



**2016**

**Fiction Winner**

Annie Dawid

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This is an ambitious novel, told with irresistibly smooth prose, that traces a family over twenty years, seeing inside the head of each one with extraordinary insight. The father leaves while the children are young, and his presence hovers over them as they mature, his absence inevitably influencing the development of their personalities. It almost reads like a succession of short stories about the world as it used to be and as it is now. The book is unexpectedly gripping, authentic, immediate – it is reminiscent of Anne Tyler – a world where the action is secondary to the truth of beautifully observed lives. It has to be read slowly to appreciate its true worth.

**2016 Judges**

Our three high profile judges for the 2016 awards are:

MAN Booker Shortlisted author, Clare Morrall, Poet and Stand winner Jeff Phelps, and author, dramatist and lecturer, William Gallagher.