



VERY SHORT FICTION AWARD WINNERS

1ST PLACE

Rolaine Hochstein receives \$1200 for “Virtuous Woman.”

The relatives told her how beautiful she looked, how well, as she sat on the lawn—a week before she died—in the sun-filled yard in the shade of fruit trees on a comfortable lounge chair that Cousin Josephine had set up for her.

Rolaine Hochstein has published thirty-two short stories, two of which appeared in O. Henry Prize collections and one in the Pushcart Prize collection. She has received fellowships from MacDowell Colony, Yaddo, and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. She earned a mid-life MFA from Columbia University and works at the Writers Room in New York City, where she is also a mentor at Girls Write Now.

2ND PLACE

Anne de Marcken receives \$500 for “Best Western.”

My mom has left the bathroom light on so that I can see. I can tell she is awake, but I pretend that I have to be very quiet so that she will pretend to be asleep and not say anything to me.

Anne de Marcken is a writer, filmmaker, and interactive code artist. Her writing has been featured in *Best New American Voices 2007*, *Hunger Mountain*, and elsewhere, and in 2006 was awarded the Howard Frank Mosher Prize for Short Fiction. She has recently received grants and fellowships in support of her writing from Artist Trust, the Jentel Foundation, and the Hafer Family Foundation.

3RD PLACE

Evan Christopher Burton receives \$300 for “Levitation.”

The steam blast ripped up through the pavement looking like God’s fist lifting Stephen nearly thirty feet in the air before dropping him onto the roof of a parked Mercedes-Benz, killing him instantly.

Evan Christopher Burton is a graduate of Cranbrook Kingswood and Franklin & Marshall College. He has lived in Connecticut, Ohio, Michigan, Atlanta, Florence, and Pennsylvania, and currently lives in Manhattan where he works as a book editor.

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