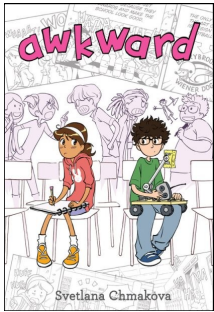
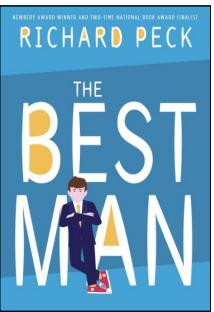


# 2019 Nutmeg Book Award Intermediate Nominees



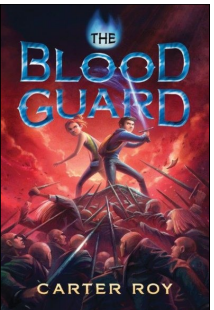
## **Awkward** by Svetlana Chmakova

From the first day of middle school, Penelope wants to fit in so badly that she shuns Jaime, the school nerd. Things get awkward when Penelope's art club and Jaime's science club have to compete for school support.



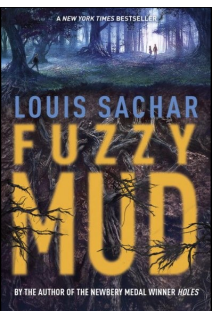
## **The Best Man** by Richard Peck

Archer McGill has a pretty awesome family. His architect grandfather designed his school, his dad restores classic cars, and his uncle Paul has a sweet job with connections to the Chicago Cubs. These three men help Archie navigate through some embarrassing and challenging experiences, but which one is the best?



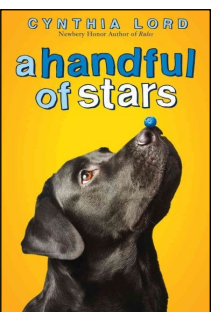
## **The Blood Guard** by Carter Roy

Ronan just thought his mom was overscheduling him, signing him up for every possible activity. Then his dad disappears and Ronan and his mom are being chased by people who want to capture them. Hopefully he has learned enough skills to survive!



## **Fuzzy Mud** by Louis Sachar

Marshall and Tamaya take a shortcut through the woods and encounter a mysterious, bubbling puddle, which could put them in more danger than the bully they were trying to avoid.



## **A Handful of Stars** by Cynthia Lord

Lily would do anything to raise money for surgery for her old, blind dog, including entering a beauty contest. But when a beautiful, migrant worker wants to enter too, the girls learn about prejudice in their small town..

## **The Hero Two Doors Down** by Sharon Robinson

It's every kid's dream to meet a famous baseball player, let alone live next door to one. This dream comes true for eight-year-old Steven Satlow, when none other than Jackie Robinson moves into his neighborhood. Jackie breaks the color barrier on the field, as well as in Steven's neighborhood.

## **Loot: How to Steal a Fortune** by Jude Watson

One night the infamous cat burglar Alfie McQuinn falls from a rooftop to the pavement below, and with his last breath he utters the words: "find jewels" to his young son March. March sets out to solve the mystery and finds out that the "jewels" are not the glittery gems he thought.

## **Ms. Bixby's Last Day** by John David Anderson

Have you ever had a teacher who moved you to make sacrifices you wouldn't normally make? Meet Ms. Bixby - an amazing teacher who has this kind of impact on her students. A trio of boys embark on a quest to make sure that their teacher knows how special she is.

## **Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story** by Nora Raleigh Baskin

On September 9, 2001, four kids from different parts of the country cross paths for an instant. They have no idea that two days later their lives will change forever.

## **Seven Dead Pirates** by Linda Bailey

When Lewis' family moves into his great-grandfather's seaside mansion, he realizes he has a problem, or actually seven problems. Seven dead pirates are living in his bedroom! Can Lewis conquer his fears to help get this rowdy but funny crew back where they belong?

