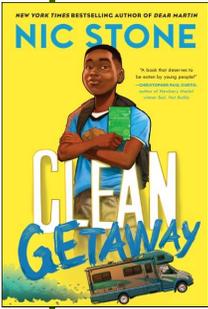


2022 Nutmeg Book Award Intermediate Nominees

Grades 4-6



Clean Getaway

by Nic Stone

With Scoob in trouble at school and home, he is thrilled when G'ma asks him to take a road trip. G'ma's stories make him realize how different things used to be for someone who was Black. And why is G'ma dodging his dad's phone calls and changing license plates on the RV?

COG by Greg Van Eekhout

Cog is just like any other twelve-year-old boy—except his brain and body were created by a kind scientist who built him to learn. When his scientist caretaker goes missing, Cog embarks on a mission to find her and learns more than he expected along the way.

Emmy in the Key of Code

by Aimee Lucido

Emmy, 12, already feels out of place having been born to highly musical parents, while she struggles with stage fright. When Emmy connects with computer class and starts to learn coding she thinks she is finally finding her place in the world—but is it really as easy as do-re-mi?

Harbor Me

by Jacqueline Woodson

In a world full of differences, Haley, Esteban, Tiago, Holly, Amari, and Ashton find common bonds in the A.R.T.T. room (A Room To Talk). Every Friday at 2:00 they tell their stories and connect with each other for an hour without a teacher. What they say in the room, stays in the room.

Planet Earth is Blue

by Nicole Panteleakos

Nova thinks deeply about many things, especially outer space, but only her sister Bridget knows. Nova is on the autism spectrum, living with a new foster family, and Bridget has disappeared. She promised to be back in time for the 1986 Space Shuttle Challenger launch, so Nova counts down the days until the Shuttle launches and she can be with Bridget again.

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise

by Dan Gemeinhart

Coyote Sunrise has an unusual life. She's home schooled in a bus while she travels all over the country with her dad. Coyote is content with her lot in life, but when she realizes that the park near her old home holding special memories is about to be destroyed, she strategizes a way to get there before it's too late.

Sal & Gabi Break the Universe

by Carlos Hernandez

Sal Vidon is new to school and has made an impression. He's been in the principal's office, and made enemies of both Gabi and Yasmany. Sal's magic isn't always appreciated. If the ability to reach through space and time can't make middle school smooth for Sal, maybe friendship could.

Sanity & Tallulah

by Molly Brooks

Sanity Jones and Tallulah Vega are best friends living on board the Wilnick Station. Tallulah's mom finds Sanity's secret and unauthorized science experiment, an adorable three-headed kitten named Princess Sparkle, Destroyer of Worlds. When Princess Sparkle goes missing and the space station begins experiencing technical problems, the girls try to find Princess Sparkle before it's too late.

Wink

by Rob Harrell

Ross is diagnosed with a rare eye cancer in the summer before middle school. After surgery, radiation, a mandatory hat, and really sticky eye cream, can Ross find a way to fit in at school?

You Don't Know Everything, Jilly P!

by Alex Gino

When Jilly's baby sister is born deaf, Jilly connects with a deaf gamer in her online gaming community and discovers that the world does not always treat people the same way. She is hearing and White, her sister is deaf and White, and her new friend is deaf and Black.

