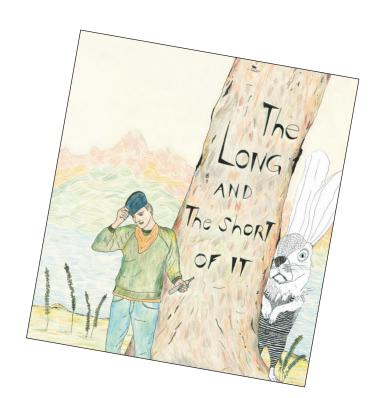
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The Long and the Short of It

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The winners of The Long and the Short of It competition for stories over 10,000 words and under 1000 words, as judged by Elizabeth Knox, Bill Manhire and Emily Perkins.

The best story over 10,000 words: 'The Road to Tokomairiro' by Lawrence Patchett

Highly commended: 'Anchorage' by Sylvie Thomson

'When We Were Bread' by Anna Jackson

The best story under 1000 words: 'Clean Hands Save Lives' by Kirsten McDougall

Highly commended: 'The Orienteer' by Rachel O'Neill

'The Waikato Farmers' by Craig Cliff

The winners will be presented with their prizes – \$1000 book tokens from Unity Books – at the Auckland Writers Festival, Sunday 15 May, 5-6.15pm, when they will also read from their work and be interviewed on stage by Emily Perkins. All welcome.

Both authors have yet to publish their first books. Kirsten McDougall has had fiction and poetry published in *Sport, Turbine* and *Big Weather: Poems of Wellington* (2nd edition). Lawrence Patchett's work has appeared in *Sport, Booknotes* and *Lumière Reader.* He is literary co-editor of Hue and Cry, and currently working towards a PhD in creative writing at Victoria University.

The two winning stories are also published in the new issue of the literary magazine Sport.

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