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Adult Creative Writing Contest • 2026 Winners

Children's Fiction

1ST PLACE

Ana Vaqueiro
Ben Brave

2ND PLACE

Heidi R. de Contreras
Pablito and the Pony Who Cried Rivers

HONORABLE MENTION

Sara Marshall
Snow Wishes

HONORABLE MENTION

Tammra Radford
Dexter is Nosey

HONORABLE MENTION

Devin Rines
Sunny Grows

Informal Essay

1ST PLACE

Emily Williams
Death Dealer

2ND PLACE

Megan Smith
Being Late Diagnosed Means

HONORABLE MENTION

Kenyon Blunt
Another Forgettable Day

HONORABLE MENTION

Aster Meadows
Mr. Stranger

HONORABLE MENTION

JB Nicholson Hunt
Her Birthday is the Least of Her Concerns

Poetry

1ST PLACE

Hellen Wainaina
orphan tongue

2ND PLACE

Corinne Gaston
Athens, Archaic Fist of Light

HONORABLE MENTION

Scott Aycock
Forgotten

HONORABLE MENTION

Kenyon Blunt
Weather: Now With 30% More Adjectives

HONORABLE MENTION

Teresa Dodson
Rest

Short Story

1ST PLACE

Nevaeh Anderson
The Kinder Things

2ND PLACE

Cheri Patton
Pip

HONORABLE MENTION

Maranda Blankenship
Midnight at the Prairie Supermart

HONORABLE MENTION

Craig Powell
The Last Lullaby

HONORABLE MENTION

Sue Wiedemann
Death of a Protist

Young Adult Fiction

1ST PLACE

Calla Andrews
Alone and Forsaken

2ND PLACE

Lindsey Saunders
The Archhuman

HONORABLE MENTION

Kelley Childers Friedberg
Goin' to the Territory

HONORABLE MENTION

Allison Ray
The Dreaming