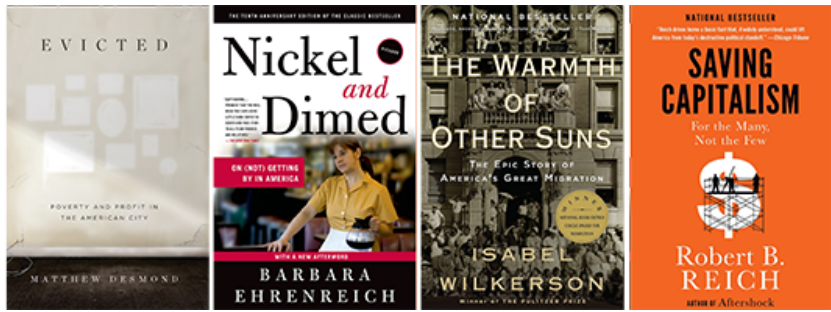


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HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST



Read a book, write an essay, and you just might win part of \$30,000 in cash prizes

Juniors and seniors may write 1,000 to 1,600 words on one of these two books:

- “Saving Capitalism: For the Many, Not the Few” by Robert B. Reich
- “The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration” by Isabel Wilkerson

Freshmen and sophomores may write up to 1,200 words on one of these two books:

- “Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City” by Matthew Desmond
- “Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America” by Barbara Ehrenreich

Winners will be awarded for first, second and third place at both levels, with up to 40 additional honorable mentions. The *Prospect* will publish all the winning essays online at Prospect.org, with a selection in print. The deadline for submissions is May 31, 2020.

Requirements

- Read the introductory essay (linked on the contest page).
- Choose one book to read.
- Review the questions for the book you choose (linked on the contest page).
- Submit your essay along with your verifiable contact information.
- Fill out the brief survey on the experience, and we will take it from there!

Prizes

- **Juniors and Seniors:** First place \$10,000; second place \$5,000; third place \$2,500. Honorable mentions: 20 at \$100 each.
- **Freshmen and Sophomores:** First place \$5,000; second place \$2,500; third place \$1,000. Honorable mentions: 20 at \$100 each.

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