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CutBank is pleased to announce the finalists and winners of the 2009 Montana Prize in Fiction, Montana Prize in Creative Nonfiction, and Patricia Goedicke Prize in Poetry.

The three awards were founded in 2008 in the spirit of the Richard Hugo Memorial Poetry Award and A. B. Guthrie, Jr. Short Fiction Award, which CutBank awarded for over a decade in the ‘80s and ‘90s. The goal of the Montana and Goedicke Prizes is to recognize work that showcases authentic voice, boldness of form, and a rejection of functional fixedness.

Our congratulations to the winners and finalists, and our thanks to everyone who entered. Very special thanks to guest judges Noah Eli Gordon, Brian Bouldrey, and Joy Williams for the time and thought they invested into each submission.

MONTANA PRIZE IN FICTION
Winner: Taylor Brown, “Rider”
Judge: Joy Williams

MONTANA PRIZE IN CREATIVE NONFICTION
Winner: Josie Milliken, “Seven Tangents of Space and Distance”
Judge: Brian Bouldrey

PATRICIA GOEDICKE PRIZE IN POETRY
Winner: Mande Zecca, “Untitled”
Judge: Noah Eli Gordon

Winners received a $500 honorarium, and their work appears on the following pages.