali is excited to spend the summer with her aunt and cousin at the lake. Life is great until her cousin meets a young girl who stirs up trouble. Will Ali's summer warm up or will the cold and icy lake claim another victim?

Dying to Meet You

by Kate Klise, illustrated by M. Sarah Klise

I.B. Grumply, a children's book author, moves into a Victorian mansion in Ghastly, IL to write a new book and meets with some unusual obstacles. He finds an 11-year-old boy and a ghost already there. Of course Grumply doesn't believe in real ghosts, so he blames the boy and his cat for all the ghostly deeds. Will Grumply become a believer, or will the ghost have the last laugh?

Extra Credit

by Andrew Clements

Abby needs to do well on the extra credit pen pal assignment. But to Sadeed, her assigned pen pal in the hills of Kabul, Afghanistan, the project is just extra work. Although their cultures and lifestyles are vastly different, Abby and Sadeed develop a friendship that is based on their similarities. Not everyone is happy with the relationship, and they are forbidden to continue writing letters. Can their friendship survive?

The Gollywopper Games

by Jody Feldman

The Golly Toy and Game Company is having a competition and Gil Goodson is determined to be the grand prize winner. He finds that the puzzles and stunts are only half the challenge: his teammates and his father's history as a Golly employee drive the stakes even higher.

Herbert's Wormhole

by Peter Nelson, illustrated by Rohitash Rao

Alex is forced to spend the day at his super geeky next door neighbor Herbert's house. When one of Herbert's inventions sends them through a wormhole 100 years in the future, they must save the world from squid-like aliens.

Masterpiece

by Elise Broach

Did you know that beetles can draw? Well, Marvin can! James's 'roommate' Marvin draws an intricate, museum-quality sketch for a birthday present. It is shown to a curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and before long James and Marvin find themselves caught up in a world of mystery and art theft. Can the two friends find ways to communicate and save priceless works of art?

The Key to Rondo

by Emily Rodda

Leo and his cousin Mimi use their aunt's ancient music box to travel to the magical world of Rondo, where fairy tale characters behave in unexpected ways. The children must stick together if they hope to rescue Mimi's dog from the frighteningly powerful Blue Queen.

Savvy

by Ingrid Law

Special supernatural powers are part of the lives of the Beaumont family. As Mibs approaches her 13th birthday, she eagerly anticipates her uniquely personal savvy. Her brother controls electricity, her grandpa moves mountains, and her mother is perfect. What will Mibs be able to do, and how will it change her life?

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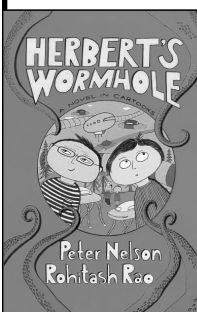
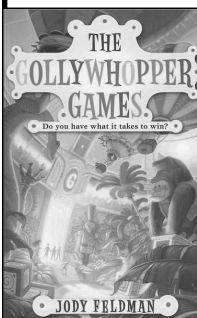
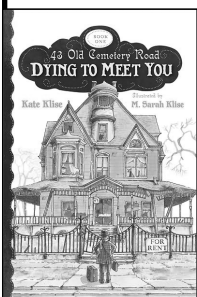
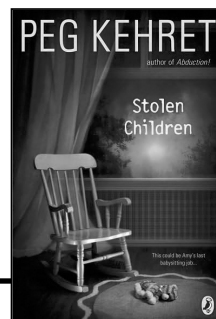
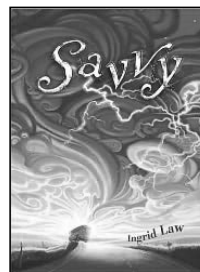
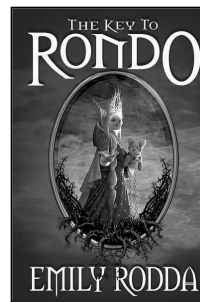
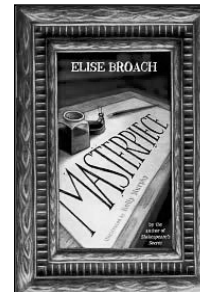
by Cynthia DeFelice

Owen has lost his mother and his father doesn't seem to care. So, when he meets a girl named Champion claiming to be an alien in need of help getting back to her own planet, he believes the story she tells. Owen must decide if he should keep her secret and help her get "home."

Stolen Children

by Peg Kehret

14-year-old Amy is babysitting for a rich family when she and 3-year-old Kendra are kidnapped. Amy uses her cleverness to try and save the day. Will the ransom be paid, will they escape, and will they ever get home?



2012 NUTMEG BOOK AWARD

TEEN NOMINEES

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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.



Pop

by Gordon Korman

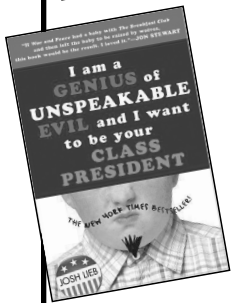
Quarterback Marcus Jordan has a big problem: his new school isn't interested in adding Marcus to their winning football team. Practicing in the park, Marcus meets a childlike 50-year-old man named Charlie with startling football abilities. Charlie's pranks and spotty memory make Marcus wonder what Charlie's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



I Am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I Want to be Your Class President

by Josh Lieb

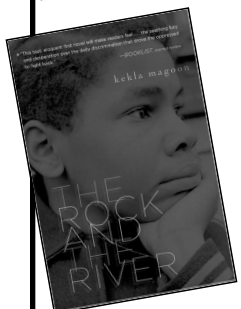
Running for seventh-grade class president looks easy to Oliver Watson. With his good looks, intelligence, and wealth, he can control his classmates, teachers, and parents. But can he control the outcome of an election?



The Rock and the River

by Kekla Magoon

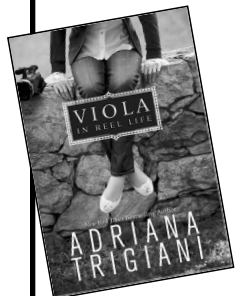
The year is 1968 and the Civil Rights Movement is in full swing in Chicago, Illinois. Teenager Sam Childs is caught between his father, who follows the non-violent path of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and his older brother who has joined the Black Panther Party and its sometimes violent methods. Will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



Viola in the 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.



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?



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.



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 a maze 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.



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?



The 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?

