



SHORT STORY AWARD FOR NEW WRITERS

1ST PLACE

Amy X. Wang receives \$2,500 for “Gravity.”

Jamie is busy thinking of skyscrapers, of standing atop tall, tall ladders and cranes and what it would be like to lift the beams into place, again and again.

Amy X. Wang is a writer and journalist born in Beijing, raised in the Sonoran Desert, and now—like so many others—living in New York City. She is a reporter at *Rolling Stone* and previously wrote for *Quartz*, *Slate*, the *Atlantic*, and the *Economist*. She graduated with a B.A. from Yale University in 2015. “Gravity” is her first fiction publication. Find her here: www.amy-x-wang.com and on Twitter: @amyxwang.

2ND PLACE

Gabriel Thibodeau receives \$500 for “Circling.”

Half a mile west, toward the canyon, we’ve made a little cemetery. No tombstones, just lumps of moss and tangles of pine.

Gabriel Thibodeau is a writer, actor, and filmmaker based in Los Angeles. His short fiction has appeared in *Fairy Tale Review*, *The Molotov Cocktail: Prize Winners Anthology*, *Cleaver Magazine*, and elsewhere. He was last year’s recipient of the Speculative Literature Foundation’s Diverse Writers Grant, and he’s currently at work on his first novel. Learn more at www.GabrielThibodeau.com and on Twitter: @gabekhthibodeau.

3RD PLACE

Aleyna Rentz receives \$300 for “Con Affeto.”

Eventually he’d want to know if I enjoyed myself in New York, and how could I tell him no?

Aleyna Rentz is a twenty-two-year-old writer from Southwest Georgia currently pursuing her MFA in creative writing at Johns Hopkins University. Her work has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize and Best of the Net; it has appeared or is forthcoming in publications including *Fifth Wednesday*, *Passages North*, *Wigleaf*, *Blue Earth Review*, *Barrelhouse*, *Hobart*, and elsewhere. She is also a fiction reader for *Salamander*. Find her on Twitter: @Aleyna_rentz.