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## EDITOR'S NOTE

This collection celebrates 10 years of the finest English Senryu from around the world by 85 of our TOP Contributors, featuring 337 poems plucked from the journal's first 29 issues by past and current *Prune Juice* editors.

Since 2009, *Prune Juice* is honored to have published over 700 poets and artists, showcasing tens of thousands of their wittiest and most poignant Senryu, Kyoka, Haibun, and Haiga. During the course of researching the anthology project, we discovered there's a group of dedicated contributors who've been publishing with us, issue after issue, year after year, editor after editor, many going back to our earliest days in print. While we celebrate ALL of the poets who've found a home in our pages over the past decade, it is our "TOP Contributors" of the *Prune Juice* family that this anthology serves to spotlight.

You will meet these esteemed poets chronologically, in the order of their first appearance with the journal — inaugural issue artists in the front, progressing through the book to the newest contributors closing the collection. Each author's selection is arranged to give you a sample senryu from her/his earliest appearance to the most recent. Introducing each selection, you'll also find the author's total number of issues with PJ, to help celebrate their long-standing contributions to the genre.

Thank YOU for celebrating PJ's first 10 years with us — and for toasting to our next 10 years! Please enjoy, explore alone, read aloud, or share with a crowd!

In gratitude,

Brent Goodman  
*Editor, Prune Juice*

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# Bob Lucky - Saudi Arabia

*22 issues*

the Dow drops again  
the financial section  
lines the birdcage

*#01 2009*

looking for love  
in all the wrong places —  
and finding it

*#04 2010*

plastic surgeon  
the laminated hours  
taped to the door

*#06 2011*

Tour de France I crash on the sofa

*#10 2013*

topless beach  
all the women  
my age

*#11 2013*

supper cruise tossing the salad one more time

*#18 2016*

custody battle  
the agenda a series  
of bullet points

*#20 2016*

department meeting  
an argument  
about collaboration

*#25 2018*

green tomatoes  
my neighbor gives me  
some free advice

*#28 2019*

lockdown drill  
someone lets loose  
a killer fart

*#29 2019*



# Roberta Beary - Ireland

*6 issues*

blind date —  
the jangle  
of handcuffs

*#01 2009*

brunch buffet  
she helps herself  
to my husband

*#02 2009*

meth head  
he too  
was breast-fed

*#20 2016*

# M. Kei - USA

*9 issues*

while Janis Joplin  
cries a little bit longer,  
I peel an onion

*#01 2009*

Leap Day —  
his wife wishes him  
a happy 13th birthday

*#13 2014*

# John Soules - Canada

*8 issues*

once again —  
Elvis on the radio  
Christmas alone

*#01 2009*

amnesia clinic around here somewhere

*#07 2012*

virtual cloud  
watching my privacy  
drift away

*#12 2014*

# André Surridge - New Zealand

14 issues

constipation —  
the Indian doctor  
