



VERY SHORT FICTION AWARD WINNERS

1ST PLACE

Cynthia Gregory receives \$1200 for “Melting at Both Ends.”

She is still that young girl who stalled the red Volkswagen Beetle at the cross-roads intersection, learning to drive a stick shift. She is still that young woman who voted for Jimmy Carter.

Cynthia Gregory’s short fiction has earned first place, *Red Rock Review* 2002 Mark Twain Short Fiction Prize, and second place in *Writer’s Digest* 2001 Short Fiction competition. Her work has appeared in *The Sun*, *The Ear*, *Santa Barbara Review*, *Black River Review*, *Briarcliff Review*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Bon Appetite*, and the *Herb Quarterly*.

2ND PLACE

Michael Schiavone receives \$500 for “Ghost Pain.”

We met last summer, the two of us partnering up for The Monkey’s Fist Bluefish Tournament. He told me he’d make a good teammate because of his insomnia. “I can fish all night and that’s when the big bastards show up,” he’d said.

Michael Schiavone’s fiction has appeared or is forthcoming in *New Letters*, *Reed Magazine*, *GSU Review*, *Connecticut Review*, *Mississippi Review*, and the *Tartts 2 Fiction Anthology*. His novel, *Skin*, was a finalist for the 2005 Peter Taylor Prize and the 2006 Miami University Contest. He is currently at work on his new novel, *Road King*. He lives in Gloucester, Massachusetts.

3RD PLACE

Linda Stansberry receives \$300 for “Home for Good.”

It’s October and he cannot afford to pay the water bill, so he and his two young sons take their shits in the backyard.

Linda Stansberry lives in rural Northern California. Her nonfiction can be found on the websites realbuzz.com and theloinsmouth.com. She credits her parents and the esteemed professor Susan Steinberg with any literary success she’s achieved.

We invite you to visit www.glimmertrain.org to see a list of the top twenty-five winners and finalists. We thank all entrants for sending in their work.