



VERY SHORT FICTION AWARD WINNERS

1ST PLACE

J.P. Lacrampe receives \$1,200 for “Farmers’ Market.”

Beside the bum are two Hefty garbage bags that, based on the smell, are filled with carrion and balsamic vinegar. When he catches me looking at him through the mirror, he smiles. What the hell, I smile back.

J.P. Lacrampe’s work has been published by *McSweeney’s*, *Instant City*, KQED’s “The Writer’s Block,” and in *Howl: A Collection of the Best Contemporary Dog Wit*. He lives in San Francisco and is a lecturer at Saint Mary’s College of California.

2ND PLACE

Stephanie Reents receives \$500 for
“The Indefinite Article Is a Different Story.”

There is a spider who lives in a high corner of the big bay windows that look out on the garden. The garden is more like a nursery because all of the plants are in pots, just in case David, the man who lovingly tends the garden, ever decides to move. He has lived in the apartment building for more than twenty years...

Stephanie Reents received her MFA from the University of Arizona and was a Stegner Fellow in Fiction at Stanford University. Her short stories have appeared in *Epoch*, *StoryQuarterly*, *New Orleans Review*, *Gulf Coast*, *Pleiades*, *Denver Quarterly*, and *O. Henry Prize Stories 2006* among other places. She is an assistant professor of English at Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts.

3RD PLACE

James Scoles receives \$300 for “To Cook an Egg Gently.”

Martin half-collapses into a chair, and wipes the thin layer of moisture from his face and neck. He reminds himself to get some good, breathable cotton pants, and soon.

James Scoles recently returned from a writing fellowship at the National University of Ireland at Galway, where he worked on a novel based on his family history and a game of cards. He’s Canadian, and teaches and studies writing at Southern Illinois University.

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