# **2021 Nutmeg Book Award Intermediate Nominees**

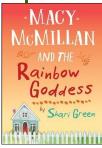
Grades 4-6



## FRONTI DESKS KELLY YANG







### Framed! by James Ponti

Florian Bates has a Theory of All Small Things (T.O.A.S.T.) which helps him navigate through a new school and life. When he explains his theory to Margaret and then shows her how it works in an art museum, they uncover a BIG mystery. Things get really exciting!

### Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Mia Tang's family has moved from China to California in hopes of a better life. When they start to manage the Calivista Motel, Mia gets to run the front desk but soon gets into trouble with the cruel owner. It will take Mia's plucky perseverance to help the hotel guests and her family while trying to reach her dreams.

### The Great Treehouse War by Lisa Graff

After Winnie's life falls apart due to her parents' divorce, she decides the only solution is to move into a treehouse between her parents' houses and stay there until they will listen to her. When her friends move in, there are demands from ten different children and ten sets parents all determined to bring this arrangement to an end!

### I Love You, Michael Collins

#### by Lauren Baratz-Logsted

It's 1969 and the world is awaiting the launch of Apollo 11. Mamie's class is writing letters to the three astronauts aboard Apollo 11. She alone chooses to write to Michael Collins who will orbit the moon while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walk on it. What should she say? What should she do?

### Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess

by Shari Green

Macy's life is turning upside-down! Her mother is getting married and her home is up for sale. Macy is sent next door to help an elderly neighbor who is also moving. Despite Macy's deafness, she and the "Rainbow Goddess" learn to communicate and even discover a shared love of stories and cookies.

### The Nameless City

by Faith Erin Hicks

Kaidu and Rat both live in the Nameless City, but they come from different cultures. Kaidu is the privileged son of the current conquerors and Rat is a street-wise native of the city. Their unlikely friendship might be just what the fragile peace of the Nameless City needs to survive.

### **New Kid** by Jerry Craft

Jordan Banks' parents send him to an elite school far from his neighborhood in the city. Now he feels like he is living two lives and not fitting in with either. What will it take for Jordan to feel welcome with old friends and new classmates?

### The Peculiar Incident on Shady Street

by Lindsay Currie

It is bad enough Tessa Woodward had to say goodbye to the beach and her best friend and move to cold, chilly Chicago with her family, but then unexplained things start happening in her new house. Lights flicker on and off, doors slam and her little brother's creepy ventriloquist doll starts crying real tears. With the help of her new friends, Tessa soon starts to unravel the mystery of what happened in the house on Shady Street.

#### Restart by Gordon Korman

Chase can't remember anything! ANYTHING! Not his name, not his mother, not his friends. When he goes back to school, some people treat him like a king and some run the other way. Who was Chase before the accident? Is this a chance to restart his life and be a better person?

#### We're Not From Here

by Geoff Rodkey

Earth is destroyed, Mars is running out of food and Planet Choom has invited humans to live on their planet. After travelling for 20 years to reach Choom, humans are no longer welcome. One family is chosen to represent the human race. Can they convince the species of Choom that humans are peaceful so they can stay?

