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Announcing the winner of Australia's premier essay prize

Today, Peter Rose, Editor of *Australian Book Review*, announced the winner of the eighth Calibre Prize for an Outstanding Essay: Christine Piper. The judges – Morag Fraser and Peter Rose – chose Christine's essay 'Unearthing the Past' from a strong field. It will be published in the April issue of *ABR*. Christine Piper receives \$5000.

Peter Rose said, 'Christine Piper's inspired essay complements Calibre's long record of highlighting essays of real quality and moment.'

Martin Thomas, winner of the 2013 Calibre Prize, has praised the essay: 'Unearthing the Past' is as much an excavation as it is an essay. Like a horsehair brush relieving dirt from shards, Christine Piper unearths the story'.

About the winner

Christine Piper is a freelance writer and editor. Born in South Korea to a Japanese mother and Australian father, she moved to Australia when she was one. She has previously taught English and studied Japanese in Japan, and currently lives in New York with her husband. See: www.christinepiper.com



About the Calibre Prize

The Calibre Prize (first awarded in 2007) is Australia's leading award for an original essay. The Prize is intended to encourage brilliant new essays and to foster new insights into Australian culture and society.

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