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Australian Book Review's Fortieth Birthday Fellow

We have much pleasure in naming **Beejay Silcox** as the recipient of the *ABR Fortieth Birthday Fellowship* worth \$10,000. Beejay, who first wrote for us in 2016, has quickly become a regular in our pages, and elsewhere Beejay will contribute several articles and review essays this year, commencing with a survey of magazine culture in our 400th issue (April).

On accepting the Fellowship, she told *Advances*: 'The faults and fault-lines of our political moment offer profound opportunities for literary and critical insight. Below the dysfunction and rage, a new generation of authors is writing the stories that will come to define our time, and us. They're writing to make sense of the tumult, to unmask dark grievances, lurking cruelties, and wellsprings of change. *ABR* has an increasingly global reach; it showcases Australian culture to the world, and brings the world back home. The magazine is also a powerful moral compass in Australia's cultural landscape, from environmental conservation to same-sex marriage to its ongoing support of young writers. It is a privilege to be involved with *ABR* as it enters its fifth decade, eyes to the future.'

Peter Rose – Editor of *ABR* – commented: 'Beejay Silcox is a brilliant young critic – incisive, erudite, and utterly engaged. We look forward to publishing her literary journalism over the next twelve months, and beyond.'



Beejay Silcox

Other highlights of *ABR's* birthday

- Special announcement of increased payments to writers
- 400th issue of the magazine in April 2018
- Special features noting the magazine's milestone
- Three international literary prizes worth nearly \$30,000
- More commentary and Op.Ed. pieces
- Expansion of *ABR's* influential arts coverage
- *ABR* German tour in June 2018

Further information

More information about *Australian Book Review* can be found on the [ABR website](http://www.australianbookreview.com.au).

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