



## 2025 Nutmeg Book Award Elementary Nominees Grades 2-3

### **ANGLERFISH: THE SEADEVIL OF THE DEEP**

**by Elaine Alexander, art by Fiona Fogg**

Thousands of feet below the ocean's surface, the Seadevil of the Deep awaits its prey. Take a deep dive into the Midnight Zone, and learn about the life of the fierce and fascinating anglerfish.

### **AVEN GREEN, SLEUTHING MACHINE**

**by Dusti Bowling**

Meet Aven Green, a hilarious third grade detective. Aven's skills are put to the test when two mysteries come her way! With her magnifying glass between her toes, Aven doesn't let the fact that she was born without arms stop her from doing anything she puts her mind to.

### **BATCAT**

**by Meggie Ramm**

When Batcat becomes haunted by an annoying ghost, they seek the help of the local witch, who sends them on a quest. Batcat encounters bats who think they are not bat enough and cats who don't find them cat enough either. A little spooky and a lot of fun!

### **THE BEST OF IGGY**

**by Annie Barrows, art by Sam Ricks**

Fourth grade Iggy just can't stay out of trouble. Follow his hilarious misadventures ranging from jumping from the roof on a skateboard onto a trampoline to racing school desks across the classroom.

### **BIG TRUCK LITTLE ISLAND**

**by Chris Van Dusen**

What happens when a big truck gets stuck on a little island? The small community works together to solve the problem. This delightful story of resourcefulness is based on a true event that happened on the island of Vinalhaven, off the coast of Maine.

### **DEAR BEAST**

**by Dori Hillestad Butler, art by Kevan Atteberry**

What's a pet to do when their human gets a new pet? Andy's dog and cat write to each other about life with their boy. Can they possibly be friends?

### **DUCKS OVERBOARD!: A TRUE STORY OF PLASTIC IN OUR OCEANS**

**by Markus Motum**

After a shipping crate carrying it falls into the ocean, a rubber duck finds itself tossed along with 28,000 others, swirling with the ocean's currents. Follow along with the duck's many adventures.

### **EVERGREEN**

**by Matthew Cordell**

Evergreen, a squirrel with many fears, must deliver soup to her ailing grandmother. She embarks on the journey, encountering friends and foes along the way.

### **EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE: A STORY ABOUT BOOKS AND BELONGING**

**by Pauline David-Sax, art by Charnelle Pinkney Barlow**

Nicky spends her recess in the school library, her sanctuary, shelving the books she loves. But when the librarian is away, she must head outside with the other children. Will she take a chance on friendship?

### **FAUJA SINGH KEEPS GOING: THE TRUE STORY OF THE OLDEST PERSON TO EVER RUN A MARATHON**

**by Simran Jeet Singh, art by Baljinder Kaur**

Fauja Singh faced many obstacles in life, including not learning to walk until he was five years old. With determination and perseverance, he became the oldest person ever to run a marathon.

### **THE GREAT STINK: HOW JOSEPH BAZALGETTE SOLVED LONDON'S POOP POLLUTION PROBLEM**

**By Colleen Paeff, art by Nancy Carpenter**

In 1858, London was the biggest city in the world...and maybe the smelliest. Running right through the middle of the city was a river filled with poop! This is the story of the man who cleaned up the river and how he did it.

### **MY TWO BORDER TOWNS**

**By David Bowles, art by Erika Meza**

A little boy and his father wake early to cross the border from the US to Mexico where they spend the day visiting, shopping, and eating treats. On the way home, they make their most important stop: bringing supplies to a family living in between the two countries.

### **THE SWEETEST SCOOP: BEN & JERRY'S ICE CREAM REVOLUTION**

**by Lisa Robinson, art by Stacy Innerst**

Ben likes art. Jerry likes science. But they both love ice cream! Get the scoop on how two friends decided to mix art and science to create their own ice cream business with outrageous flavors!

### **WOMBATS! GO CAMPING**

**by Maddie Frost**

Albert and Pickles are best friends on a camping adventure! Albert can't wait for a rustic experience, while Pickles is imagining a luxury resort. When a baby koala stumbles onto their campsite in need of its mama, the two friends must put aside their differences.

### **YOSHI'S BIG SWIM: ONE TURTLE'S EPIC JOURNEY HOME**

**by Mary Wagley Copp, art by Kaja Kajfez**

Yoshi, an injured loggerhead sea turtle, was rescued by fishermen who brought her to an aquarium for care. As she grew, she captured the hearts of all she came in contact with. Twenty years later, Yoshi was ready to return to her true home.

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