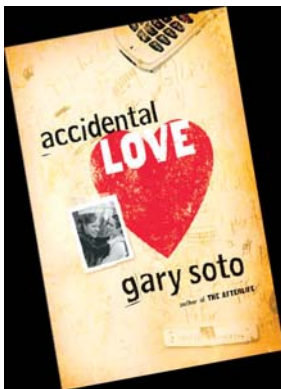


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TEEN NOMINEES

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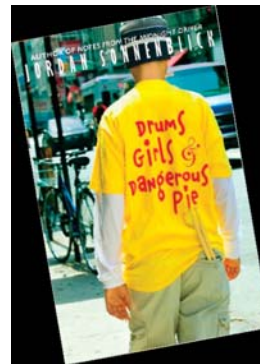
The Nutmeg Books are a collection of titles selected annually. Each title is read and reviewed by a committee of children's librarians, school library media specialists, and teachers, as good literature for students in 7th and 8th grade. This list is for young adult readers since some books have more mature themes.



Accidental Love

by Gary Soto

Boy meets girl (accidentally), girl falls for boy (love). However, they're from two different schools, and truly two different worlds. The odds of them making it are slim to none in this well-crafted story of young love.

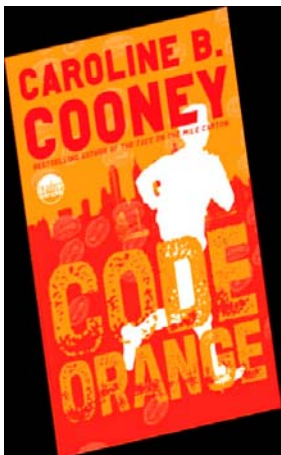


Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie

by Jordan Sonnenblick

What is the most annoying thing in the world? For Steven, the answer is obvious; his little brother Jeffrey. When Steven finds out that Jeffrey is sick, however, he must use all of his skills as a drum-playing, girl-crushing,

friend-finding, parent-manipulating teenager to help his family keep laughing in a difficult year.



Code Orange

by Caroline B. Cooney

While completing his infectious disease report for science class, Mitty fears he may have contracted smallpox. When he searches the internet for information about this disease, he alerts a terrorist group who plans to kidnap him and use him as a biological weapon against New York City.



Epic

by Conor Kostick

Epic is a fantasy role-playing game that is more than just a game—it's New Earth's government and economy. Everyone plays Epic the same way, by slowly accumulating wealth, but no one can rival the Committee, the world's tyrannical ruling group. Then

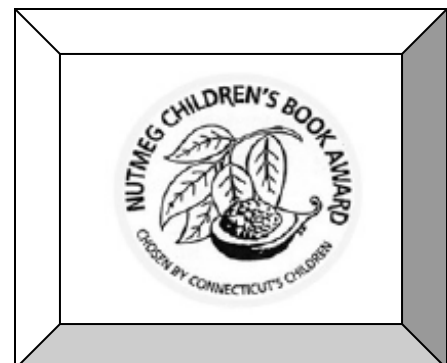
Erik thinks he and his friends may change all that.

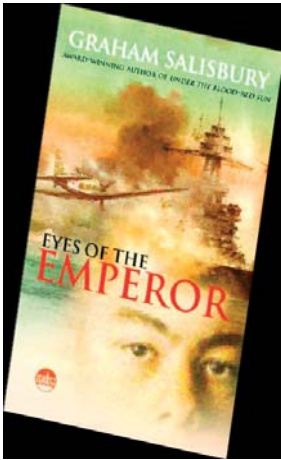


The Crackback

by John Coy

Miles can't remember why football was fun after being sidelined by a new coach, criticized by his father, and shunned by his best friend for avoiding performance enhancing drugs.





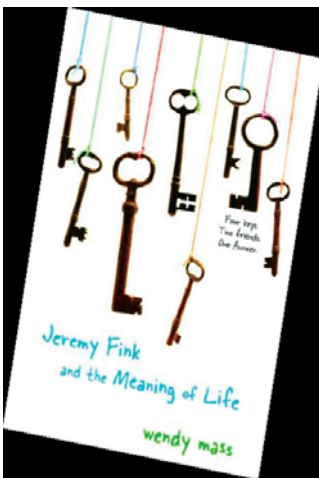
Eyes of the Emperor
by *Graham Salisbury*
It is 1941. Eddy Okubo is 16 years old, a Japanese American, and enlists in the US Army to protect the country he loves. The Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, and suddenly Eddy is the enemy. He and 24 other Japanese American soldiers go on a terrifying secret mission that will test

their loyalty and courage.



Pieces of Georgia
by *Jen Bryant*
Artistic loner Georgia writes a letters to her dead mother in the hope of understanding her father's sadness, her friend's curiosity about drugs, and her own feelings of loneliness. When she receives an anonymous membership to the local art museum, Georgia's life

changes dramatically.

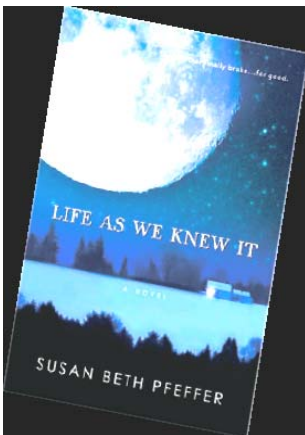


Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life
by *Wendy Mass*
If before your 13th birthday, you received a quadrupled-locked, mysterious box engraved "The Meaning of Life," lovingly handcrafted by your dead father, what do you do? You run around all of Manhattan with your best friend, trying to

find the missing four keys.



Skulduggery Pleasant
by *Derek Landy*
When Stephenie's uncle dies and includes her in his will, she meets Skulduggery Pleasant and quickly enters a world of secrets, magic, and danger. Can she and Skulduggery work together to defeat the evil powers of Serpine?



Life As We Knew It
by *Susan Beth Pfeffer*
Miranda, a sixteen-year-old high school sophomore, is looking forward to getting her license, junior year, and just being a teenager. She doesn't give a second thought to the news of a meteor speeding towards the moon, until it hits.

Life as she knew it will never return.

2009 Nutmeg Book Award (Grades 7-8) Winner was....

Elsewhere
by *Gabrielle Zevin*

This novel asks the question: what happens to us when we die? When Liz Hall dies at fifteen, she discovers Elsewhere, an afterlife where people and animals age backwards until they are reborn again. But Liz desperately wants to grow up, fall in love, and get her driver's license, not rewind to fourteen!

