

# AESTHETICA CREATIVE WRITING

## Winners Announced: 2018's Poetry & Short Fiction Writers Celebrated

Celebrating excellence in contemporary writing, the winners of the renowned Aesthetica Creative Writing Award have been selected and published within the renowned anthology.

Offering readers an insight into limitless and unforgettable worlds, the compendium includes works from the Creative Writing Award's Poetry and Short Fiction winners, as well as 58 shortlisted writers, each experimenting with form and technique.

The Poetry award was given to Patricia Robertson, for her entry *Fox Says*. Currently teaching at the University of Winnipeg in Manitoba, Robertson is the author of two short collections (*City of Orphans* and *The Goldfish Dancer*) and has been published globally.

Winner of the Poetry entry went to Veronica Swinburne's *A Champagne Celebration*. Planning to write a novel for the last 50 years, Swinburne's winning entry is the first short story she has submitted for the publication, of which she has just completed a first full draft.

**Both winners were awarded £1,000**, as well as further prizes from Creative Writing sponsors, which included a consultation with Redhammer Management, full membership to The Poetry Society, subscriptions to *Granta*, and a hand-picked selection of books from both Vintage and Bloodaxe Books.

**Providing a platform for both established and emerging writers**, the Creative Writing Award welcomed thousands of entries, receiving submissions from over 30 countries worldwide, including Australia, Canada, Germany and the UK, with judges remarking on the outstanding and rich selection of works presented in this year's competition.

The Annual is available to order online [here](#). Submissions for the 2019 Award open 1 December.

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- View the full list of 2018's shortlisted writers here: <http://aestheti.cc/0fb3p>

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