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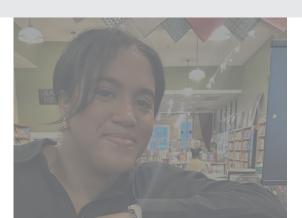
by Margaret D. Bauer, Editor

Find even more reviews in these pages, in this case books by writers we've not published before, including a poetry collection, two short story collections, historical fiction, and other novels. Thank you to all of the book reviewers – I've said it before, but it bears repeating: reviewing is such an important service for writers. They are grateful, and so are we, to those who help us to fulfill our goal of <u>releasing a new review</u> every week.

Our poetry editor included two poems by Lucinda Trew, a poet who is also new to *NCLR*, among the finalists in the 2024 James Applewhite Poetry Prize. Enjoy her poems and a poem by another finalist Jeff selected for publication, Michael Beadle. Michael has reviewed for us, but we've not yet published his poetry. Stay tuned to read more of the finalists in the spring issue, due out in April, as well as the 2024 honorees to be published in the 2025 print issue, forthcoming in July.

And of course, there will be more reviews in the spring issue, too. So if you wrote a review and are wondering where it is, it's coming. We are trying to keep these online issues to a hundred pages (or, in this case, just over), and North Carolina writers are prolific, as you are likely aware.

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