recommends a good curry

*#01 2009*

asthma  
his doctor recommends  
learning the trombone

*#05 2011*

one side of his face  
more sunburnt  
taxi driver

*#06 2011*

waxing moon she decides on the Brazillian

*#11 2013*

self-service pump  
he gives it a shake  
when he's done

*#13 2014*

# Carlos Colón / Haiku Elvis (1953 - 2016) - USA

*6 issues*

Sunday morning  
a flowered hat  
on the old mule

*#01 2009*

music critic  
the melody  
of your venom

*#10 2013*

Frogpondering

*#18 2016*

# Helen Buckingham - United Kingdom

*21 issues*

dark night  
the astrologer  
counts her trines

*#01 2009*

crescent moon  
. . . rolling  
her first ever joint

*#05 2011*

6am  
piercing contrails  
businessmen chalking up the air miles

*#08 2012*

blood on the inside jacket of her whodunnit

*#13 2014*

saturday night  
love tattooed across  
the moon's fist

*#15 2015*

walls peel awaiting injection

*#17 2015*

wannabe cowboy  
one foot on the kissing gate  
he lights up a vape

*#24 2018*

graffiti  
sharper  
by moonlight

*#25 2018 HM Murtha Prize*

Brexit pirates  
up their own masts  
debating

*#28 2019*

# Alan Pizzarelli - USA

*8 issues*

The drunk  
lets the butterfly  
lead the way

*#02 2009*

home service  
the electrician  
with the wild hair

*#19 2016*

all excuses spent  
I tell my wife about  
my alien abduction

*#21 2017*



# Bill Kenney - USA

*7 issues*

cleared for takeoff  
a flight attendant  
adjusts her bra strap

*#01 2009*

*meat loaf*  
*like mother used to make —*  
I order chili

*#19 2016*

drowsy  
my death poem  
can wait

*#29 2019*

# Alexis Rotella - USA

*21 issues*

All Hallow's Eve —  
a gay ghost  
comes out of the closet

*#01 2009*

the farmer  
hitting on me . . .  
earful of sweet corn

*#02 2009*

I bid against myself  
at the auction  
bear skin rug

*#03 2010*

a guilt trip  
from an elderly relative —  
holiday gift

*#15 2015*

Retirement  
my husband watches  
Donald Duck

*#16 2015*

he asks for  
more pork chop  
uninvited guest

*#20 2016*

New Year's Day  
my friend, her smart phone  
and I

*#21 2017*

Thanksgiving lunch  
another helping  
of family grief

*#23 2017*

# Curtis Dunlap - USA

*8 issues*

funeral procession —  
the town drunk tips  
his tattered hat

*#02 2009*

plucking hair  
from my ears  
she loves me, she loves me not

*#06 2011*

high school reunion —  
the chess king arrives  
in stilettos

*#11 2013*

# LeRoy Gorman - Canada

*10 issues*

tight shorts  
it takes balls  
to be a tenor

*#02 2009*

Sunday hours  
the liquor store busker  
strums in a minor key

*#22 2017*

no pants  
he pants  
she pants

*#24 2018*

fall campaign  
the incumbent turns over  
an old leaf

*#26 2018*

payday loans  
a bag of salt  
by the icy steps

*#29 2019*

# Stanley Sicheloff - USA

*12 issues*

dentist chair  
dreaming the masked hygienist  
is a harem girl

*#02 2009*

time traveler  
a couple of drinks and I'm back  
in the stone age

*#03 2010*

after brunch  
the Eggs Benedict  
betraying me

*#11 2013*

between jobs  
the recliner gains  
