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## 2018 *ABR* Elizabeth Jolley Short Story Prize shortlist

*Australian Book Review* is delighted to announce the 2018 shortlist for the \$12,500 *ABR* Elizabeth Jolley Short Story Prize:

**'Vasco' by Claire Aman (NSW)**

**'Between the Mountain and the Sea' by Sharmini Aphrodite (Singapore)**

**'Ruins' by Madelaine Lucas (NSW/USA)**

This year the prestigious [ABR Elizabeth Jolley Short Story Prize](#) attracted almost 1,200 entries from around the world. The judges were Patrick Allington, Michelle Cahill, and Beejay Silcox.

The judges also commended three other stories: 'Joan Mercer's Fertile Head' by S.J. Finn (Vic.), 'Hardflip' by Mirandi Riwoe (Queensland), and 'Break Character' by Chloe Wilson (Vic.).

The commended authors each receive \$850 and their stories will appear in *ABR* in coming months.

A longlist of fourteen stories appears on our website.

Join us at fortyfivedownstairs at 6pm (for 6.15pm) on Monday 20 August 2018 to hear readings from the three shortlisted stories before a special guest announces the winner (who will receive \$7,000).

The shortlisted stories will appear in our August Fiction issue.

### About the shortlisted authors



**Claire Aman** grew up in Melbourne and settled in Grafton, New South Wales. Text published her short story collection, *Bird Country*, in 2017. Her stories have been published in Australian journals and anthologies and have won the E.J. Brady, Wet Ink and Hal Porter prizes. In 2011 her story '[Milk Tray](#)' was shortlisted for the Jolley Prize. Her early writing life was nurtured by Varuna.



**Sharmini Aphrodite** born in Borneo in 1995, grew up in the sister cities of Singapore and Johor Bahru. Previously published in *Cha: An Asian Literary Journal* and *Smokelong Quarterly*, she was runner-up for her art criticism in *Frieze Magazine's* Art Writing Prize, as well as in the *Golden Point Awards*.



**Madelaine Lucas** is an Australian writer and musician based in Brooklyn, New York. She is the senior editor of *NOON* literary annual and a teaching fellow at Columbia University, where she is completing her MFA in fiction. She has been the winner of the *Overland/Victoria University* Short Fiction Prize and was shortlisted for the Griffith University Josephine Ulrick Literature Prize. She is currently at work on her first novel.

### Further information

More information about *Australian Book Review* and the Jolley Prize can be found on the *ABR* website or by contacting Progressive PR on (03) 9696 6417 or [darren@progressivepr.com.au](mailto:darren@progressivepr.com.au)

**The shortlisted authors will be available for interview.**

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