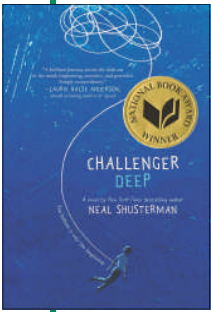
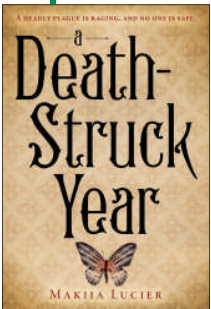


# 2017 Nutmeg Book Award High School Nominees



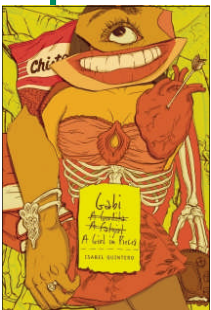
## **Challenger Deep** by Neal Shusterman

Caden Bosch is a brilliant student until his mind splits between his everyday life and delusions that place him on a sailing ship headed for the deepest point on Earth: Challenger Deep, in the Marianas Trench. Shusterman uses artwork and experiences from his own son's struggles with mental illness to give readers a glimpse into the darkness of schizophrenia.



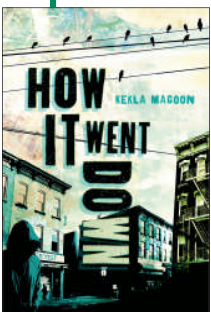
## **A Death-Struck Year** by Makiia Lucier

A 50% death rate offers little hope to victims of the deadly Spanish Flu. When Cleo Berry escapes her quarantined school, she plans on hiding at home to ride out the sickness. But a chance encounter with a brave nurse forces her to reconsider whether hiding is the right thing to do after all.



## **Gabi: A Girl in Pieces** by Isabel Quintero

Gabi isn't shy about her feelings, her appetite, or her writing, and her smart attitude helps her cope with her messy life. How else can she deal with the fact that her dad is a meth addict, one friend is pregnant, the other just got kicked out of his house, and she's got college applications due?



## **How it Went Down** by Kekla Magoon

After Tariq's shocking murder, his community must piece together the truth. However, the voices of his community diverge as everyone remembers the incident in a slightly different way. Those who knew him well, and those who didn't, must all determine, "how it went down."

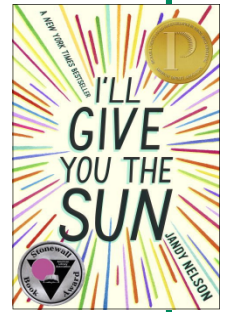


## **Jackaby** by William Ritter

A blend of Sherlock and Doctor Who, with a detective who can see what no one else can, and his newest assistant, Abigail, who has a knack for noticing details. In their first case together, a serial killer is on the loose in 19th-century New Fiddleham, and Jackaby suspects a supernatural villain.

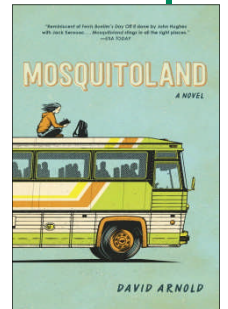
## **I'll Give You the Sun** by Jandy Nelson

Fraternal twins Noah, the painfully shy artist, and Jude, the outspoken daredevil, are driven apart by competition and jealousy. Only if they can find their way back to each other will they discover more about love, the world, and themselves.



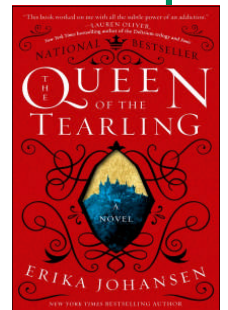
## **Mosquitoland** by David Arnold

Mim was dragged from her home in Ohio to the "wastelands" of Mississippi to live with her father and stepmother, but before the dust has a chance to settle, she learns her mother is sick back home. Mim hops aboard a bus to Cleveland on a journey full of unexpected twists and turns, forcing her to redefine her notions of love, loyalty, and what it means to be sane.



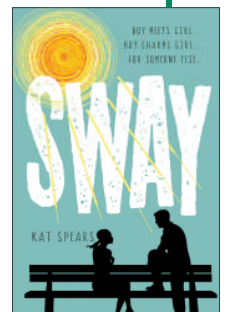
## **The Queen of the Tearling** by Erika Johansen

Kelsea has spent her life in exile, being groomed for the day she will claim her birthright as Queen. Her people have been enslaved in exchange for gifts and political favors, but with the help of the knights of the Queen's Guard and a magical sapphire, Kelsea will fight the battle of her life: to free her people and to save her kingdom from the evil sorceress, the Red Queen of Mortmesne.



## **Sway** by Kat Spears

Whatever you want, Jesse can get. It'll cost you, though. And it's not money he wants in return—it's favors. His no-questions asked, judgement-free services have worked for him all his life, but when Bridget is the item in question, suddenly Jesse's rules don't make sense. And no payment will be enough to soothe his conscience for selling out one of the only genuinely good people he's ever known.



## **Those Who Wish Me Dead** by Michael Koryta

After Jace witnesses a brutal murder, he is sent into hiding to keep the killers from finding the only living witness to their crime. But they are hot on his trail, and more dangerous than the wildfires racing across the Montana mountains, where Jace thinks he is supposed to be safe.

