

Cinnamon Press Debut Poetry Collection Competition

Helen Ivory and Martin Figura had a hard time adjudicating such a strong field and were extremely impressed with the quality of writing work in this competition. Once they had five finalists, they read and re-read and agonised to reach the final choice. We very much hope to see more work from these poets in the future and from many other entrants.

Huge congratulations to everyone on the long, medium and final lists and particularly to Laura Seymour.

Carole Powell Rosie Miles Aisling Tempany Maria Bennett Ellen Davies Jane McLaughlin Marcus Smith Alex Josephy Cathy Whitaker Margaret Wilmot Ian Marriott Kaye Lee Mark Harrell	Jacqui Rowe Kate Thomas Wendy Halorrow Martin Zarrop Connie Bott Richard Hughes Maria Apichella Sharon Larkin Rachel Davies Lesley Burt Frances Corkey-Thompson Lindsay Fursland	Laura Seymour Pru Kitching Daisy Behagg Neil mac Neil Ellen McAteer Rachel Spence Ruby Turok-Squire Patricia Helen Wooldridge Keith Payne Amanda Rackstraw Mara Bergman Carol DeVaughn Lizzie Fincham
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From these the long list was narrowed down to those entrants who will have work in the anthology:

Laura Seymour Daisy Behagg Ruby Turok-Squire Patricia Helen Wooldridge Keith Payne Margaret Wilmot Ian Marriott	Kate Thomas Connie Bott Sharon Larkin Rachel Davies Lesley Burt Carol DeVaughn Lizzie Fincham	Carole Powell Rosie Miles Maria Bennett Cathy Whitaker Sheila Wild Mara Bergman Mark Harrell
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And shortlisted to:

Laura Seymour Ruby Turok-Squire Patricia Helen Wooldridge Sheila Wild Carole Powell

After a lot of discussion and reading, we're delighted to announce that the final winner is Laura Seymour with her collection *The Shark Cage*. The collection will be published in September 2015. All short-listed poets together with those in the narrowed down long-list will have work in the winners' anthology. This will be published late in 2014.

Thank you again for your support and we hope you will be interested in our forthcoming poetry competitions
Jan Fortune
Cinnamon Press