

Cinnamon Press Annual Debut Novel/Novella Prize 2015

We had a very strong long-list which was finally wrestled down to ten extremely promising and strong submissions:

- *Fleeing to Angels* by Michael Jenkins;
- *The Red Circle* by Maria Apichella;
- *Under the Pipal Tree* by Anjana Chowdhury;
- *Starting Over* by Erik Lofroth;
- *The Matter* by Stephanie Percival;
- *Tales for the Greenhills* by Terry Melia;
- *Never Look Back* by Ashleigh Davies;
- *A Beginner's Guide to Childhood* by Isobel Allen;
- *Entertaining Angels* by Petina Strohmer; and
- *Black Sheep Cottage* by Michelle Pashley.

So difficult was the next stage, that our judge, Ian Gregson, read the whole manuscript from six short-listed entrants:

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- *Under the Pipal Tree* by Anjana Chowdhury;
- *Starting Over* by Erik Lofroth;
- *The Matter* by Stephanie Percival;
- *Entertaining Angels* by Petina Strohmer; and
- *Black Sheep Cottage* by Michelle Pashley.

These were all strong manuscripts, so much so that we're delighted to announce that three runners-up are now in our forward lists for 2016-2018, so congratulations (in alphabetical order) to:

- I. **Michelle Pashley** — *Black Sheep Cottage*;
- II. **Stephanie Percival** — *The Matter*; and
- III. **Petina Strohmer** — *Entertaining Angels*.

The winner had to be outstanding in this competition and Ian was particularly impressed with **Anjana Chowdhury's** *Under the Pipal Tree*. Huge congratulations to Anjana, whose novel will be available early in 2017.