



What is GRIT?

*Charles Portis wrote True Grit in 1968, forever giving readers the intelligent and independent Mattie Ross and the one-eyed, surly U.S. Marshal, Rooster Cogburn. Both of these characters exhibit “grit” in different ways - or do they? Show us your definition of a character with “True Grit” by entering our 2017 Flash Fiction Contest. Entries are due **OCTOBER 6, 2017.***

Submissions to the Waukesha Reads - NEA Big Read Flash Fiction Contest will be evaluated within three participant categories: 1) Middle school students 2) High school students 3) Adults

The winner in each category will receive:

- ◆ A \$100 cash prize, an official Waukesha Reads 2017 t-shirt and publication on the Waukesha Reads website (WaukeshaReads.org).

A runner-up in each category will receive:

- ◆ An official Waukesha Reads 2017 t-shirt and publication on the Waukesha Reads website (WaukeshaReads.org).

Judging

- ◆ Submissions will be judged anonymously by a panel of judges. Your name will not appear with the text of your entry during judging.

Contest Guidelines

1. We are looking for thoughtful, well written fiction of no more than 1,000 words. Works of more than 1,000 words will be eliminated.
2. Entries should be typed and double spaced. Include a cover page with your name and the title of the work. DO NOT type your name directly on your entry.
3. Submissions must be of unpublished original work.
4. We are interested in your words and ideas. If you choose to quote an outside source or author, you must give credit to that source by citing the author, publication, title and date. Plagiarism will be considered cause for elimination.
5. To be eligible, each entry must be accompanied by the official Waukesha Reads Contest Entry Form. This form must be filled out completely and signed both by the author and, if under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian. Completing and signing the entry form is certification that this is your own work. Please submit only one entry. Multiple entries will not be considered.
6. All entries must be received by **5:00 PM on Friday, October 6, 2017**. Entries may be dropped off or mailed to Waukesha Public Library: 321 Wisconsin Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186. Or, entries may be emailed to: khall@waukesha-wi.gov.





TRUE GRIT

Flash Fiction Contest

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

School (if a student): _____

Grade (if a student): _____

**By signing this form, I certify that this is my own original work and
that it has not been previously published.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (If under 18 years of age):

_____ Date: _____

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