

Thank you to everyone who submitted to this year's Richard Wilbur Award for Poetry. We are pleased to announce that judge David Yezzi has chosen **M.B. Smith's manuscript *Midlife*** as the winner of the 2021 book award. He will receive a \$1000 prize and publication of his manuscript with the University of Evansville Press.

There were a number of strong manuscripts this year, and we would like to thank everyone who participated. Our next contest will be held in fall 2022, with the usual deadline of December 1 of that year. A judge will be announced later this year.

Thank you all again for your patience and your good work, and we hope to see your manuscripts again in 2022.

THE WINNER

M.B. SMITH's first book, *Dirge for an Imaginary World*, won the 2011 Able Muse Book Award. His poems have appeared in numerous journals and anthologies, including *AGNI*, *American Life in Poetry*, *Beloit Poetry Journal*, *Best American Poetry*, *Poetry Daily*, *Subtropics*, and *Threepenny Review*. He is married to the writer Joanna Pearson. They live in North Carolina with their daughters.

THE FINALISTS

The Anthropocene Wing by Brian Brodeur
Native to Now by Amy Bagan
Imaginary Sonnets by Daniel Galef
Oxblood by Nicole Garcia
Storm Swimmer by Ernest Hilbert
Shared History by Jean Kreiling
The Shape of the Room by John Moessner
I Almost Just Woke Up by Leslie Monsour
Neighborhood Bestiary by Maura Stanton
Morning Evening Apple Fall by Sally Thomas

Thanks again, and best of luck with your fine work.

Sincerely,
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