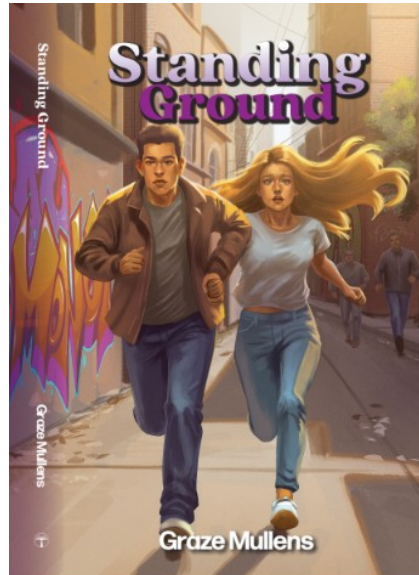


Writing Exercise #3  
***Standing Ground***, The Book

Look at this book cover from *Standing Ground*.



Write a story about **your** community and neighborhood. It may look different from this book cover. Be sure that your story is focused and complete and that it has an interesting plot and engaging characters. (Be sure not to include any characters from *Standing Ground* and understand that the plot should be different from *Standing Ground*). Please limit your essay to the page provided.

- clearly state your controlling idea
- organize and develop your explanation effectively
- choose your words carefully
- use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences