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 March 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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