

Adam Soto
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The Box

And Teenese says, "Yes, I am the woman who appears when grown men cry out for their mothers. I am the ferryman who rows them to the other side."

Zeynep Ozakat
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Moving from Istanbul

He hadn't really traveled beyond the East Coast except for Los Angeles. And he kind of wanted to see where people carried guns, where the Mormons and the Amish existed.

Lillian Li
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Parts of Summer

He was going to be a doctor, but no one at medical school told him about fan death. Sometimes, the Chinese are wiser. We've been around longer.

Christa Romanosky
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Every Shape that the Moon Makes

Somewhere in Mexico there is a crater from the comet that wiped out the dinosaurs, another in Arizona large enough to bury a skyscraper.

Sommer Schäfer
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In the Beginning

To combat minor depression, which he believed to be the cause of some spiritual weakness in himself, he got into vitamins sold under a company called Megalife.

Eva Lomski
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The Things We Build

Estelle's was one of the low-cost bank houses, built in the thirties for employees to buy at reduced mortgage rates.

Tom Franklin and Beth Ann Fennelly
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Interview by Kevin Rabalais

These details of my own life began to infiltrate *Crooked Letter*, and it shocked me how autobiographical the novel had become.

Aurora Brackett
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Beginnings

My mom had been in the hospital a long time. She says her parents were trying to hide her away until the sixties were over, until Carter was in office.

Joshua D. Graber
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Freeman Götttschall

It does not take a Lorenz to realize that the branching possibilities reached this way could drive a man paranoid.

Marni Berger
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Waterside

My body keeps on without me. I see it, running alone through the dark and white world: the navy blue night and the sparkling snow.

David Abrams
David Abrams
A Little Bit of Everything

It was garden pesticides, the accumulation of paper cuts, the sprained ankle from that brief try at jogging in 1982, the diets, the binges, the resumption of cigarettes in 1989 and the re-quitting two months later.

Soma Mei Sheng Frazier
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Flyaways

There is the iconic flat line, and their mother is gone, too.

Omid Fakhrazad
Omid Fakhrazad
Arrested

Naser came to visit us unannounced. I was sitting on a chair in the bathroom, waiting for my wife to give me a haircut.

Rowena Macdonald
Rowena Macdonald
My Brother Is Back

Fran is being her usual self. Completely furious with me. All the time. I'd forgotten how constant she is with her fury.

Julia Strayer
Julia Strayer
Bright and Bleached

From the outside, my mother's house is the mirror image of Uncle Leroy's house. The builders were lazy, I guess. They flopped houses in pairs all down the street.

Siamak Vossoughi
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The Time

All over the world, he would think, there were people wishing that the other person would listen as much as they spoke. He was the one man wishing a woman would speak as much as she listened.

Eric Thompson
Eric Thompson
The King of India

This was the beginning of an endless series of rash decisions about what their unborn child would and definitely would not be.

Maxine Rosaler
Maxine Rosaler
The Red Cart

"No time," he told me. "Been fumigating for forty-five minutes." "That's very alliterative of you, but you can't do this to me," I told him.



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*"In two straight lines they broke their bread
and brushed their teeth and went to bed."
Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans, 1939*