200 pounds

*#22 2017*

# Laurence Stacey - USA

*7 issues*

weekend carnival  
the mystic polishes  
his third eye

*#03 2010*

cemetery  
even here  
the poor section

*#07 2012*

meeting her father  
a loose thread  
in my sweater

*#15 2015*

# Bruce Boynton - USA

*9 issues*

old pond  
I take off my glasses  
and find a Monet

*#03 2010*

sneezing  
on my answering machine —  
a sick stalker

*#04 2010*



# Chen-ou Liu - Canada

*27 issues*

drinking at a bar —  
the old man he swore  
he'd never be

*#03 2010*

arguing over costs . . .  
a man of few words  
in the coffin

*#05 2011*

Mona Lisa smiles  
at the woman in a burka . . .  
art gallery

*#08 2012*

street preacher  
wisps of breath hang  
around his mouth

*#09 2012*

my muse blinking  
in Morse Code . . .  
one more glass of wine

*#12 2014*

between street lamps  
a sex worker  
and my shadow

*#17 2015*

divorce talk  
the burden of who  
will take the dog

*#26 2018*

first homecoming  
I refashion myself  
between flights

*#27 2019*

chain-link fences  
on both sides of the road . . .  
post election

*#28 2019*

humid heat  
a drunk drones on  
about bad luck

*#29 2019*

# G. R. LeBlanc - Canada

*9 issues*

January

I hold my breath  
and step on the scale

*#04 2010*

motherly advice  
the grate of a plow  
against pavement

*#11 2013*

matryoshka dolls  
all the things  
she keeps to herself

*#15 2015*

# Claudette Russell - USA

*8 issues*

science lab  
new teacher  
quite the specimen

*#05 2011*

Sunday mass  
everyone driven here  
by guilt

*#11 2013*

birthday card  
choosing how  
I want you to feel

*#12 2014*

# Christina Nguyen - USA

*7 issues*

campaign signs  
for the green candidate  
litter the neighborhood

*#06 2011*

balloon girl  
twisting gender stereotypes  
into animals

*#09 2012*

sticking  
to her guns  
the pacifist mom

*#17 2015*

# Bill Cooper - USA

*12 issues*

while daughters negotiate  
the banana split  
melting

*#06 2011*

while supplies last    fresh water

*#17 2015*

straw hats in a row  
Amish men discuss  
opioids

*#20 2016*

library stacks  
she whispers  
*not here*

*#25 2018*

fight night  
dad offers me a slice  
of pickled tongue

*#29 2019*

# Terri L. French - USA

*24 issues*

football season  
he passes her  
his credit card

*#06 2011*

on the privacy fence  
two lizards  
screwing

*#09 2012*

meditation . . .  
all the places  
a body can itch

*#18 2016*

just when I thought  
things couldn't get worse —  
hotel coffee

*#18 2016*

alien probe  
the old spinster  
smiles

*#22 2017*

vertigo  
I take myself  
on a spin

*#26 2018*

barely Tuesday  
the cookie curse jar  
full of dough

*#26 2018*

no passing zone  
the semi driver  
winks at me

*#29 2019*



# Al Fogel - USA

*7 issues*

MTV Awards —  
my daughter coloring  
Barbie's hair purple

*#07 2012*

campus bookstore  
every other title  
for dummies

*#10 2013*

lottery winner —  
distant relatives  
a lot closer

*#14 2014*

# Johannes S. H. Bjerg - Denmark

*10 issues*

Zoot!  
damn frog  
won't jump or sing!

