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**Asha Thanki Wins Speculative Literature Foundation's 2020 A.C. Bose Grant**

**October 2020**—The Speculative Literature Foundation and DesiLit are pleased to announce that Asha Thanki is the winner of the 2020 A.C. Bose Grant.

The A.C. Bose Grant, established in 2019, is an annual grant given to a South Asian/South Asian diaspora writer developing speculative fiction. It supports adult fiction, but work that is also accessible to older children and teens will be given preference; the donors hope this will let young people imagine different worlds and possibilities. The grant is named in honor of Ashim Chandra Bose, a lover of books and especially of science fiction and fantasy, and was founded by his children, Rupa Bose and Gautam Bose.

Thanki's winning piece is titled "Somewhere in Bombay, a Fog Descends." Thanki is a fiction writer and essayist living in Minneapolis, where she is completing an MFA at the University of Minnesota. She is the winner of the 2019 Arkansas International's Emerging Writers Prize and a finalist for Redivider's 2020 Beacon Street Prize. Her work has appeared in Platypus Press' *wildness*, *The Common*, *Catapult*, *Cosmonauts Avenue*, *Hyphen*, and more; more information can be found at [ashathanki.com](http://ashathanki.com).

Founded in January 2004 to promote literary quality in speculative fiction, the all-volunteer Speculative Literature Foundation is led by Mary Anne Mohanraj and 30 other committed volunteers. The Foundation maintains a comprehensive website offering information for readers, writers, editors and publishers of speculative fiction, develops book lists and outreach materials for schools and libraries, and raises funds for redistribution to other organizations in the field, as well as five awards made annually to writers, including the A.C. Bose Grant. For more information, visit [speculativeliterature.org](http://speculativeliterature.org).

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