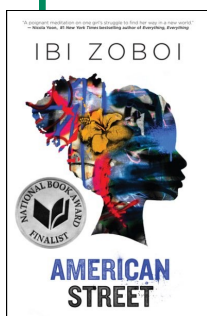


# 2020 Nutmeg Book Award High School 9-12 Nominees



## **American Street** by *Ibi Zoboi*

Fabiola and her mother are on their way to the United States when her mother is detained by Immigration and sent back to Haiti. Fabiola is left to navigate her three boisterous cousins, Detroit's west side, a new school and an unpredictable romance all alone with only her faith as solace.

## **Beartown** by *Frederik Backman*

The junior ice hockey team is close to winning the championship and the whole town is swirling with anticipation. When a scandal involving a player erupts, parents, children, and coaches are divided on both sides. Courage and true strength of character will be found in the most unlikely places.

## **The Cruel Prince** by *Holly Black*

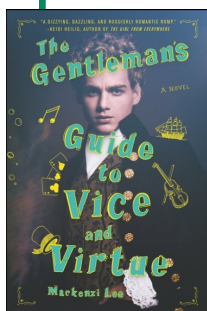
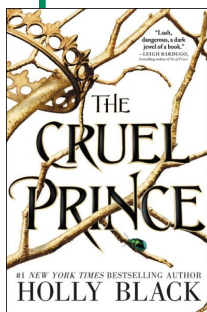
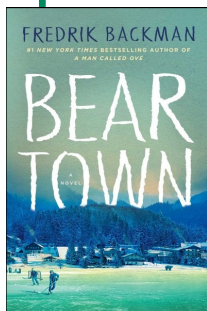
After her parents' murder, Jude, a mortal, was taken away to live in the High Court of Faerie. Jude wants nothing more than to belong in the fey world, but doing so means defying a bloodthirsty prince.

## **The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue** by *Mackenzi Lee*

Wealthy young men in England used to go on a "grand tour" of Europe after completing their education. With his best friend Percy and his wise-beyond-her-years little sister Felicity to accompany him, and adventure at every turn, Monty's own grand tour is an unpredictable roller coaster ride.

## **Goodbye Days** by *Jeff Zentner*

Carver Briggs sent a text message to his friend Mars, a text that may have resulted in the car crash that killed Mars and Carter's two other best friends. With everyone blaming Carver, he must develop new relationships and learn how to cope with his guilt and grief.



## **Holding Up the Universe** by *Jennifer Niven*

After a traumatic event, Libby is ready to take on a normal teenage life. Jack is popular, but he has a secret that could upend his life. Though seemingly different, when stuck in community service together they are both surprised to find how alike they really are.

## **Long Way Down** by *Jason Reynolds*

Don't cry. Don't snitch. Get revenge. These are the rules that Will lives by, the rules that drive him to seek vengeance after his brother Shawn is killed. As Will descends down the elevator, it stops at each floor where victims of gun violence from his past join him.

## **Moxie** by *Jennifer Mathieu*

Viv has had enough of her Texas high schools' sexist, football loving, and small-minded world. Taking a page from her feminist mother's past, she rocks the student body with her underground "zine", and she brings together a seemingly disparate group of girls who find they have a lot to share.

## **Radio Silence** by *Alice Oseman*

This is not a love story. This is a story about a life-changing friendship, a mysterious podcast, and a devastating secret. After the paths of Frances and Aled intersect at a pivotal point, they learn that the only way to live the life you want is to use your voice.

## **Strange the Dreamer** by *Laini Taylor*

Lazlo Strange, a bookish orphan, travels to the semi-mythical city of Weep. There, he finds a blue-skinned family of young gods living in the sky citadel—and falls in love with Sarai, a manipulator of dreams.