*#06 2011*

sulky goth —  
she found Gothenburg  
full of Swedes

*#07 2012*

a slow slow dance  
dad helps mum  
from one chair to another

*#20 2016*

# Mark E. Brager - USA

*17 issues*

a leaf blower  
tidies  
the zen garden

*#06 2011*

morning star  
all she keeps  
from the one-night stand

*#08 2012*

sewing circle  
her every glance  
needles

*#09 2012*

red light —  
the hearse driver  
head banging

*#10 2013*

in her strapless dress  
giving me  
the cold shoulder

*#13 2014*

goth son  
once we chased  
fireflies

*#14 2014*

in the closeness  
of the confessional  
a cricket's chirp

*#15 2015*

cemetery visit —  
the GPS app  
rerouting

*#29 2019*

# John McManus - United Kingdom

*8 issues*

sunday lunch  
how many bits should I cut  
myself into

*#07 2012*

90th birthday  
I forge the signature  
of her only child

*#14 2014*

hate speech  
a bird craps on the racist  
and his bullhorn

*#29 2019*

# Sondra J. Byrnes - USA

*19 issues*

too shy  
to enter  
she uses the backspace

*#07 2012*

locked out —  
he tries  
key words

*#10 2013*

eating alone —  
can they see  
my hunger

*#11 2013*

cockleburs —  
all those mistakes  
i've made

*#14 2014*

taking  
their usual places  
arthritis

*#17 2015*

vegan  
that tone  
of voice

*#18 2016*

indian market  
all the white ladies  
in turquoise

*#26 2018*

in and out  
of cloud shadows —  
her childhood

*#27 2019*

alumni news  
very little mention  
of my class

*#29 2019*

# Tim Graves - United Kingdom

*6 issues*

juggling piranha  
in a tsunami —  
shampooing the cat

*#11 2013*



# Garry Eaton - Canada

*14 issues*

rear view mirror  
the faces I make  
when she isn't looking

*#07 2012*

dressing room  
a man in a powdered wig  
snorts his lines

*#10 2013*

the click  
of billiard balls  
male conversation

*#13 2014*

taking away bits  
of mother's furniture  
relatives I seldom see

*#21 2017*

pool hall  
he lifts a leg  
and clears the table

*#22 2017*

# Autumn Noelle Hall - USA

*9 issues*

rose garden gala  
one thorny relative  
snags her bridal veil

*#07 2012*

cougar purrs  
at a zookeeper  
half her age

*#10 2013*

gone nuclear  
how many more meltdowns  
until I'm a star?

*#15 2015*

# Alan S. Bridges - USA

*17 issues*

after the sex change  
he said      she said

*#10 2013*

natural history museum  
crowded with members  
of my species

*#11 2013*

the pimento in  
the olive  
in the  
g  
l  
a  
s  
s  
on the piano

*#12 2014*

orthopedic wing  
a Christmas ornament hangs  
from an artificial limb

*#15 2015*

listening to my rant  
my niece asks  
'what's a pizza ship?'

*#18 2016*

crowded station directions from the pretzel guy

*#24 2018*

corn fritter  
the way his belly  
parts his suspenders

*#29 2019*

## Susan Constable - Canada

*6 issues*

all kidding aside . . .  
the doctor leaves me  
in stitches

*#10 2013*

hearing loss —  
she misses  
the mosquito

*#15 2015*

# Debbi Antebi - United Kingdom

*17 issues*

I reintroduce myself  
to Mom  
with every spoonful I give her

*#08 2012*

writing senryu  
with no humor or wit —  
my ex-husband

*#09 2012*

therapy session —  
trying to grasp  
how to let go

*#15 2015*

reuniting at the bar  
we try to give it  
another shot

*#16 2015*

more bitter  
than I imagined —  
sweet revenge

*#18 2016*

homesick —  
I breathe through  
my mother's scarf

*#21 2017*

summer ginko  
we let sparrows  
do the talking

*#25 2018*

folding  
others' clothes  
her pile of complaints

*#28 2019*

# Kala Ramesh - India

14 issues

mother quietens us . . .  
her ears tuned in to  
our neighbour's fight

*#08 2012*

ironing starched saris  
the laundry man's biceps  
stiff

*#09 2012*

introduction —  
I hear only  
my name

*#12 2014*

on Cambridge river  
a young punter steers us  
through hisownstory

*#24 2018*

playing ball  
with my grandson  
my back goes for a toss

*#29 2019*



# S.M. Abeles - USA

*8 issues*

I cup you quick,  
my last match  
in a windy life

*#08 2012*

behind the deli counter  
my grandfather's dreams  
sliced thin

*#10 2013*

a knife slice  
deep inside the onion  
into another world

*#17 2015*

# Johnny Baranski (1948 - 2018) - USA

*17 issues*

over a cold beer  
the fire eater explains  
how he does it

*#08 2012*

for a  
good time  
Cialis

*#11 2013*

so drunk I let her have her way with me mosquito

*#12 2014*

all star pitcher  
a diamond in  
each ear

*#14 2014*

barfly  
his marriage on  
the rocks

*#15 2015*

7th Inning Stretch  
the line to the women's  
restroom

*#16 2015*

black ice  
our argument spins  
out of control

*#18 2016*

charm bracelet  
Jesus and Buddha  
just hangin'

