

Best of 2020-2021: Favorite Online Fiction & Short Stories

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Continuing with our series of “[Best of 2020-2021](#)” lists curated by the entire *Entropy* community, we present some of our favorite selections as nominated by the diverse staff and team here at *Entropy*, as well as thousands of nominations from our readers. The lists this year are especially meaningful as they mark the final time we’ll be doing them, and some of the last content that will be going up on the website. (Read [the farewell post](#) from our founder here.)

This list brings together some of our favorite short stories & works of fiction published online in 2020 and 2021.

([For last year’s list, click here.](#))

In no particular order...

1. [“The Hawk”](#) by Jules Chung (*Catapult*)
2. [“The Carriage Became a Pie”](#) by Lucy Zhang (*Diagram*)
3. [“Long Live the Girl Detective”](#) by Megan Pillow (*Electric Literature*)
4. [“The High Shelf”](#) by Dawnie Walton (*LitHub*)
5. [“Death Sentence”](#) by Edward Derbes (*Barzakh*)
6. [“Xiao Gui / 小鬼”](#) by K-Ming Chang (*The Offing*)

7. ["Apocalypse Movie"](#) by K-Ming Chang (*ANMLY*)
8. ["12 Worlds Interrupted by the Drone"](#) by Fargo Tbakhi (*Strange Horizons*)
9. ["The Center of the Universe"](#) by Nadia Shammās (*Strange Horizons*)
10. ["Offering"](#) by LaToya Jordan (*ANMLY*)
11. ["Alfie's Resolve"](#) by Marcus Ong (*Newfound*)
12. ["Such Great Height and Consequence"](#) by Kelsey Norris (*Black Warrior Review*)
13. ["You Do You"](#) by Richard Chiem (*Catapult*)
14. ["Mess You Up"](#) by Richard Chiem (*Catapult*)
15. ["Hong's Mother"](#) by May-lee Chai (*Shenandoah*)
16. ["Dinner With Craig"](#) by Kate Folk (*The Adroit Journal*)
17. ["Prologue"](#) by Eugene Lim (*Granta*)
18. ["Faces and Darkness Separate Us"](#) by Carson Faust (*ANMLY*)
19. ["Your House"](#) by Francine Witte (*Goats Milk Magazine*)
20. ["Cat World"](#) by Elle Nash (*Guernica*)
21. ["Ten Year Affair"](#) by Erin Somers (*Joyland*)
22. ["The Writer"](#) by Janice Lee (*Diagram*)
23. ["A Series of Parables"](#) by Clare Harmon (*Barzakh*)
24. ["A Smile the Size of a Crescent Moon"](#) by Fajer Alexander

Khansa (*TriQuarterly*)

25. [“Mango Market”](#) by Amber Officer-Narvasa (*TriQuarterly*)
26. [“Hyung”](#) by Joseph Han (*Catapult*)
27. [“How Do I Know I Am Alive?”](#) by Jon Rosseau (*Neon Garden*)
28. [“Cancel Me”](#) by Honor Levy (*Tyrant Books*)
29. [“Qasba”](#) by Tript Kaur (*Barzakh*)
30. [“Illusions of Freedom”](#) by Oluwatomiwa Ajeigbe (*Baffling Magazine*)
31. [“Brother One Wing”](#) by Maggie Damken (*Baffling Magazine*)
32. [“Birds Are Trying to Reinvent Your Heart”](#) by Jennifer Mace (*Baffling Magazine*)
33. [“An Egg Begets an Egg”](#) by Justin Noga (*Witness*)
34. [“The Stoat”](#) by Nick Perilli (*X-R-A-Y*)
35. [“The Abaarso School for Clever Girls”](#) by Claire Rudy Foster (*Catapult*)
36. [“An Adult Taste”](#) by Kang Young-sook, Trans. by Janet Hong (*Granta*)
37. [“The Loaf”](#) by Rachel Yoder (*Guernica*)
38. [“This Constant Living”](#) by Karishma Jobanputra (*Wildness*)
39. [“Anything Could Disappear”](#) by Danielle Evans (*Electric Literature*)
40. [“The Ghost Birds”](#) by Karen Russell (*The New Yorker*)