

Cinnamon Press Debut Poetry Collection Prize, 2018 Adjudication

Thank you to everyone who entered the Debut Poetry Collection Prize this year. We had a very strong long list — congratulations to everyone who made it on to that list:

- Elizabeth Barton
- Sheena Bradley
- Elaine Briggs
- Lia Brooks
- David Gilbert
- Jackie Gorman
- Mike Greenhough
- Lydia Harris
- Karen Hodgson Pryce
- Wendy Holborow
- Alisa Lockwood
- Tim Love
- Phil Madden
- Patricia McCaw
- Laura McKee
- Angela Platt
- Ellie Rees
- Victoria Richards
- Maria Sanchez
- Lesley Sharpe
- Penny Shutt
- Sally Spedding
- Vincent Steed
- Glenis Stott
- Jacqueline Thompson
- Jane Wheeler
- Catherine Whittaker
- Margaret Wilmot
- Elżbieta Wójcik-Leese

This list was narrowed down to ten excellent entries from eight poets (2 submitted two entries that were each strong). Congratulations to the final ten entries:

- Elaine Briggs
- David Gilbert
- Jackie Gorman
- Tim Love
- Patricia McCaw
- Ellie Rees
- Catherine Whittaker
- Elżbieta Wójcik-Leese

A huge thanks to our adjudicator Judy Kendall who whittle these 10 down to a shortlist of four:

- Jackie Gorman
- Patricia McCaw
- Ellie Rees
- Elżbieta Wójcik-Leese

The winning collection is **Elżbieta Wójcik-Leese** with *bearings/ Counterbearings*.

Judy comments:

I would buy this book. It really draws the reader in to a shared fascination with language, and what it expresses, delivered with love and devotion not just in terms of exploration of language in content, but in word choice, form, placement on the page. This is very good work that needs to be seen. A real find.

Congratulations to all those who were shortlisted and particularly to Elżbieta whose winning collection will be published in summer next year.