*#23 2017*

# Annette Makino - USA

*6 issues*

heavy downpour  
my collapsible umbrella  
promptly collapses

*#09 2012*

from the hot tub  
wearing only his belt  
Orion rises

*#11 2013*

new glasses      old dust bunnies

*#17 2015*

# Jay Friedenberg - USA

*10 issues*

all summer long  
watering weeds —  
thinking they were flowers

*#09 2012*

web surfing  
all the time  
we never spend

*#17 2015*

more strangers  
in the elevator  
i stand a little taller

*#29 2019*

# Kath Abela Wilson - USA

*15 issues*

Good Friday service  
I opt for  
a doctors excuse note

*#09 2012*

altars  
all the broken things  
I keep

*#12 2014*

wishbone  
the part of him  
that snapped

*#22 2017*

baby zucchini  
in my squash blossom omelet  
third marriage

*#24 2018*

understanding life  
I make a puzzle  
of the monarch's wing

*#29 2019*

# Michael Rehling - USA

*16 issues*

daring me  
to follow it . . .  
jazz riff

*#10 2013*

a fly lands on my crotch  
hell i wasn't  
using it anyway

*#14 2014*

five below zero  
my neighbor covers his  
virgin mary

*#15 2015*

peace rally  
they throw rocks  
at the police

*#18 2016*

waxing zen  
i mention that we are all one  
the room empties

*#19 2016*

every breath  
a new twist to an old tune  
harmonica man

*#20 2016*

nothing in this game  
two famous poets  
arguing

*#21 2017*

lonely tv watching  
ancient aliens  
keep me company

*#27 2019*



# Brad Bennett - USA

*15 issues*

Zen garden  
waiting for change  
at the tea house

*#10 2013*

bad funk —  
the trombonist's  
elbows

*#11 2013*

at fifty  
shortening my resume  
to two pages

*#13 2014*

take out . . .  
my clothes carry home  
the bacon

*#22 2017*

family visit  
the puzzle we finished last time  
still laid out

*#23 2017*

emoji pajamas the child's grin

*#24 2018*

judging  
a haiku contest  
judging myself

*#25 2018*

another blue johnny  
the specialist  
remembers me

*#29 2019*

# Rachel Sutcliffe (1977 - 2019) - United Kingdom

14 issues

pharmacy queue  
we hear all about  
her IBS

*#10 2013*

lawyer's office  
sharing a pen  
to sign for divorce

*#11 2013*

village pub  
talk of terrorism  
over pints of bitter

*#13 2014*

shooting star  
this fear  
of falling

*#26 2018*

sand castle competition  
the tide  
takes the winner

*#27 2019*

# Pris Campbell - USA

*12 issues*

class reunion  
my first sweetheart's hair  
doesn't attend

*#10 2013*

chalk art . . .  
nude women trampled  
in Boston Commons

*#12 2014*

Seventy today  
one rusty nail left  
from my treehouse

*#27 2019*

discarded ring  
my finger has no room  
for memories

*#28 2019*

grandpa's visit  
my pet parrot  
learns a bad word

*#29 2019*

# Gregory Longenecker - USA

*12 issues*

coke habit  
licking honey  
from a razor blade

*#10 2013*

overseas duty  
the look of the locals  
when I near

*#19 2016*

the way the locals  
look at me  
stateside

*#19 2016*

in the end  
it's left to her  
Piéta

*#22 2017*

the valentine briefs  
his girlfriend sent him  
army barracks

*#28 2019*

# Susan Burch - USA

*12 issues*

love notes  
on my windshield  
more shit

*#11 2013*

Fitbit —  
getting the skinny  
on you

*#17 2015*

motorboating  
my boobs —  
his snoring

*#21 2017*

looking  
for Jesus —  
MRI scan

*#23 2017*

crash test dummies  
the men I would sleep with  
if he died

*#25 2018*

# Peter Newton - USA

*7 issues*

height of summer  
the traffic cop  
busts a move

*#10 2013*

nosebleed seats  
the beer vendor  
calls me boss

*#11 2013*

drone surveillance  
all the fine print  
I waived

*#29 2019*

# Julie Warther - USA

*20 issues*

second marriage . . .  
combining  
bucket lists

*#11 2013*

w(rest)le

*#14 2014*

choosing which cross to bear shoulder tattoo

*#16 2015*

a candle's flame —  
the way he leans forward  
when I talk

*#18 2016*

change in focus —  
threading a needle  
by faith

*#18 2016*



introductions  
we exchange  
verbs

*#20 2016*

climate change  
