

2016 RPLA Youth Winners



Candice Coghill Award

She Comes Home

Highest-Scoring Youth Entry. Poetry, ages 12-15. Sarina Patel. A note falling down the stairs is compared to the Big Bang.

Sarina Patel wrote her first poem at the age of five and her love of writing hasn't stopped since then. When not writing, Sarina can be found buried nose-deep in a good book, curled melodramatically around a cup of coffee, or just playing the piano.

FICTION

Book-Length Fiction, ages 16-17

- 1st Place. **Sphere of Energy.** Daniela Banks. Elena's search for her missing friend leads her to a legendary object that holds great power.
- 2nd Place. **Apocalyptical.** Michaela Brushwood. Things shouldn't have happened the way they did. Very few people know how it all started. The legendary four knew about it and lived through it. These are their stories.

Book-Length Fiction, ages 9-11

- 1st Place. **The Two Gates.** Mary Grace Galione. A determined 12-year-old aspires to teach a distraught, agnostic girl the importance of faith as they navigate through their first year in middle school.

Short Fiction, ages 16-17

- 1st Place. **Nine Lives.** Kat Golding. A recently wed doctor with a fortuitous genetic trait battles against time and fate to save her dying husband.
- 2nd Place. **The Ventriloquist.** Daniela Banks. The narrator meets a ventriloquist obsessed with the Pythagorean theorem.

Short Fiction, ages 12-15

- 1st Place. **The Mermaid and the World**. Dilly Carson. An ancient mermaid ponders time as she faces the truth of her past.

NONFICTION

Short Nonfiction, ages 16-17

- 1st Place. **Fixing Fluency**. Kat Golding. America has a declining rate of bilingual citizens, with the cause originating in our education system. How should schools fix fluency to catch up with the rest of the world?

POETRY

Poetry, ages 12-15

- 1st Place. **She comes home**. Sarina Patel. A note falling down the stairs is compared to the Big Bang.
- 2nd Place. **The note that started it all**. Sarina Patel. A husband greets his wife when she comes home from traveling and finds her packing again.
- 3rd Place. **Lonely the Rogue**. Sarina Patel. A teenager doesn't want her cat to learn about life while she is away.