

2018 Nutmeg Book Award Elementary Nominees



Blizzard by John Rocco

When a huge blizzard traps the neighbors in their homes for a week, one brave boy uses his knowledge of survival to embark on a memorable adventure to help them all.

A Dance Like Starlight by Kristy Dempsey & Floyd Cooper

Follow this inspirational story of one young girl's dream as she watches Janet Collins, the first African American prima ballerina, perform in the spotlight on center stage at the Met in the 1950s.

Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas by Lynne Cox

When a 1,000 pound elephant seal takes up residence in a coastal New Zealand city, will citizens welcome the enormous oceanic animal, or will they send her back to sea?

Finding Winnie by Lindsay Mattick

Join Cole and his mom for a cozy bedtime story within a story about Captain Harry Coleburn and his adopted bear cub in 1914. Just who is this special bear?

Hippopotamister by John Patrick Green

Poor Hippo. His zoo is falling apart and no one comes to visit. Will venturing out into the world to get a job find him happiness?

Lindbergh by Torben Kuhlmann

A mouse must flee from the dangers of his home city in Europe. Can he create a flying machine that will carry him safely across the ocean to America?

Mango, Abuela, and Me by Meg Medina

When Mia's abuela comes to live with her they are unable to communicate. A trip to a pet store introduces them to a feathery friend who will soon change their lives.

Miss Mary Reporting by Sue Macy

Petite Mary Garber brought a big revolution to the world of sports reporting in the 1940s. Against many odds, she devoted her life to equality in sportswriting.

My Pet Human by Yasmine Surovec

Stray cat Oliver loves his nomadic life and doesn't need a "forever home" - or so he thinks! When he meets a little human and begins to trust her, he may not be able to return to his cat-about-town lifestyle.

Pugs of the Frozen North by Philip Reeve

True winter comes once in a lifetime. Shea and Sika, along with 65 pugs, join zany and fierce competitors in a race to the Snowfather's palace at the top of the world for the prize of their heart's desire.

Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny by John Himmelman

The inspiring Isabel is the best bunjitsu artist in her school. She's not only skilled in punching and kicking, but also outsmarting and out-maneuvering even the toughest foes.

Upside-Down Magic by Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle & Emily Jenkins

Nory's magic is a little... wonky. She is sent to a special class with other magical misfits. Together they must learn how to best use their "upside-down magic".

Wet Cement by Bob Raczka

Did you know that poetry can have a physical shape? Check out this fun, varied collection of poems that play with words in more ways than one!

When the Beat Was Born by Laban Carrick Hill

Think you know all about hip-hop? This is the story of DJ Kool Herc, one of the pioneers of hip-hop music in the 1970s South Bronx. DJ Kool Herc's story is the story of hip-hop.

The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes

Billy Miller starts second grade with a spectacular bump on his head and full of worries. With the help of family, friends and a few poems, Billy ends up with a year filled with surprises and lessons learned.

