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Sanjna N. Singh Wins Speculative Literature Foundation's 2021 A.C. Bose Grant

April 2021—The Speculative Literature Foundation and DesiLit are pleased to announce that Sanjna N. Singh is the winner of the 2021 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.

Sanjna N. Singh has worked in New York City for over fifteen years, at HBO, and as a television producer for shows such as *Mob Wives*, *Storm Chasers*, *Dual Survival* and *Killing Fields*. Her essays have been published in the *New York Times*, *Guardian*, *Zora*, *Tricycle* and *Bitch*, among other publications. Her documentary *Out of Status*, which followed Muslim families detained or deported on post 9/11 immigration sweeps, was nominated for Amnesty's Human Rights Award and aired on Channel 4 in the UK. She is currently an MFA candidate at the University of Iowa's Nonfiction Writing Program.

Read an excerpt from her winning piece: "Pippi's eyes flew open as a gasping, sputtering sound emerged from the river behind her. She sat up straight, fear rippling through her. How long had she been asleep? The air was cooler, and dark shadows encroached on her sunlit spot in the grove. She shivered, her heartbeat pulsing in her ears. Who was out there?"

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.

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