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Jackie Fallis Wins Speculative Literature Foundation's 2021 Working Class Writers Grant

February 2021—The Speculative Literature Foundation is pleased to announce that Jackie Fallis is the winner of the 2021 Working Class Writers Grant.

Jackie Fallis (they/them) won for their submission 'A is for Amiable.' Jackie Fallis is from Ontario, California. They write speculative literature as well as essays on disability and scifi. Recently they've had a short-short published by Doug Weller, and they have an essay in ATB Publishing's upcoming book on Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. Their favorite (but most stressful) writing experience is the 48 Hour Film Festival which they've developed scripts for the last eight years in a row. Jackie has a BA in Creative Writing from the University of Central Florida.

The SLF Working Class Writers grants are awarded annually, since 2013, to working class, blue-collar, poor, and homeless writers of speculative fiction. These writers have been historically underrepresented in speculative fiction, due to the financial barriers which have made it much harder for them to have access to the writing world. Such lack of access might include an inability to attend conventions, to purchase a computer, to buy books, to attend college or high school, or to have the time to write.

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 Working Class Writers Grant. For more information, visit speculativeliterature.org.

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