

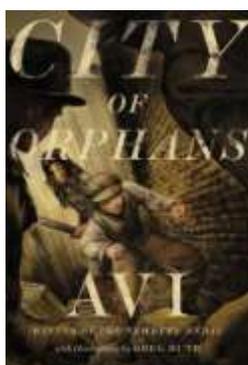
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2014 NUTMEG BOOK AWARD
TEEN NOMINEES
(GRADES 7-8)



The Nutmeg Books are a collection of titles selected annually. Each title is read and recommended by a committee of children's librarians, school library media specialists and teachers, as good literature for students in 7th and 8th grade. This list is intended for young adult readers since some books contain more mature themes.

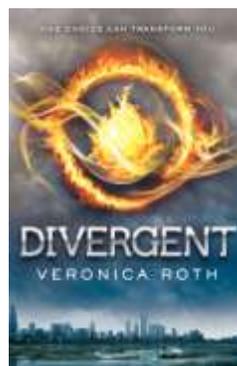
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City of Orphans by *Avi*
 Maks Geless and his sister Emma live in 1893 New York City. Maks is terrorized by leader Bruno and his Plug Ugly Gang, finding himself on the run. Then Emma is arrested for stealing a watch from the glamorous Waldorf Hotel. Can Maks prove her innocence and keep his own

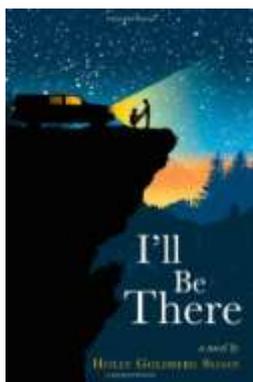
neck intact?



Divergent

by *Veronica Roth*

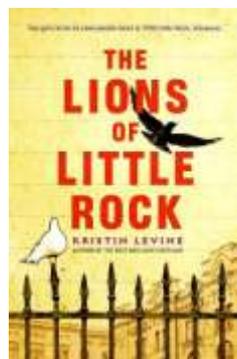
Beatrice "Tris" Prior's life in dystopian Chicago is anything but easy. Fitting into one of the five factions devoted to a virtue is no easy task. When Tris fits into three of these factions Tris needs to hide her Divergence to survive.



I'll Be There

by *Holly Goldberg Sloan*

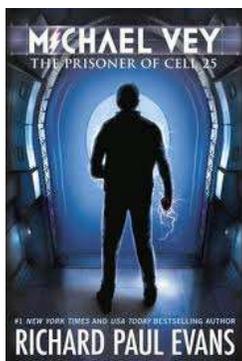
Every day is difficult for 17 year-old Sam and 12 year-old Riddle. Abducted by their unstable father 10 years ago, Sam would never abandon his little brother. Then Sam meets Emily one fine Sunday at church, and everything changes....



Lions of Little Rock

by *Kristin Levine*

Shy Marlee finally finds a brave friend named Liz who makes middle school more bearable. But then Liz disappears for harboring her secret of "passing" as white in segregated 1958 Arkansas, softspoken Marlee must find the courage to stand up against segregation.



Michael Vey: Prisoner of Cell 25

by *Richard Paul Evans*

Michael is forced to move with his mother to a school in Idaho because of an "incident" regarding his special ability to control electricity within his body. Michael finds Taylor, a fellow peer who can read



Mindblind

by *Jennifer Roy*

Nathaniel is mindblind (unable to guess what others are thinking), and given to panic attacks due to his Asperger's syndrome. Despite these setbacks, Nate quests to be a true genius and contribute to

society.

mind, the two pair up with classmate Ostin to solve a mystery.

Read a Nutmeg book this summer!



Now is the Time for Running

by Michael Williams

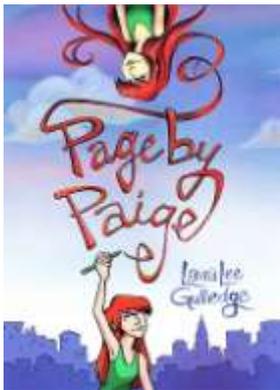
Deo and his brother Innocent are playing soccer when the soldiers come. Forced to flee with Innocent's special box, the clothes on their back, and soccer ball, will the boys find refuge in South Africa?



Okay for Now

by Gary D. Schmidt

Doug is the bullied younger son, the undercover artist, and misunderstood student. Finding solace in the town library, Doug makes it his mission to find the original missing plates from the library's John James Audobon's bird book.



Page by Paige

by Laurie Lee Gullledge

16 year-old introverted Paige has moved from Virginia to New York City with her writer parents. She chronicles her journey in her sketchbook, exploring NYC. But can she reveal her artistic side to her new friends?

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Rot and Ruin

by Jonathan Maberry

When Benny had to get a job, he couldn't think of anything better than killing Zombies. He wishes he had a more exciting teacher than his boring older brother Tom. He would much rather learn from the famous Charlie Pink-Eye. But when Zombies attack his home, he and his brother unite on a mission that tackles good and evil, human vs. Zombie.



Scorpio Races

by Maggie Stiefvater

Sean is a boy of few words and a champion racer of the carnivorous water horses he helps train as a stable hand. Puck Connelly is the first girl ever to enter these life or death races. Set on the fictional Thisby Island in Ireland, does Puck have what it takes to compete against the best and the beasts?

