

## *Australian Book Review's new Rising Star*

*ABR* is delighted to announce its fifth Rising Star: Mindy Gill. A poet, critic, and former editor-in-chief of *Peril* magazine (2017–2020), Mindy is currently undertaking a PhD in Creative Writing at Queensland University of Technology. She has won the Queensland Premier's Young Publishers and Writers Award and the Tom Collins Poetry Prize, as well as a number of prestigious international fellowships. Her collection of poems, *August Burns the Sky*, was shortlisted for the Thomas Shapcott Poetry Prize.

The Rising Stars program – generously funded by the *ABR* patrons – is intended to advance the careers of younger writers and critics whose early contributions to *ABR* have impressed readers and editors alike.



**Mindy Gill**

(photograph by Alex Philp)

### **Peter Rose, Editor of *ABR*, comments:**

*ABR* is acutely aware of the challenges facing freelance writers (especially younger ones) during the pandemic. The Rising Stars program assumes even greater importance as we mentor our best young writers and critics. Mindy Gill has made a real impression since joining the magazine in 2020. We look forward to working with our new Rising Star.'

### **Mindy Gill comments:**

'I am delighted to be named *ABR's* fifth Rising Star; the confidence that the magazine has placed in me is an honour. I feel fortunate to write for a publication so dedicated to enriching the marketplace of ideas, especially in a cultural climate as tenuous as this one. But above all, I feel extraordinarily lucky to receive Peter Rose's mentorship and guidance. Since I began writing for *ABR*, I have been moved by the staunch support Peter extends to his writers, and how strongly he values and encourages their independence of thought. I look forward to writing criticism that embodies the magazine's rigour, fearlessness and uncompromising vision, and can think of no better place to cut my teeth as a young writer.'

### **Interviews**

Mindy Gill is available for interview. Please direct requests to Peter Rose at [editor@australianbookreview.com.au](mailto:editor@australianbookreview.com.au) | (03) 9699 8822

### **Previous Rising Stars**

Alex Tighe (2019), Sarah Walker (2019), Declan Fry (2020), Anders Villani (2021).