



## FAMILY MATTERS AWARD WINNERS

### 1ST PLACE

Marian Palaia receives \$2,500 for “Wild Things.”

*It was the late sixties, early seventies, and people were blowing things up all over the country, pissing off presidents, driving J. Edgar Hoover crazier than he already was.*

Marian Palaia, author of *The Given World*, was born in Riverside, California, and grew up there and on the outskirts of Washington, D.C. She currently lives in San Francisco, California, and in Missoula, Montana, and, among other occupations, has been a truck driver, a bartender, and the littlest logger in Lincoln, Montana. Other places she has called home: Boulder, Colorado; Olympia, Washington; Hong Kong; Ho Chi Minh City; and a very small village in Western Nepal. Her second novel, *Wild Things*, is in progress.

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### 2ND PLACE

Peter Parsons receives \$500 for “Elvis, Alive and Limping.”

*Elvis is aging, he limps, he is considered a holy man. I always knew this about him, knew he had it in him if only his wife, girlfriends, managers, drug suppliers, producers would have let him be.*

Peter Parsons has been thrown out of the Peninsula Hotel in Hong Kong. This feat was matched years earlier at the Oban Hotel in Scotland. He says those might have been highlights of his life. Other high points might have been the arrival of his five kids, most of whom still talk to him. Occasionally. He also fondly remembers building two distilleries in the Philippines, which the Bacardi people once told him made the best alcohol in Asia.

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### 3RD PLACE

Emily Lackey receives \$300 for “Trust Me.”

*There’s a beginning, a middle, and an end to every story, she said, and somewhere in the middle, something has to change.*

Emily Lackey is a graduate of Middlebury College and the Bread Loaf School of English. Emily received her MFA from the University of New Hampshire in 2014. Her stories and essays have appeared or are forthcoming in *Prairie Schooner*, *Post Road*, and the *Literary Review*, among others. She teaches workshops at Writers in Progress and in the graduate Creative Writing program at Southern New Hampshire University. She lives and writes in Western Massachusetts. Find her on Twitter @emilylackey.