

## Summer Reading Seventh Grade Fiction

Read at least two books from this list or the Nutmeg Teen Award List

### Realistic Fiction

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|-------------------------|--|
| Applegate, Katherine    | <u>Home of the Brave</u>   |
| Baskin, Nora            | <u>Anything but Typical</u>  |
| Bauer, Joan             | <u>Squashed; Rules of the Road; Best Foot Forward</u>                            |
| Bloor, Edward           | <u>Tangerine</u>   |
| Clinton, Cathryn        | <u>A Stone in My Hand</u>  |
| Connors, Leslie         | <u>Waiting for Normal; Crunch</u>  |
| Cushman, Karen          | <u>The Loud Silence of Francine Green</u>  |
| DeFelice, Cynthia       | <u>Under the Same Sky</u>  |
| Deuker, Carl            | <u>Night Hoops; any title</u>  |
| Dowd, Siobhan           | <u>The London Eye Mystery</u>  |
| Ellis, Deborah          | <u>The Breadwinner, Parvana's Journey, Mud City</u>                              |
| Feinstein, John         | <u>Change-up: Mystery at the World Series; any title</u>                         |
| Hobbs, Valerie          | <u>Defiance</u>  |
| Holmes, Sara            | <u>Operation Yes</u>   |
| Holt, Kimberly          | <u>When Zachary Beaver Came to Town</u>  |
| Jaramilla, Ann          | <u>La Linea</u>  |
| Jordan, Sherryl         | <u>Raging Quiet</u>  |
| Kadohata, Cynthia       | <u>Kira-Kira; Weedflower</u>   |
| Lenhard, Elizabeth      | <u>Chicks with Sticks: It's a Purl Thing</u>                                     |
| Lockhart, E             | <u>The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks</u>                          |
| Lupika, Mike            | <u>Travel Team; any title</u>  |
| Mikaelsen, Ben          | <u>Touching Spirit Bear; Ghost of Spirit Bear</u>                                |
| Morey, Walt             | <u>Canyon Winter; any title</u>  |
| Ritter, John            | <u>Under the Baseball Moon</u>   |
| Staples, Suzanne Fisher | <u>Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind; Haveli, The House of Djinn</u>                 |
| Schmidt, Gary           | <u>The Wednesday Wars</u>  |
| Turner, Megan Whalen    | <u>The Thief; The Queen of Attolia; The King of Attolia; Conspiracy of Kings</u> |
| Yohalim, Eve            | <u>Escape Under the forever Sky</u>  |

### Mystery

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| Abrahams, Peter  | <u>Down the Rabbit Hole, Behind the Curtain</u>       |
| Holland, Robert  | <u>The Black Queen; any title</u>                     |
| Madison, Bennett | <u>Any Lulu Dark mystery</u>                          |
| Pullman, Philip  | <u>Ruby in the Smoke; any title</u>                   |
| Updale, Eleanor  | <u>Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman? (sequels)</u> |

### Fantasy

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| Alexander, Lloyd   | <u>The Book of Three any title</u>                                     |
| Barron, TA         | <u>The Great Tree of Avalon: Child of the Dark Prophecy; any title</u> |
| Bell, Hilari       | <u>Flame; The Goblin Wood; any title</u>                               |
| Bloor, Edward      | <u>Crusader</u>  |
| Card, Orson Scott  | <u>Ender's Game, or any of his series</u>                              |
| Constable, Kate    | <u>Singer of All Songs; The Waterless Sea</u>                          |
| Divakaruni, Chitra | <u>The Conch Bearer, The Mirror of Fire and Dreaming</u>               |
| Farmer, Nancy      | <u>The House of the Scorpion, The Sea of Trolls; sequels</u>           |
| Fletcher, Susan    | <u>The Shadow Spinners; any title</u>                                  |
| Gardner, Sally     | <u>I, Coriander; sequel</u>  |
| Gaiman, Neil       | <u>The Graveyard Book</u>  |

