



VERY SHORT FICTION AWARD WINNERS

1ST PLACE

Zehra Nabi receives \$2,000 for “Cow Killer.”

The banker was driving down Sir Syed Road when a cow ran across the street. The banker killed the cow. Cow-killer, cow-killer, cow-killer, the five surviving cows thought as they stood at the side of the road.

Zehra Nabi holds an MFA from Johns Hopkins University, where she currently teaches creative writing and works for the *Hopkins Review*. Her work has appeared in *Tin House* online’s Guardian Flash Friday series, *McSweeney’s Internet Tendency*, and the *Hopkins Review*. She was born and raised in Karachi, Pakistan, and worked for three years as a journalist before starting her graduate studies in fiction. You can find her on Twitter: @zehranabi. This will be her first fiction in print.

2ND PLACE

Mark Watkins receives \$500 for
“What I Know About Where I’m From.”

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

Mark Watkins uses writing and photography to explore his Serbo-American heritage and how it causes him to relate to the world at large. Visit his site at www.MPCWatkins.com.

3RD PLACE

Hank Snelgrove receives \$300 for “Fire in the Foam Bin.”

Adjacent shreds of foam melted, then ignited, and the bin suddenly flashed into flame, quickly spreading to the wooden walls of the enclosure.

Hank Snelgrove is a semi-retired veterinarian living on Marrowstone Island in Jefferson County, Washington. He has written poetry for most of his life. This short story is one of his first, written this year. Most of his work is centered around the stories of a rural veterinary practitioner. You can find him on Twitter: @tsetsibus.