framing the answer  
in the form of a question

*#21 2017*

eggshell . . .  
as usual we settle  
on his color choice

*#23 2017*

death poem  
he dictates  
the exclamation mark

*#28 2019*

morning meditation  
that same runner  
back again

*#29 2019*

# Joe McKeon - USA

*10 issues*

the environmentalist  
picking up dog poop  
with a plastic bag

*#11 2013*

biology exam  
even the frog is on  
pins and needles

*#12 2014*

top down  
my cruise control set  
at nineteen

*#21 2017*

assisted living  
all the toiletries  
are travel sized

*#29 2019*

# Paresh Tiwari - India

*10 issues*

mall buzz —  
the vacant eyes of  
a limbless mannequin

*#13 2014*

# Debbie Strange - Canada

*17 issues*

transplanted . . .  
a bleeding heart  
in the surgeon's garden

*#12 2014*

frogspawn  
the way you wriggle  
out of lies

*#19 2016*

in the tracks  
of a dog I wish were mine  
snow sparkles

*#20 2016*

sheet lightning  
my hands find the bones  
of your hips

*#22 2017*

peeling paint  
all the backstories  
we don't know

*#23 2017*

last testament  
we inherit the bulk  
of her shame

*#23 2017*

bagpipers  
just far enough away  
to move me

*#25 2018*

# Barbara Kaufmann - USA

14 issues

the dentist  
keeps drilling until he hits  
my anxiety

*#12 2014*

politicians —  
dogs at the starting gate  
pissing and snarling

*#18 2016*

Irish stew  
stirring up memories  
of my grandmother

*#21 2017*

dark night  
I count the same black sheep  
over and over

*#23 2017*

home run  
a grandson teaches papa  
how to hit the ball

*#25 2018*

# Chase Gagnon - USA

*11 issues*

morphine drip . . .  
I sing my mother  
a lullaby

*#12 2014*

busted knuckles . . .  
my father's blood mixing  
with mine

*#17 2015*

DRUG FREE SCHOOL ZONE  
I wonder how many kids  
are on adderall

*#22 2017*

carded at the liquor store  
if only I felt  
as young as I look

*#23 2017*

# Michael Dylan Welch - USA

*10 issues*

peace talks at Camp David —  
world leaders  
take a bathroom break

*#16 2015*

election-day hike —  
as much fog on the left  
as on the right

*#19 2016*

my lover's call . . .  
the cord wrapped  
around my finger

*#26 2018*



# Phyllis Lee - USA

*7 issues*

undertaker  
always a bouquet  
for the wife

*#12 2014*

another day  
fighting depression  
the class clown

*#22 2017*

wearing the wig  
I hated  
jack-o-lantern

*#23 2017*

# **Yesha Shah - India**

*7 issues*

paper collage the scabbed edges of brittle promises

*#16 2015*

# Robert Epstein - USA

*14 issues*

learning to parallel park in her twisted universe

*#13 2014*

slowly  
getting over a cold  
shoulder

*#15 2015*

old telephone poles  
weathered to the color  
of lonely

*#17 2015*

car talk  
I find myself  
idling

*#18 2016*

how much louder  
it screams after her death  
that wall art

*#21 2017*

64

looser fitting now  
his birthday suit

*#26 2018*

new red vac  
she turns on  
her matching heels

*#27 2019*

on top of Old Smoky jaded millennials

*#29 2019*

# David J. Kelly - Ireland

*10 issues*

Scottish wedding  
skirting around the issue  
of kilts

*#14 2014*

cold caller my demeanour frostier

*#23 2017*

minor key change  
the maker hands his guitar  
to a musician

*#28 2019*

# Shloka Shankar - India

*9 issues*

fruit flies  
the decay of what  
we were

*#13 2014*

split pomegranate  
I fall a little more in love  
with myself

*#17 2015*

# Dave Read - Canada

*13 issues*

mental ward  
not all it's  
cracked up to be

*#13 2014*

work shirt  
he irons out  
his attitude

*#19 2016*

long winter night  
the bear in me  
hits snooze

*#21 2017*

dress code  
I windsor-knot  
my freedom

*#28 2019*

fitness plan . . .  
he starts to run  
his mouth

*#29 2019*

# S.M. Kozubek - USA

*7 issues*

retirement  
my dog and I  
smelling thyme

*#13 2014*

cornered  
by my ex —  
checkmate

*# 27 2019*



# David Oates - USA

*12 issues*

empty cocktail lounge  
player piano playing  
“Piano Man”

