



## VERY SHORT FICTION AWARD WINNERS

### 1ST PLACE

Anthony DeCasper receives \$1,500 for “Redshift.”

*I've gone from near death to cancer remission, to cancer with a re-mission of death twice before. I just don't have any fuel left in my reserves for this next battle.*

Anthony DeCasper is a graduate of Chico State's English master's program. He lives and works in Chico, growing up in the almond and olive orchards of Northern California. He is currently working on his first book: a composite novel set in the Sacramento Valley. This is his first story accepted for publication.

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### 2ND PLACE

Stefanie Freele receives \$500 for “Everything But What We Need.”

*The cycle interrupted itself, began and washed his dishes again. And again, and again, and again, and again and again. For approximately seven weeks, the now-broken dishwasher washed that same blue-glass lasagna pan over and over.*

Stefanie Freele is the author of two short story collections, *Feeding Strays* (Lost Horse Press) and *Surrounded by Water* (Press 53). (The title story was first published in *Glimmer Train*.) Stefanie's published and forthcoming work can be found in *Witness*, *Sou'wester*, *Mid-American Review*, *Western Humanities Review*, *Quarterly West*, *Chattahoochee Review*, the *Florida Review*, *American Literary Review*, *Night Train*, and *Wigleaf*. [www.stefaniefreele.com](http://www.stefaniefreele.com)

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### 3RD PLACE

Parker Young receives \$300 for “Lighter Fluid.”

*“My oldest son, Ramy,” said Mido, and then he told me a very long story that began with Ramy being arrested for stealing a loaf of bread and ended with Ramy valiantly rescuing some relation of his during a skirmish with police in the Egyptian Revolution of 2011.*

Parker Young lives in Chicago, where he writes. His work has appeared in *Madrigal Quarterly*.

*We thank all entrants for sending in their work!*