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| Gilman, David     | <u>Devil's Breath</u>   |
| Hale, Shannon     | <u>The Goose Girl; Enna Burning; River Secrets; Forest Born</u> |
| Horowitz, Anthony | <u>Raven's Gate</u> , or any of the Alex Rider series           |
| Kaaberbal, Lene   | <u>The Shamer's Daughter</u> , (sequels)                        |
| Klass, David      | <u>Firestorm; Whirlwind; Timelock</u>                           |
| McGraw, Eloise    | <u>The Moorchild</u>  |
| Nix, Garth        | <u>Mister Monday</u> (sequels)                                  |
| Pattou, Edith     | <u>East</u>   |
| Pierce, Tamora    | <u>Trickster's Choice</u> , or any of her series                |
| Pullman, Philip   | <u>The Golden Compass, The Subtle Knife, The Amber Spyglass</u> |
| Sage, Angie       | <u>Magyk; Flyte; Physik; Queste</u>                             |
| Shusterman, Neal  | <u>Full Tilt</u> ; any title                                    |
| Westerfeld, Scott | <u>The Uglies</u> , sequels                                     |
| Yolen, Jane       | <u>The Sword of the Rightful King</u> ; any title               |

### ***Historical Fiction***

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|---------------------|---|
| Bagdasarian, Adam   | <u>Forgotten Fire</u>   |
| Bartoletti, Susan   | <u>The Boy who Dared</u>                                      |
| Bondoux, Anne Laure | <u>Time of Miracles</u>                                       |
| Hearn, Julia        | <u>The Minister's Daughter</u>                                |
| Hughes, Dean        | <u>Soldier Boys; Search and Destroy</u>                       |
| Ibbotson, Eva       | <u>The Dragonfly Pool</u>                                     |
| Larson, Kirby       | <u>Hattie Big Sky</u>   |
| Lawrence, Ian       | <u>B for Buster</u>   |
| Lisle, Janet Taylor | <u>The Art of Keeping Cool</u>                                |
| Mazer, Harry        | <u>A Boy at War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor</u>                  |
| Salisbury, Graham   | <u>Under the Blood-Red Sun, Eyes of the Emperor</u>           |
| Yolen, Jane         | <u>The Queen's Own Fool: Mary, Queen of Scots</u> ; any title |
| Wolf, Allen         | <u>New Found Land: Lewis and Clark's Voyage of Discovery</u>  |

### ***Literary Experience***

#### Poetry

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|----------------------|---|
| Nye, Naomi Nye       | <u>19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East</u>  |
| Rosen, Michael, ed.  | <u>Classic Poetry: An Illustrated Collection</u>          |
| Hopkins, Lee Bennett | <u>My America: A Poetry Atlas of the United States</u>    |
| Kennedy, Caroline    | <u>The Best Loved Poems of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis</u> |

#### Biography

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| Armstrong, Lance        | <u>It's Not About the Bike</u>                               |
| Garner, Eleanor Ramrath | <u>Eleanor's Story: An American Girl in Hitler's Germany</u> |
| Lobel, Anita            | <u>No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War</u>                    |

## Summer Reading Eighth Grade Fiction

Read at least two titles from this list, The Nutmeg Teen Award List, or the linked lists.

