V. S. Pritchett Short Story Prize
2021 longlist announced

This Prize of £1,000 goes to the best unpublished short story of the year. The winning entry is published in *Prospect* magazine online and in the *RSL Review*.

The judges, **Rowan Hisayo Buchanan**, **Paul McVeigh** and **Emma Jane Unsworth** have selected the following:

- Sophie Baker ‘Clay’
- Owen Booth ‘Middle-Aged Sex Object’
- Maureen Cullen ‘The Cailleach of Redgauntlet Close’
- Rashad Hosein ‘Aji’
- B Johnson ‘Idolatry’
- Toby Lloyd ‘Bagatelles’
- Amanda Mason ‘Three Times, Lefthandwise’
- Maeve Mulrennan ‘Known To The Gardaí’
- Emer O’Hanlon ‘Savior Complex’
- Leeor Ohayon ‘Gahnun on Shabbat’
- Penny Simpson ‘until your wild world ends’
- Jacqueline Yallop ‘Dry Stone’

**Notes to Editors**

**History of the Prize**

The V.S. Pritchett Short Story Prize was founded by the RSL in 1999 to commemorate the centenary of an author widely regarded as the finest English short story writer of the 20th century. The Prize seeks to preserve a tradition encompassing Pritchett’s mastery of narrative. Stories are judged anonymously by a panel of writers. Previous winners have included Emily Ruth Ford, Jonathan Tel, Martina Devlin, Carys Davies and Kate Lockwood Jefford.

The RSL is grateful to the Authors’ Licensing and Collecting Society (ALCS) for supporting this Prize. The RSL is also grateful to *Prospect* for publishing the winning story online.

The 2021 shortlist will be announced on 24 November and the winner on 15 December.

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