

2015 Nutmeg Book Award Elementary Nominees



Balloons Over Broadway by Melissa Sweet

How did the beloved Macy's Day Parade decide to add giant floats to its traditional Thanksgiving procession? Meet Tony Sarg, a puppeteer who figured out how to make his designs loom large over the streets of New York City. Sketches, drawings, and scenes from the parade illustrate the development of Sarg's gravity defying creations.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba

This short biography tells the true story of William Kamkwamba's miraculous inventions. Using books from the library and spare parts, Kamkwamba designed a windmill for his village in Malawi and many other useful innovations to benefit his community in a time of famine.

Chloe and the Lion by Mac Barnett

When author Mac writes that Chloe meets a lion in the woods, illustrator Adam draws a dragon instead. The story can't continue until the author and illustrator get on the same page!

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

Duncan's box of crayons tells him in no uncertain terms what they think of his coloring habits. From the purple crayon's request to color inside the lines to the red crayon's wish for a break, this vociferous box of crayons just can't keep its lid shut!

Frankie Pickle and the Pine Run 3000 by Eric Wight

Frankie wants to win his scout troop's "Pine Run Derby" racing challenge to earn points toward his next level in scouting. The cars he designs, however, are better at crashing than racing. Frankie's dad offers some smart suggestions, but first Frankie will have to slow down and listen if he wants to achieve his goal.

Happy Like Soccer by Maribeth Boelts

Soccer makes Sierra happy inside and out, but she wishes, just once, her auntie could attend one of her games. Can an understanding coach make Sierra's wish come true?

Locomotive by Brian Floca

All aboard! Join the trains, crew and a family as they journey during the summer of 1869 from Omaha to Sacramento on America's first transcontinental railroad. Hear the engines, smell the smoke, feel the train sway as you journey across plains, wind through mountains, cross bridges and pass through deserts westward to the Pacific.

Lulu and the Dog from the Sea by Hilary McKay

Lulu's beach vacation with her parents and her cousin Mellie takes on unexpected excitement when she befriends a stray dog sneaking food from the garbage outside their cottage.

Miracle Mud by David A. Kelly

Lena Blackburne may not have been a talented baseball player, but he came up with an idea for the game that we still use today. This is the true story of "Blackburne's Rubbing Mud," applied to deflect glare on every baseball in major league games to this very day.

Odd Duck by Cecil Castellucci

Theodora and her new neighbor Chad discover the importance of being yourself in this full color graphic novel. Chad's casual attitude annoys the neat and tidy Theodora until a mutual love of Astronomy cements their friendship.

Sidney and Sydney: Third Grade Mix Up by Michele Jakubowski

The first day in a new school starts out awkwardly when Sidney Fletcher moves to Oak Grove and finds out he shares a name with a girl classmate. Sydney Greene misses having her best friend in her class and thinks the teacher misspelled her name. After the initial embarrassment, the children realize they have common interests such as video games. Can boys and girls really be best friends?

Stay: The True Story of Ten Dogs by Michaela Muntean

When Luciano Anastasini's acrobatic career ended, he decided to create a circus act with rescue dogs. Color photographs bring to life this heartwarming story of second chances.

The Secret of the Stone Frog by David Nytra

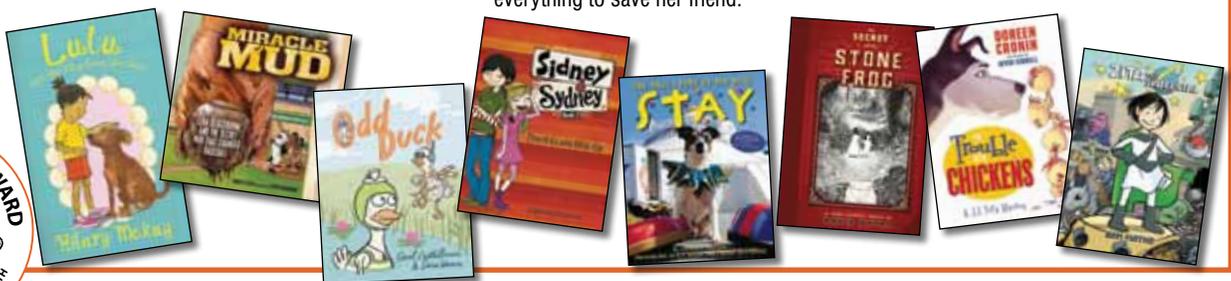
Children who like Alice in Wonderland will relish this fantasy graphic novel starring siblings Leah and Alan. They wake in a magical forest filled with every type of enchanted creature, relying on the stone frog to guide them safely home.

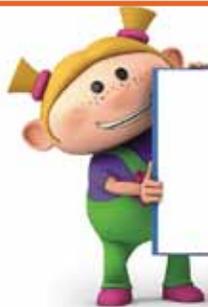
The Trouble with Chickens by Doreen Cronin

Retired dog detective J.J. Tully takes the case of the two missing chicks with comic results. Can he locate Poppy and Sweetie before they run afoul of neighborhood dog Vince the Funnel?

Zita the Spacegirl by Ben Hatke

A little red button falls from the sky, and of course Zita and her friend Joseph have to press it. The button whisks them away to a strange planet where Joseph is promptly captured by a many-tentacled alien. Accompanied by an oddball assortment of alien partners and a human inventor, Zita risks everything to save her friend.





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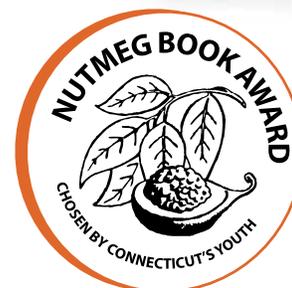
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About the Award

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All books nominated for the award must be:

1. Works of fiction or nonfiction, with appeal for readers in grades 2-4;
2. Copyrighted in the United States and published in the five years previous to the award year;
3. Well-written, with strong characterization, vivid settings, striking language, well-constructed plots, and plausible conclusions.

Voting: Voting takes place during the month of April. Visit us at www.nutmegaward.org for reproducible ballots and information on voting.

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