

2015 OUTSTANDING SHORT STORY COMPETITION FINALISTS



TOM ALBERT

Tom Albert is a performer, director and writer. He graduated from QUT's BFA Acting in 2012. His practice encompasses comedy, cabaret and immersive, experimental theatre. In the last year he has written and performed award-winning cabarets at the Melbourne Comedy Festival, Queensland Cabaret Festival, Judith Wright Centre, Brisbane Powerhouse and Artsworx Theatre with Albert and Valentine and Cradlesnatchers. He has also devised and directed theatre works with Matriark Art Theatre (SYD), The Deconverters (SYD) and QUT's BFA Acting program. He is a solo musician and band veteran, and his writing has been published in *Voiceworks* magazine.



CHRISTIAN BAINES

Born in Toowoomba, Queensland, Christian Baines has since lived in Brisbane, Sydney, and Toronto, earning an MA in creative writing at University of Technology, Sydney along the way. His musings on travel, theatre, and gay life have appeared in numerous publications in both Australia and Canada. Dual passions for travel and mythology have sent him across the world in search of dark and entertaining stories. His first novel, *The Beast Without*, was released in 2013, followed by an erotic short story, *The Prince and the Practitioner*. His second novel, *Puppet Boy* will be released in late 2015.

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ANDY BOREHAM

I come from New Zealand's capital city, Wellington, where I lived most of my life doing this, that and the other. Now I live in Shanghai, China, while I earn a Masters in Chinese Language and Culture at Fudan University. I'm really interested in expanding my horizons, and am especially enjoying reading Chinese literature. Right now I'm reading *红楼梦* (*Dream of Red Mansions*), but I definitely prefer contemporary Chinese literature. I also like cats and recently adopted one who lives around the university — by 'adopted' I mean he follows me up the lift and into my room every now and then to spend the night.



NICKY BRYSON

Nicky Bryson has been a working writer for the last 20 years; contributing a variety of columns, feature pieces, interviews, advertising and copywriting to the world of letters. 'Café on the Road to St Peters' is her first attempt at writing creative fiction since high school.

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SUSI FOX

Susi Fox is a writer and GP in rural Victoria. She is studying Professional Writing and Editing at RMIT, has been published in various locations and is the recipient of several awards for her writing. She lives in Daylesford and is working on her first novel.



ADRIK KEMP

Adrik is a cross-genre author, specialising in speculative fiction and erotica, but he mainly enjoys writing a mixture of both. He has had short stories published in a number of publications including *Coming Together*, Torquere Press and CSFG Press. Upcoming works are in progress with Totally Bound's new imprint, Pride Publishing.

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CAROLINE TAYLOR

I live by the coast in northern NSW. I have worked in women's services, as a TAFE teacher, and as a personal carer. I hope to make my next job traveling and teaching ESL. I would like to write more short stories, including finishing some of those left half-done. I have enjoyed adding some discipline to the freedom and fun of writing.