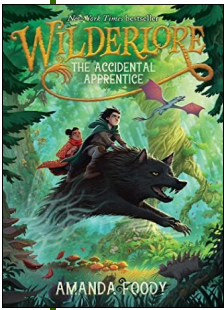
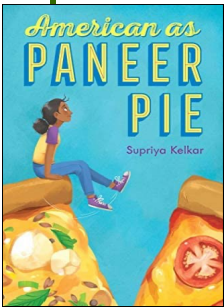


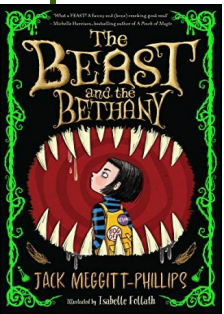
# 2024 Nutmeg Book Award Intermediate Nominees Grades 4-6



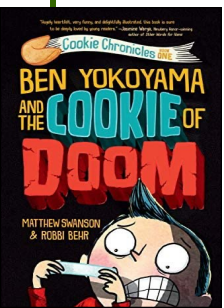
**The Accidental Apprentice** by Amanda Foody  
Barclay is an apprentice to a local mushroom farmer. One of the rules in his town is to NEVER go in the woods. One day though, while searching for a mushroom, he becomes an apprentice to something even bigger than he thought, which alters his whole identity, and life itself.



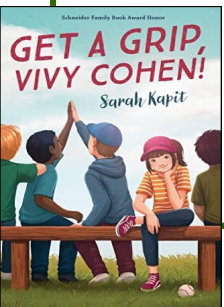
**American as Paneer Pie** by Supriya Kelkar  
Lehka, a Desi girl, gets bullied a lot at school. She finds herself feeling alone and doesn't know how to do anything about it. But then, another Desi girl comes to town and shows Lehka how to stand up for herself!



**The Beast and the Bethany** by Jack Meggitt-Phillips, art by Isabelle Folath  
Ebenezer Tweezer is a week away from his 512th birthday thanks to the beast in his house that keeps him alive (and looking so young)! But the beast needs to be fed, and this time, it is demanding a child. Will a terrible little girl like Bethany satisfy its hunger?

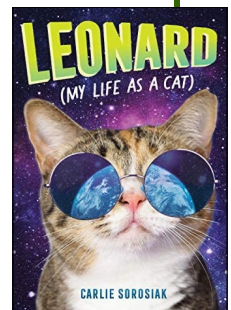


**Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom** by Matthew Swanson & Robbi Behr  
After ordering Chinese food for the first time, eight-year-old, noodle-loving Ben Yokoyama receives an intriguing fortune cookie message. Can Ben and best friend Janet fulfill his fortune while avoiding his love of mischief?



**Get a Grip Vivy Cohen!** by Sarah Kapit  
Vivy Cohen has perfected her knuckle ball. Now, she must convince her overprotective mother to let her join a real team. Told through a series of letters and emails between Vivy and all-star VJ Capello; will Vivy be able to prove once and for all what an amazing pitcher she is?

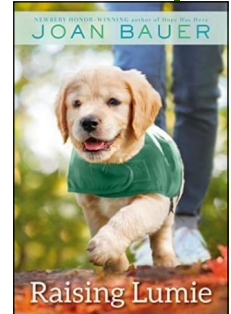
**Leonard (My Life as a Cat)** by Carlie Sorosiak  
Leonard is an alien visiting earth...as a cat. Taken in by animal lover, Olive, he has 30 days to travel 2,000 miles to his rendezvous point, or he'll be stuck on Earth forever...as a cat. But after he grows close to Olive, is home with her or with his species?



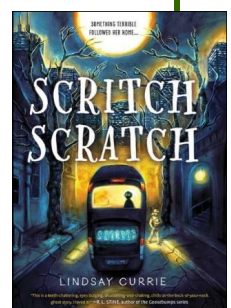
**The Lion of Mars** by Jennifer L. Holm  
Life on Mars has a lot of rules, like 'Don't go beyond the compound.' Now all the adults are sick. When Bell and the other kids find a secret tunnel--leading to another colony--can they bend the rules and overcome the adults' distrust of others to find help and save themselves?



**Raising Lumie** by Joan Bauer  
Moving to a new town with her older sister is enough of a challenge for Olive. Throw in training a sweet new puppy to be a seeing eye dog, and Olive has her hands full. How will she manage it all?



**Scritch Scratch** by Lindsay Currie  
After Claire starts being haunted by a real ghost while helping her dad with his ghost tour business, she knows she needs to investigate! In her investigation, she learns about Chicago's history while also learning about a little boy, eerily similar to the ghost on the bus.



**Witches of Brooklyn** by Sophie Escasse  
When a famous star shows up at your house asking for help, you have to answer the door, right? But what happens when reality interrupts perception-it's witches to the rescue!

