



## SHORT STORY AWARD FOR NEW WRITERS

### 1ST PLACE

Erin Rose Belair receives \$2,500 for  
“Rare Items from the Universe.”

*Everyone was tired from the seventies and seemed to be settling down. We rented a one-bedroom bungalow, the floors a milk-white tile.*

Erin Rose Belair is a multi-genre writer based in Southern California. She is a recent graduate of Boise State’s fiction MFA program where she wrote her first collection of short stories, *Vinegar*. Erin is currently working as a travel writer and tinkering with a collection of nonfiction essays. She is interested in the vast territory and complexities of love, the fault lines of heartache, and what sort of moments shape us into the particular people we become. Visit her blog at [roseblacque.com](http://roseblacque.com) or on Instagram @[roseblacque](https://www.instagram.com/roseblacque). “Rare Items from the Universe” is her first published story.

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### 2ND PLACE

Julia Phillips receives \$500 for “Nadia.”

*Back there, in that village they’d left behind, like a child trapped in a stone playpen, was Chegga. His garbage palace of a rental house where they’d spent the last three years.*

Julia Phillips writes about Russia. Her fiction has appeared or is forthcoming in the *Antioch Review*, *Confrontation*, and *The Rumpus*, while her nonfiction has appeared in *BuzzFeed*, *Slate*, and *Jezebel*. She is a former Fulbright fellow in creative writing. Find her at [juliaphillipswrites.com](http://juliaphillipswrites.com) or on Twitter @[jkbphillips](https://twitter.com/jkbphillips).

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### 3RD PLACE

Angela So receives \$300 for “The Water in our Hearts Has Fallen.”

*He’ll think about walking across the street and knocking on the door and speaking to their mother, offering his condolences, but he will shrink and his goodness will fail him.*

Angela So is a Khmer-American writer and a Kundiman fellow. She received her MFA from The Ohio State University. Her work was previously published in *Day One*. This will be her first print publication.