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Fiction

SCOTT BLACKWOOD’s novel See How Small won the 2016 PEN USA Award and was a New York Times Editor’s Choice and notable book pick. His previous novel We Agreed to Meet Just Here earned him a 2011 Whiting Award and the AWP Prize for the Novel. His nonfiction has been a National Magazine Award finalist and The Rise and Fall of Paramount Records was nominated for a 2015 Grammy Award for writing on music.

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JOHN TAIT’s short stories have appeared in Crazierhorse, TriQuarterly, Prairie Schooner, The Sun, Michigan Quarterly and elsewhere and have been reprinted in New Stories from the Southwest and cited in Best American Short Stories. He has been the recipient of a National Magazine Award and the winner of the Tobias Wolff Fiction Award as well as first runner-up for the National Magazine Award and the third Place award in the H. E. Francis Literary Competition, Tobias Wolff Fiction Award.

Nonfiction

BONNIE FRIEDMAN is the author of Writing Past Dark: Envy, Fear, Distraction, and Other Dilemmas in the Writer’s Life, The Thief of Happiness, and, most recently, Surrendering Oz: A Life in Essays, which was longlisted for the PEN/Diamonstein-Spielvogel Award for the Art of the Essay. A three-time Notable Essayist in The Best American Essays, her work has appeared in The Best American Movie Writing, The Best Writing on Writing, and The Best Buddhist Writing.

JILL TALBOT is the author of The Way We Weren’t: A Memoir and Loaded: Women and Addiction. She’s also the editor of MetaWriting: Toward a Theory of Nonfiction. Her writing has appeared in journals such as AGNI, Brevity, Colorado Review, Diagram, Hotel Amerika, Longreads, The Normal School, The Paris Review Daily, and River Teeth and has been recognized by The Best American Essays.

Poetry

BRUCE BOND is the author of twenty-three books including, most recently, Immanent Distance: Poetry and the Metaphysics of the Near at Hand, Black Anthem (Tampa Review Prize), Gold Bee (Helen C. Smith Award, Crab Orchard Award), Sacrum, Blackout Starlight: New and Selected Poems 1997–2015 (E. Philibaum Award), Rise and Fall of the Lesser Sun Gods (Elvior Poetry Prize), Frankenstein’s Children, Dear Reader, and Plurality and the Poetics of Self. Other honors include the Meringoff, Lynda Hull, River Styx International, Laurence Goldstein, Allen Tate, Knightville, and Richard Peterson awards and fellowships from the NEA and the Texas Institute for the Arts.

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