

## **COSTA SHORT STORY AWARD 2015**

### **WINNER**



#### **DANNY MURPHY**

##### ***Rogey***

*Our lives unfold in stories, their meaning revealed at the last, in their endings. And Rogey's story? And me?*

Danny Murphy gave up teaching and headteaching in 2010 to concentrate on his writing but, after a spell as a volunteer Adviser in the Cambodian Ministry of Education, he got sidetracked into publishing three books on education to help with training teachers and headteachers: *Dealing with Dilemmas* (2013), *Schooling Scotland* (2014) and *Everyone's Future* (2015). Having got these off his chest and off his desk, he's now spending more time on his creative writing, with a book of interlinked short stories and a psychological thriller under way. He lives in Stirling and works part-time in Moray House School of Education at the University of Edinburgh.

### **SECOND**



#### **ERIN SOROS**

##### ***Fallen***

*A logging accident takes a man's arm. The only woman living in camp gathers with the loggers to mark the loss.*

Erin Soros has published fiction and non-fiction in international journals and anthologies, and her stories have been aired on the CBC and BBC as recipients of the CBC Literary Award, the Commonwealth Prize for the Short Story, and as a finalist for the BBC Short Story Award. She has twice been longlisted for the *Sunday Times* EFG Short Story Award and her story, "Still Water, BC", was a finalist for the 2013 Costa Short Story Award. She was the Charles Pick Fellow at the University of East Anglia and, most recently, was the Harper-Wood Fellow at St John's College, Cambridge—a position that funded travel to research Inuvialuit oral history in the Canadian Arctic.

### **THIRD**



#### **ANNALISA CRAWFORD**

##### ***Watching the Storms Roll In***

*We watch the storm coming in, you and I; the bubbling black clouds and the faint growl of thunder.*

Annalisa Crawford lives in Saltash in Cornwall and is a part-time gym instructor. She is the author of novellas *Cat and the Dreamer* and *Our Beautiful Child* which are published by Vagabondage Press, and a short story collection, *That Sadie Thing*. Her new collection *You. I. Us.* will be published in June 2016 by Vine Leaves Press.