

THE 2018 NEW ISSUES POETRY PRIZE

Mistress

BY CHET'LA SEBREE



Chet'la Sebree has won the 2018 New Issues Poetry Prize for her manuscript *Mistress*. Cathy Park Hong judged.

Sebree wins a \$1,000 award and publication of her manuscript in the fall of 2019.

Chet'la Sebree was the 2014-2016 Stadler Fellow at Bucknell University's Stadler Center for Poetry. She is a graduate of American University's MFA in Creative

Writing Program and has received fellowships from The MacDowell Colony, Yaddo, Hedgebrook, Vermont Studio Center, and the Richard H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. Poems from her collection *Mistress* have appeared or are forthcoming in *Kenyon Review*, *Pleiades*, *Guernica*, *The Account*, *Gulf Coast*, *Auburn Avenue*, *wildness*, and *Crazyhorse* as well as *Monticello in Mind: Fifty Contemporary Poets on Jefferson* (University of Virginia Press, 2016) edited by Lisa Russ Spaar. Sebree was raised in the Mid-Atlantic on Maryland blue crabs.

Also accepted for publication:

Raghead by Eman Hassan

The New Issues Poetry Prize is selected by a guest judge. Thank you to Cathy Park Hong for judging our 2018 contest.

The 2019 prize will be selected by Jericho Brown. Guidelines for the 2019 prize are available on our website.

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- 2017: Nina Puro
*Each Tree Could Hold a
Noose or a House*
Judge: David Rivard
- 2016: Courtney Kampa
Our Lady of Not Asking Why
Judge: Mary Szybist
- 2015: Sawnie Morris
Her, Infinite
Judge: Major Jackson
- 2014: Abdul Ali
Trouble Sleeping
Judge: Fanny Howe
- 2013: Kerrin McCadden
*Landscape with Plywood
Silhouette*
Judge: David St. John
- 2012: Marni Ludwig
Pinwheel
Judge: Jean Valentine
- 2011: Andrew Allport
*the body | of space |
in the shape of the human*
Judge: David Wojahn
- 2010: Jeff Hoffman
*Journal of American Foreign
Policy*
Judge: Linda Gregerson
- 2009: Judy Halebsky
Sky=Empty
Judge: Marvin Bell
- 2008: Justin Marks
A Million in Prizes
Judge: Carl Phillips
- 2007: Sandra Beasley
Theories of Falling
Judge: Marie Howe
- 2006: Jason Bredle
Standing in Line for the Beast
Judge: Barbara Hamby
- 2005: Katie Peterson
This One Tree
Judge: William Olsen