



FICTION OPEN AWARD WINNERS

1ST PLACE

Mark Fishman receives \$3,000 for “Songwad Road.”

I didn't see what I thought I saw, a little reassurance, or maybe I did, joking with himself, Khamsing putting a roselle and tamarind candy, Kra Jiab Daeng, in his mouth, no more cigarettes, and he knew that what he'd seen had really happened.

Mark Fishman's novel, *The Magic Dogs of San Vicente*, was published by Guernica Editions, Toronto, Canada, in March 2016. His short stories have appeared in the *Carolina Quarterly*, *Black Warrior Review*, *Mississippi Review*, *Chicago Review*, *Frank* (Paris), *Purple Fiction* (Paris), and the *Literary Review*, among others. Short articles of nonfiction have appeared frequently in *Purple* and *Purple Fashion* (Paris). Mark Fishman was the English-language editor of the *Purple Journal* (Paris) and *Les Cahiers Purple* (Lisbon). He was nominated by the *Carolina Quarterly* for the General Electric Foundation Award for Younger Writers. He's lived and worked in Paris since 1995.

2ND PLACE

Jessica Johannesson Gaitán receives \$1,000 for “Bad Language.”

They enter shaking their hair and wiping off their umbrellas while making sure they're not getting water on anything too holy.

Jessica Johannesson Gaitán is a multilingual writer whose short stories and poems have appeared in *The Stinging Fly*, *Witness Magazine*, *Structo*, and *The Scotsman* among other publications. Having grown up in Sweden and Colombia, she recently relocated from Edinburgh to Bath, where she works as a bookseller and podcast editor. Twitter: @therookbookery

3RD PLACE

Jill Rosenberg receives \$600 for “16 Days of Glory.”

After our parents left for Vermont, Ruby and I spent most of our time waiting for the Olympics. The world is coming to Los Angeles! the commercials told us, and the announcer's tone was so excited and so serious it seemed to imply that every American had to prepare.

Jill Rosenberg has a BA from Vassar College and an MFA from the University of Montana. Her stories have appeared in the *Kenyon Review Online*, the *Black Warrior Review*, *Crazyhorse*, *North American Review*, and other journals. She's won the Black Warrior Review Prose Contest, the Crazyhorse Fiction Contest, and the River City Fiction Contest. She lives outside of New York in a town called Montclair. Twitter: @jr_fiction