### Realistic Fiction

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|----------------------------|---|
| Anderson, Laurie Halse     | <u>Speak</u> ; any title  |
| Bauer, Joan                | <u>Hope Was Here</u>  |
| Carter, Alden              | <u>Bull Catcher</u>   |
| Cochran, Thomas            | <u>Roughnecks</u> ; <u>Knights of the Hill Country</u>  |
| Cooney, Caroline           | <u>Code Orange</u> ; any title  |
| Crutcher, Christopher      | <u>Whale Talk</u>   |
| Cummings, Priscilla        | <u>The Red Kayak</u>  |
| Curtis, Christopher Paul   | <u>The Watson's Go To Birmingham</u> ; any title  |
| Dygdard, Thomas            | <u>Backfield Package</u> ; any title  |
| Edwardson, Debby           | <u>Blessing's Bead</u>  |
| Ferris, Jean               | <u>Invincible Summer</u> , or any title   |
| Flinn, Alexandra           | <u>Breathing Underwater</u>   |
| Gardner, Graham            | <u>Inventing Elliot</u>   |
| Johnson, Angela            | <u>First Part Last</u>  |
| Johnson, Maureen           | <u>The Key to the Golden Firebird</u> ; any title   |
| Konigsburg, EL             | <u>Silent to the Bone</u> ; any title   |
| Lee, Marie                 | <u>Necessary Roughness</u>  |
| Lipsythe, Robert           | <u>The Contender</u>  |
| Mahy, Paul                 | <u>These Are the Rules</u>  |
| Morey, Walt                | <u>Death Walk</u> ; any title   |
| McCaughrean, Geraldine     | <u>White Darkness</u>   |
| Murdock, Catherine Gilbert | <u>Dairy Queen</u> ; sequels  |
| Schmidt, Gary              | <u>Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy</u> ; <u>Trouble</u>   |
| Simmons, Michael           | <u>Finding Lubchenko</u>  |
| Perkins, Lynne Rae         | <u>Criss Cross</u> * Newbery Award, 2005; <u>As Easy as Falling</u><br><u>Off the Edge of the Earth</u> |
| Plummer, Louise            | <u>The Unlikely Romance of Kate Bjorkman</u>  |
| Sedgwick, Marcus           | <u>Revolver</u>   |
| Shelden, Dyan              | <u>Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen</u>   |
| Sonnenblick, Jordan        | <u>After Ever After</u> ; <u>Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie</u>   |
| Taylor, Mildred            | <u>The Land</u> , or any title  |
| Werlin, Nancy              | <u>The Killer's Cousin</u>  |
| Williams-Garcia, Rita      | <u>Like Sisters on the Homefront</u>  |
| Wolff, Virginia            | <u>Make Lemonade</u> , <u>True Believer</u> ; <u>This Full House</u>                                    |
| Woodson, Jacqueline        | <u>After Tupac &amp; D Foster</u>   |

### Fantasy

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|-------------------------|--|
| Brennan, Herbie         | <u>Faerie Wars</u> ; sequels                                   |
| Bacigalupi, Paolo       | <u>Ship Breaker</u>  |
| Crossley-Holland, Kevin | <u>The Seeing Stone</u> , sequels                              |
| Clement-Davies, David   | <u>Firebringer</u> , sequels                                   |
| Clements, Andrew        | <u>Things Not Seen</u> ; <u>Things Hoped For</u>               |
| Collins, Suzanne        | <u>Hunger Games</u> ; <u>Catching Fire</u> ; <u>Mockingjay</u> |
| Flanagan, John          | <u>Ranger's Apprentice</u> series                              |
| Gaiman, Neil            | <u>The Graveyard Book</u> * Newbery Award 2009                 |
| Goodman, Allegra        | <u>The Other Side of the Island</u>                            |
| Grant, Michael          | <u>Gone</u> ; <u>Lies</u> ; <u>Hunger</u>                      |
| Jones, Diane Wynne      | <u>The Dark Lord of Derkholm</u> , or any title                |

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| Laddington, L.J.    | <u>The Diary of Pelli D.; Cherry Heaven</u>  |
| Marchetta, Melina   | <u>Finnikin of the Rock</u>                  |
| Nix, Garth          | <u>Sabriel; any title</u>                    |
| Oppel, Kenneth      | <u>Half Brother</u>                          |
| Pearson, Mary       | <u>The Adoration of Jenna Fox</u>            |
| Pfeffer, Susan Beth | <u>Life as We Know It; Dead and the Gone</u> |
| Rees, Douglas       | <u>Vampire High</u>                          |
| Reeve, Philip       | <u>Fever Crumb; Mortal Engines; sequels</u>  |
| Reichs, Kathy       | <u>Virals</u>                                |
| Stroud, Jonathan    | <u>The Amulet of Samarkind; sequels</u>      |
| Westerfield, Scott  | <u>The Uglies; sequels; Levithian</u>        |
| White, T.H.         | <u>The Once and Future King</u>              |
| Zevin, Gabrielle    | <u>Elsewhere</u>                             |