*#13 2014*

recession  
so many billboards  
advertising billboards

*#15 2015*

all-sizes burlesque  
the big women are the ones  
who really work it

*#19 2016*

between customers  
the man at the drive-through  
singing

*#23 2017*

late May  
Christmas Fitbit  
still wrapped

*#29 2019*

# Shrikaanth Krishnamurthy - United Kingdom

*10 issues*

cherry blossoms  
the dog sniffs them  
and cocks a leg

*#19 2016*

tap dancing  
before his legs  
his belly

*#21 2017*

# Elmedin Kadric - Sweden

*8 issues*

undressing me  
with their eyes  
chimpanzees

*#15 2015*

writing workshop  
all of the convicts  
choose free verse

*#18 2016*

fox carcass  
I use  
the selfie stick

*#29 2019*

# Deborah P Kolodji - USA

*11 issues*

first date  
with my ex-husband  
Friday the 13th

*#16 2015*

overhead bin bags under my eyes

*#20 2016*

brief  
before the court  
her red skirt

*#25 2018*

princess gown  
in her closet  
once upon a time

*#25 2018*

bureaucracy  
of finger pointing  
missile launch

*#27 2019*

# Ken Olson - USA

*6 issues*

frustrated hunter  
blowing the head  
off a beer

*#15 2015*

post endoscopy  
the nurse gives me  
a thumbs up

*#20 2016*

holding hands  
for the corporate prayer  
a reach

*#28 2019*

# Bill Waters - USA

*7 issues*

bakery —  
the muffin too  
has muffin-top

*#15 2015*

# Ian Willey - Japan

*8 issues*

predawn light  
a taxi drops off  
the night life

*#15 2015*

think outside the box —  
on the wall  
of his cubicle

*#17 2015*

retirement —  
he micromanages  
a bonsai tree

*#28 2019*

# Hannah Mahoney - USA

*6 issues*

first bike ride  
*Dad, she yells,*  
*Let go!*

*#20 2016*

gnat cloud  
we don't open our mouths  
to complain

*#22 2017*

schoolyard pollinators garden  
a child flits  
from flower to flower

*#27 2019*



# Hansha Teki - New Zealand

*7 issues*

the stillness  
after the birth  
unravelling star charts

*#17 2015*

paper cranes . . .  
I bend time and space  
a thousand times

*#21 2017*

my shadow  
parodies  
my carbon footprint

*#29 2019*

# Michael Henry Lee - USA

*9 issues*

factory work  
another day  
grinds to a halt

*#15 2015*

nude beach  
sun block on  
everything

*#16 2015*

happy hour  
everyone doing  
their damndest

*#20 2016*

# Olivier Schopfer - Switzerland

14 issues

the pub waitress  
smiles at me . . .  
beer foam spilling over

*#15 2015*

the sugar crust  
of a crème brûlée —  
your side of the story

*#23 2017*

funeral  
at long last  
the whole family together

*#24 2018*

my masculinity  
or what's left of it  
North Sea

*#26 2018*

looking up  
at the blue summer sky . . .  
dog poop

*#27 2019*

# Johnnie Johnson Hafernik - USA

*8 issues*

her bedroom  
becomes my office  
becomes her bedroom

#16 2015

between subway stops  
rap music and dance routines  
perfectly timed

#29 2019

# John Hawkhead - United Kingdom

*8 issues*

her words growing softer  
as I chop through firewood  
burying the hatchet

