

miniature*

Winners' Announcement

*OutStanding's *very* short story competition —
40 words or less on the theme of Forty

First Prize of \$200 — Feeling Forty by Mitchell Sullivan

The closet doesn't go away. It's like an old fort. Abandoned, but still standing. Just in case you need it again on *those* days.
When you need to hunker down a bit. Take cover.
Those days you're feeling 'forty'.

So many brilliant stories we've added two runners' up prizes of \$50 each!

Crush by Emma Lindley

Katie O'Shea was the first girl in our grade to get a car.
She was gentle and nervous and when she drove out of school at twenty in a forty zone, she never knew I was always watching.

Loose Change by Conor Duggan

Coffee costs three forty.
I carry three.
I glance at the guy,
His eyes sweep back.
The queue moves along.
Order placed.
'Three forty please.'
I count coins.
Knowingly.
'Damn, I've only three.'
A third hand appears,
Holding forty.