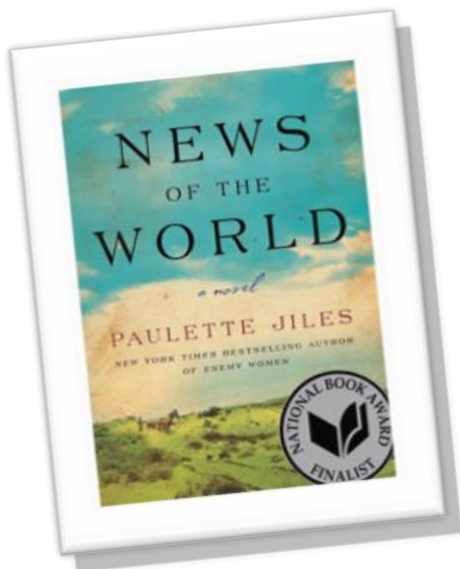




Essay Contest



\$350 cash prize for the winning essay submitted by a **high school student (grades 9-12)**; \$150 cash prize for honorable mention.

\$350 cash prize for the winning essay submitted by a **middle school student (grades 6-8)**; \$150 cash prize for honorable mention.

Winners will be honored the evening of November 14 at the Paulette Jiles author talk in Greenwich Library's Cole Auditorium.

Rules:

- Open to students attending Greenwich public and independent schools currently in grades 6 – 12.
- Essays must be 1,000 words or less (exclusive of in-text citations or endnotes). **Submit as a Word Doc or Google Doc** via e-mail on or before **October 30, 2017** to: GRTcontest@gmail.com. Please include your name, school, and grade in the body of the e-mail.
- Essays will be evaluated for clarity of expression, persuasiveness, originality, and connection with the GRT book, *News of the World*, or the companion book, *The Ransom of Mercy Carter*.

Essay Questions (please choose one):

1) Compare and contrast the selection and delivery of the news in *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles to the methods by which news is selected and delivered to you in 2017. How do these methods influence your understanding of current events? **OR**

2) How does your reading of *The Ransom of Mercy Carter* by Caroline B. Cooney make you aware of the challenges of adapting to a new community? You may want to consider addressing issues raised in the book such as identity, loyalty, and family.

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Submit any questions to GRTcontest@gmail.com.