*#16 2015*

facing statistics  
96 percent of me  
chimpanzee

*#28 2019*

# Bryan Rickert - USA

*14 issues*

date night —  
at every turn  
a red light

*#16 2015*

home late —  
the look I get  
from the cat

*#17 2015*

reunion —  
the lobby full  
of regrets

*#20 2016*

children's ward —  
unopened flowers  
in each bouquet

*#21 2017*

Christmas  
not giving  
a damn

*#29 2019*

# Mary Kendall - USA

*12 issues*

your tumor growing    we worry about the snow

*#18 2016*

Reiki session . . .  
feeling so  
out of touch

*#20 2016*

beginner's yoga class . . .  
our first sun salutation  
eclipsed by the teacher

*#22 2017*

promises not kept —  
that umbrella you gave me  
blows inside out

*#23 2017*

defined  
by their parameters  
love triangle

*#29 2019*

# John J. Dunphy - USA

*8 issues*

VFW Post  
its new commander  
resplendent in her dress

*#18 2016*

corpse pose  
our yoga instructor  
snores

*#28 2019*



# Mohammad Azim Khan - Pakistan

*6 issues*

broken home  
the child slips out  
of the crack

*#20 2016*

shooting star —  
we are killing  
our sons

*#26 2018*

# Ed Bremson - USA

*9 issues*

old man  
gazing at the Harley  
for sale at the mall

*#20 2016*

my day filled  
praying for friends  
on Facebook

*#26 2018*

# Christina Sng - Singapore

*7 issues*

telling her I love her  
every hour  
dementia

*#19 2016*

broken  
in two parts  
before and after

*#23 2017*

peeling away  
my many layers  
navel orange

*#26 2018*

# Hazel Hall - Australia

*7 issues*

lace maker  
the intricate patterns  
on her hands

*#19 2016*

flea market  
a smile as the busker  
feels my note

*#21 2017*

a hand  
through the window  
cigarette butt

*#29 2019*

# Adjei Agyei-Baah - Ghana

*9 issues*

bursting at his seams  
he told us  
to tighten our belts

*#20 2016*

after the fight  
only our butts  
meet in bed

*#22 2017*

taught  
to be wordless —  
an elder's fart

*#28 2019*

# Peter Jastermsky - USA

*7 issues*

backfire from a bus  
the war after the war  
never ends

*#21 2017*

Facebook fallout  
what we didn't meme  
to say

*#28 2019*

# Amy Losak - USA

*6 issues*

bathroom cleaning  
the dirt speck  
sprouts legs

*#21 2017*

4 a.m.  
the nightmare  
at my elbow

*#25 2018*

after Thanksgiving  
left over  
loneliness

*#27 2019*

# Lori A Minor - USA

*9 issues*

dirty laundry  
our aromas  
become one

*#22 2017*

anorexia  
I starve myself  
of value

*#23 2017*

drug addiction  
another line of  
I'm sorrys

*#28 2019*



# Ben Moeller-Gaa - USA

*8 issues*

a leaf print  
in the latte  
the barista's tattoo

*#23 2017*

swivel chair  
bending the pitch  
of my fart

*#25 2018*

deep within the paint  
of the old blue guitar  
wild horses

*#29 2019*

# Tia Haynes - USA

*4 issues*

cold coffee  
the bitter taste  
of motherhood

*#23 2017*

***Dedicated in Loving Memory***

*Johnny Baranski (1948 - 2018)*

*Carlos Colón / Haiku Elvis (1953 - 2016)*

*Rachel Sutcliffe (1977 - 2019)*