



FICTION OPEN AWARD WINNERS

1ST PLACE

Abby Geni receives \$2000 for “Captivity.”

At the age of thirty-one, I moved in with my mother. This was not entirely my fault.

Abby Geni is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop and a recipient of the Iowa Fellowship. She lives in Washington, D.C., where she is gathering together a collection of short stories. “Captivity” is her first published story.

2ND PLACE

Maggie Shipstead receives \$1,000 for “Via Serenidad.”

She was the type of teenager who moved from childhood to adulthood with a minimum of blooming, looking essentially the same, only older.

Maggie Shipstead graduated from Harvard in 2005 and the Iowa Writers' Workshop in 2008. She was the co-author of the Hasty Pudding burlesque musical *HPT 157: Terms of Frontierment*, and, at Iowa, she received Truman Capote, Teaching-Writing, and Leggett-Schupes Fellowships.

3RD PLACE

Gregg Cusick receives \$600 for “Throwing Furniture.”

But he's willing to drive places no one else will, can work holidays and nights although you'd better believe you'll hear about it, and can find any address and arrive more or less on time. These are all strong values in this business.

Gregg Cusick received a master's in English-Creative Writing from North Carolina State University in 1990. His stories have appeared in *Chelsea*, *Inkwell*, *Alligator Juniper*, and elsewhere. He tutors literacy and bartends in Durham, North Carolina.

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.