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"'Some readers are drawn to the promise inherent in a novel, and it's true that the longer form can offer a slow and seductive immersion, but the short story offers pleasure of another kind – the quick fix, a shot of adrenaline to the mind and heart.'—Amanda Lohrey

In *The Best Australian Stories 2015*, Amanda Lohrey, winner of the Patrick White Award and author of the acclaimed novel *A Short History of Richard Kline*, curates twenty pieces of exceptional short fiction.

In this wide-ranging collection, there are stories that will surprise, unsettle and beguile readers. Familiar subjects are examined from new perspectives: a teenage girl sneaks into a famous film director's study and steals his diaries; the life of Picasso is reimagined in miniature vignettes. And new life is breathed into the most universal of experiences: birth, death, love and loss. The mother of a girl with hearing difficulties watches her child grow into increasing independence. A young woman makes a poignant voyage to the site of her brother's suicide.

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Amanda Lohrey is the author of the acclaimed novels *Camille's Bread*, *Vertigo* and *The Morality of Gentlemen*, as well as the award-winning short story collection *Reading Madame Bovary*. She has also written two Quarterly Essays: *Groundswell* and *Voting for Jesus*. In 2012 she was awarded the Patrick White Literary Award."

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