

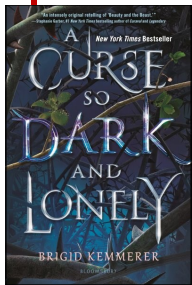
# 2022 Nutmeg Book Award High School Nominees

Grades 9-12



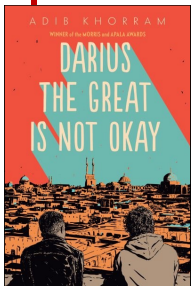
## **Cosmoknights (Book One)** by Hannah Templer

Pan's world isn't as small as she once believed when a pair of off-world gladiators show up on her doorstep for help. Pan joins the ragtag group of LGBTQ+ individuals to fight the medieval-style patriarchy and find her long lost best friend.



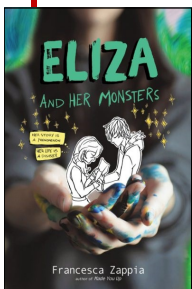
## **A Curse So Dark and Lonely** by Brigid Kemmerer

One minute Harper's playing lookout for her brother's shady dealings, and the next she's whisked away to a distant enchanted land and a curse that only she can break. Can Harper help Prince Rhen slay the beast and break the curse? Or is she doomed to stay in Emberfall forever?



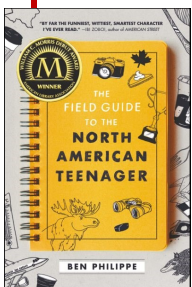
## **Darius the Great is Not Okay** by Adib Khorram

When Darius travels to Iran to visit his family, he struggles to fit in as the odd member out. But over time he learns how to make new friends and come to terms with his depression.



## **Eliza and Her Monsters** by Francesca Zappia

Eliza is the creator of a famous webcomic. Wallace is a new student at her school and one of the most popular writers of fanfic centered around her webcomic. He doesn't realize that she is the comic's creator—and revealing that secret could have disastrous consequences for both of them.

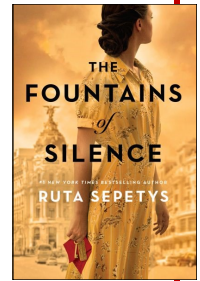


## **The Field Guide to the North American Teenager** by Ben Philippe

Norris moves from Montreal to Austin, Texas, where he reluctantly starts at a new high school. Armed with sarcasm and snark, he catalogs the various groups in his school while struggling to form new friendships.

## **The Fountains of Silence** by Ruta Sepetys

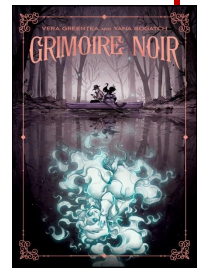
Spain 1957, General Francisco Franco controlled all aspects of Spanish society. While visiting Spain with his parents, Daniel, an American teenager with a passion for photography, becomes intertwined with Ana, who works at his hotel. Together, they discover one the Franco regime's dark secrets.



## **Grimoire Noir**

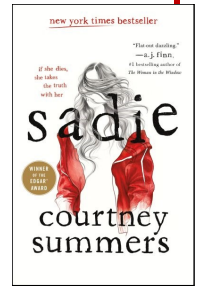
by Vera Greentea & Yana Bogatch

Bucky Orson lives in Blackwell, a gloomy town, home to witches. When his little sister is kidnapped because of her powers, Bucky tries to find her and while searching, discovers his town's dark past.



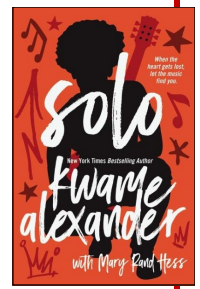
## **Sadie** by Courtney Summers

A victim of constant harassment in her city of Sadie and her sister, Mattie, live on their own in a small town. When Mattie goes missing and winds up dead, Sadie is determined to do a better job than the police to catch her killer. Podcast host West McCray follows the mystery when Sadie herself goes missing.



## **Solo** by Kwame Alexander with Mary Rand Hess

The son of a wealthy but washed-up rock star with an addiction to drugs, Blade Morrison narrates a lyrical struggle to find himself and where he belongs.



## **When My Heart Joins the Thousand**

by A. J. Steiger

If Alvie Fitz can make it to her eighteenth birthday, without issues, she'll be emancipated, otherwise she'll end up in a group home. She meets Stanley and finds herself getting closer to him. But Alvie needs to find the strength to face her past to have a chance at happiness.

