



Winners and Finalists of the NSW 30th Annual Writing Competition 2026

FICTION

First Place	“The Test”	Anne Trautwein
Second Place	“Roadside Chances”	Alison Marier
Third Place	“Notorious”	Peter Zednick
Hon. Mention	“The One in the Wallet”	Oliver Riley Hickman

NON-FICTION

First Place	“Existence and Uniqueness”	Fareesah Malik
Second Place	“Do All Right Repairs”	Lillian Au
Third Place	“Unfinished Business”	Debra Dolan
Hon. Mention	“Please Don’t Look at My Belly”	Vansh Malhotra

POETRY

First Place	“The Guys”	Atma Frans
Second Place	“Wormsong: The Liturgy of Decay”	Bryn Rahusaar Routledge
Third Place	“On Ambleside Beach”	Marianne Pengelly
Hon. Mention	“About Marmalade”	Annabel Li

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Winners (two!)	“Snowy Apocalypse” and “Chasing”	Leona Dong
	“Huiguo”	Zoe Wang
Hon. Mention	“Caution”	Elise Anna George
Hon. Mention	“Drowning Memories”	Peter Xu

11 and under

Winner	“Spiraled Eyes”	Stanley Harry
Hon. Mention	“A Winning Ticket”	Veronica Tikhomirova
Hon. Mention	“The Story of Luis Morales”	Dean Brown