### **Historical Fiction**

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| Chevalier, Tracy   | <u>The Girl with the Pearl Earring</u> |
| Crowe, Chris       | <u>Mississippi Trial, 1955</u>         |
| Donahue, John      | <u>An Island Far From Home</u>         |
| Geras, Adele       | <u>Troy; Ithaka</u>                    |
| Hoffman, Alice     | <u>Incantation</u>                     |
| Klein, Lisa        | <u>Two Girls of Gettysburg</u>         |
| McKernan, Victoria | <u>Devil's Paintbox</u>                |
| Myers, Walter Dean | <u>Riot</u>                            |
| Paulsen, Gary      | <u>Soldier's Heart</u>                 |
| Reeder, Carolyn    | <u>Before the Creeks Ran Red</u>       |
| Rinaldi, Ann       | <u>Girl in Blue, or any title</u>      |
| Wells, Rosemary    | <u>Red Moon at Sharpsberg</u>          |
| Wiles, Deborah     | <u>Countdown</u>                       |
| Williams, Jeanne   | <u>The Confederate Fiddle</u>          |

### **Literary Experience**

#### **Short Stories**

Connections: Short Stories by Outstanding Writers, ed by Donald R. Gallo  
The Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural by Patricia McKissack  
The Dark Way: Stories from the Spirit World by Virginia Hamilton  
On the Fringe ed. By Donald R. Gallo  
Ultimate Sports ed. By Donald R. Gallo  
Who Am I Without Him? by Sharon Flake

#### **Poetry**

Ann and Seamus by Kevin Major  
Earth-Shattering Poems, Liz Rosenberg, ed.  
I Feel a Little Jumpy Around You: A Book of Her Poems and His Poems, Naomi Shihab Nye  
It's a Woman's World: A Century of Women's Voices in Poetry, Neil Philip, ed.  
Pierced by a Ray of Sun: Poems about the Times We Feel Alone, Ruth Gordon, ed.  
What Have You Lost? By Naomi Shihab Nye  
Who Do You Think You Are? David Woolger, ed.

# 2012 NUTMEG BOOK AWARD TEEN NOMINEES

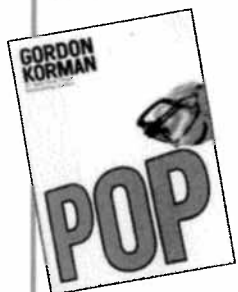
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## **The Hunger Games**

by Suzanne Collins

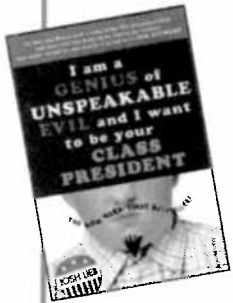
In the ruins of North America lies the nation of Panem, a capitol surrounded by twelve districts. Each year, the districts send one boy and one girl to participate in the Hunger Games, a brutal fight to the death televised for Panem's entertainment. Sixteen-year-old Katniss steps in to take the place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

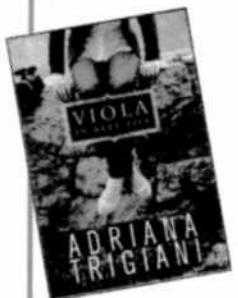
Running for seventh-grade class president looks easy to Oliver Watson. With his good looks, intelligence, and wealth, he can control his classmates, teachers, and parents. But can he control the outcome of an election?



## **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?

