This year’s finalists for the Theodore A. Sturgeon Memorial Award for the best short science fiction story have been selected, announced Chris McKitterick, Director of the Gunn Center for the Study of Science Fiction. The awards will be presented during the Campbell Conference Award Banquet on Friday, June 28.

2019 Finalists for the Theodore A. Sturgeon Memorial Award


“Gods, Monsters, and the Lucky Peach,” Kelly Robson. Tor.com Books.


The Sturgeon Award recognizes the best science fiction short story of the year. It was established in 1987 by James Gunn, founder of the Center for the Study of Science Fiction, and the heirs of Theodore Sturgeon, including his partner Jayne Engelhart Tannehill and Sturgeon’s children, as an appropriate memorial to one of the great short-story writers in a field distinguished by its short fiction. This year’s jury consists of Elizabeth Bear, Andy Duncan, James Gunn, Kij Johnson, and Nöel Sturgeon.

The Center has hosted the Campbell Conference each year since 1978, usually at the University of Kansas. It includes a Friday banquet where the annual Campbell and Theodore A. Sturgeon awards are presented; discussions and presentations with scholars, scientists, and writers of science fiction; and other events.

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