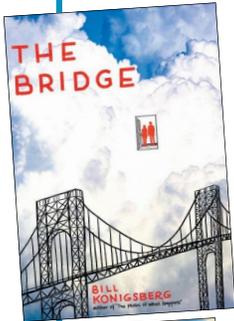


# 2024 Nutmeg Book Award High School Nominees

## Grades 9-12



### The Bridge

by Bill Konigsberg

Aaron and Tillie are strangers until they lock eyes as each is about to jump off the George Washington Bridge to their death. Readers will hear four different captivating narratives that explore the impact of mental illness, suicide, and recovery.



### Firekeeper's Daughter

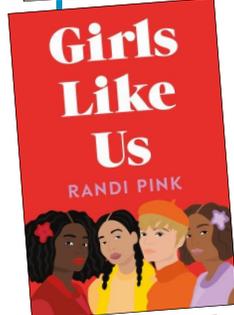
by Angeline Boulley

Daunis Fountaine, a biracial eighteen year old, has never felt like she fits in with her Ojibwe or white heritage. Her dreams of going to college take a turn when several tragedies strike her family and the town. Daunis is pulled into the complex, high stakes investigation and she soon realizes nothing she has known is what it appears

### Girls Like Us

by Randi Pink

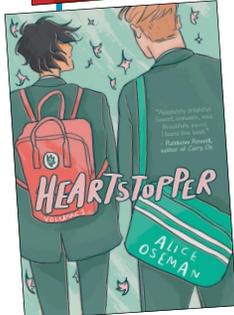
Set in 1972, this historical fiction novel explores the lives of 4 teenage girls from different walks of life dealing with unplanned pregnancies; Sue, the daughter of a senator, Mississippi, a 14 year old with very little education, and Izella and Ola, daughters trying to keep their secret from an intensely strict mother.



### Heartstopper 1

by Alice Oseman

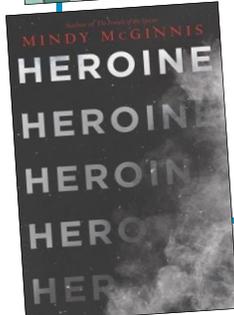
When teens Charlie Spring and Nick Nelson are forced to sit together in school, they are both happily surprised at the start of an easy friendship. Charlie is sort of high-strung and anxious after being outed as gay last year, and Nick is a very friendly, outgoing member of the school rugby team. When Charlie starts to fall hard for Nick, he thinks he's hopelessly crushing on his straight friend – but love can be surprising, and maybe it's not as hopeless as it seems?



### Heroine

by Mindy McGinnis

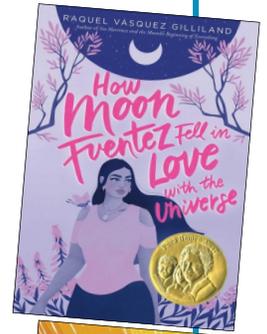
After a car accident sidelines her, star softball player Mickey Catalan will do anything to get back behind the plate where she belongs—but the painkillers her doctors prescribe quickly lead to a deadly downward spiral. McGinnis's novel is a gritty portrayal of one teen's struggle with opioid addiction and her determination to reclaim her own life.



### How Moon Fuentez Fell in Love With the Universe

by Raquel Vasquez Gilliland

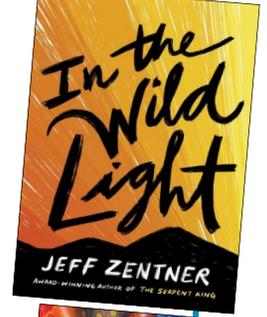
Moon Fuentez lives in the background of her life and in the shadow of her sister, a social media star. On the summer bus tour with beautiful influencers, Moon uses her photography skills to capture her sister's cultivated image and sells merch with sullen, but super-handsome, Santiago. Accepting the good and bad in relationships with her family, Santiago, and herself, Moon discovers she is the center of her universe.



### In the Wild Light

by Jeff Zentner

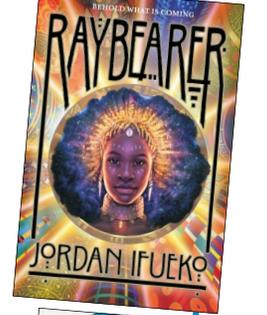
Would you leave the only place you've ever known and the people who love you to follow a dream? Cash and Delaney take a chance and leave rural Tennessee for an elite prep school in CT where their bond of friendship is more important than ever.



### Raybearer

by Jordan Ifueko

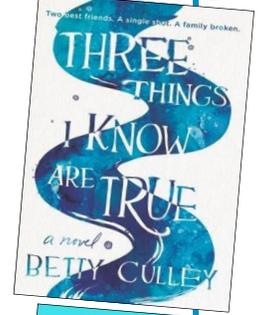
Tarisai has been raised in isolation by her absent mother known as The Lady. Tarisai has finally come of age and is sent to the capital to compete to be one of the Crown Prince's Council of Eleven. If chosen, she'll join the others through the Ray, a bond stronger than blood. This closeness is all Tarisai has ever wanted. But The Lady has other plans, including a magical wish that Tarisai is compelled to obey: gain the Prince's trust and kill him.



### Three Things I Know Are True

by Betty Culley

Liv's brother Jonah accidentally shot himself with his best friend's father's gun. Now, his 24/7 medical needs and an ugly lawsuit threaten to dominate their lives. In this haunting novel in verse, Liv must harness the power of forgiveness to forge a new path through the aftermath of tragedy.



### Today, Tonight, Tomorrow

by Rachel Lynn Solomon

Rowan Roth and Neil McNair have been bitter rivals for all of high school. They have one last chance to best each other in Howl, a senior class game on the last night of high school. After being targeted by other students they reluctantly join forces, at least until they are the last two players standing.

