



October 28, 2011
Maine Student Book Award Committee
13 Forrestral Drive
Brunswick, Maine 04011

Dear Maine Students,

What a thrill it is for us to receive the 2010 - 2011 Maine Student Book Award for *Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle*. It is especially meaningful because you, our readers, have selected it as your favorite.

In 2009 we met Nubs in San Diego, CA and spent a day and a half with him and Brian. We brought Nubs a gift bag with his favorite strawberry pop tarts and some Bow Wow Wownies from a doggy bakery. Nubs was up for eating all of his treats immediately. But that probably would not have been a good idea!

Nubs is a beautiful and inspiring dog. We feel it is a great privilege to be able to have told his story. As one student in California wrote to us, "A lesson I learned from the story is never give up since Nubs never gave up!"

Keep reading, and discovering those books that speak to you. And thank you again for this honor. We will treasure it always.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kirby Larson'.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary Nethery'.

Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery