

2025 ANNUAL CONTEST RESULTS AND THE WINNERS ARE ...

POETRY CONTEST

First Prize - \$600.00

Macy Stenson (BC) for "Fragile Gifts"

Second Prize - \$300.00

Sophia Erdogan (ON) for "The Art of Noticing"

Third Prize - \$150.00

Heather Law (BC) for "A Breakup
with the Month of January"

Honourable Mentions

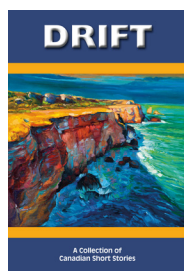
Braden Chevalier (QC) for
"Bury Me Shallow"
Jacqueline Martin (BC) for "The Interloper"
Lorna Foreman (ON) for
"Where Did I Lose Her?"
Kerry Hale (BC) for "Stealing Flowers"
Margaret Collins (ON) for "the fish and the river"
Danielle Rivest (ON) for "absence"
Young Choi (ON) for "The Millstone of Time"
Kendyl Daley (QC) for "Brine"
Ann Paris (ON) for "Remember and Regret"
Norvisi Tetey (ON) for
"Ordinarily Extraordinary"



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Drift

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SHORT-STORY CONTEST

First Prize - \$600.00

Jeremy Haugan (BC) for "The Widening Gyre"

Second Prize - \$300.00

Taylor Fleming (BC) for "A Slow Rot"

Third Prize - \$150.00

Theodore Homuth (ON) for "The Floor"

Honourable Mentions

Becky Hingley (ON) for "Self-Edit"
Solène McCluskie (ON) for "The Third Pill, Pill, Pill"
Deborah Ann Gordon (ON) for
"The Rock-Solid Part"
Atlas Wilder (AB) for "She Wears Him Well"
Jack Hayes (NL) for "The Freaks"
Maria CampbellSmith (ON) for
"Handle Them Gently"
Cynthia Cassidy (AB) for "Wedding Forecast:
Cold with a Chance of Karma"
Hemat Mandair (BC) for "Vitals and Algorithms"
Dorothy Podmore (BC) for "What I Should Have
Said"
Janine De Klerk (BC) for "It Ate Uncle Jim"

POETRY CONTEST for Young Writers

First Prize - \$250.00

Sarah Zhao (ON) for "I Am Both"

Second Prize - \$125.00

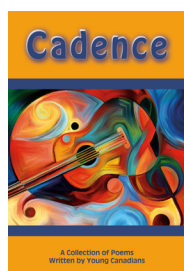
Emily Geng (AB) for "Seconds"

Third Prize - \$50.00

Jenna Kennedy (AB) for "The Light That Waits"

Honourable Mentions

Ellena Li (ON) for "Blue Scrambled Eggs"
Esther Fowotade (NS) for "Perfect Shot"
London Verzola-Rampat (ON) for "cacophony"
Sophia Pu (ON) for "Trapped in the Glow"
Sky Baliuag (NB) for
"A Special Place Deep Inside My Heart"
Felicia Lun (BC) for "My Naughty Stuffies"
Nia Cybulski (ON) for "Spring Is Awakening"
Aiya Al-Shurafa (AB) for "Clouds"
Elsie Ng (AB) for "Love for Soju"
Vanessa Chloe Ma (ON) for
"The Queen of Everything!"



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SHORT-STORY CONTEST for Young Writers

First Prize - \$250.00

Vivian Hao (BC) for "The Rosemary Bush"

Second Prize - \$120.00

Emmanuelle O. T. Kodja (MB) for
"When Reality Hits"

Third Prize - \$50.00

Melody Meng (ON) for "Cookie Cat Mystery"

Honourable Mentions

Naomi Iskra (NS) for "The Would-Be Assassin"
Jessica Jia (BC) for "Fractured Stillness"
Angel Lin (ON) for "Oops . . . I Might Have
Deleted Earth (But I Scored an 87!)"
Eva Ye (BC) for "All the Rain Left"
Jacob Gaochen (ON) for "The War of Nations"
Lanice Chen (BC) for "Frog Infestation"
Safeer Chowdhury (ON) for "The Fishnapping"
Maeve Mosey (ON) for "A Day with Daisy"
Augustine Youssef (ON) for "Greek Dinos"
Amber Wei (ON) for "A Walking, Talking Cupcake"

Congratulations! This is a list of final prize winners only. All contributors are listed in the index of each collection.
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