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## **Adult Creative Writing Contest • 2023 Winners**

### **Children's Fiction**

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE**

**Jennifer Sneed**

*Scratch! It Came From the Mall!*

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE**

**Christine Good**

*Bedtime Story for Grown-ups*

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

**James Cosby**

*The Bennu Bird and the Three Mountains*

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

**Rebecca A. Thapa**

*Namaste Sanjay*

### **Informal Essay**

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE**

**Jensen Bloom**

*From Chaos to Courage*

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE**

**Maria Kim**

*Love Language*

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

**Alicia Chesser**

*Stutter Buddy*

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

**Aanika Islam**

*Ivory Seeds of Nostalgia*

### **Poetry**

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE**

**Alicia Chesser**

*The Teller*

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE**

**Gracelynn Walls**

*Our Relatives' Gift*

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

**Hanna Al-Jibouri**

*Kenosha, Wisconsin is One Reason I Don't  
Want to be a Mother*

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

**Bonnie Ashing**

*The Unraveling*

### **Short Story**

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE**

**Dana Himrich**

*The Only Grave on the Moon*

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE**

**Alyssa Zavattero**

*A Family Matter*

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

**Kevin Hui**

*Saffron*

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

**JB Nicholson Hunt**

*Red Dirt, Fried Rabbits and Peach Pie*

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

**Mahli Webster**

*Drippings of the Land*

### **Young Adult Fiction**

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE**

**Jeanean Doherty**

*Massacre at Tugaloo*

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE**

**Xander Donald**

*Chasing the Sky*

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

**Hailee Nicole Henson**

*Dresden*

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

**Warren Williams**

*Grandpa's Cabin*