

ANNOUNCING THE NINA RIGGS POETRY AWARD

Nina Riggs, author of *The Bright Hour* and *Lucky Lucky*, wrote beautiful work on many subjects, including relationships and domestic life. She knew how to savor every moment of her too-short life, and in her poetry and her memoir, she explores the poignancy and love that resonate in the details of every day. With this award, *Cave Wall* seeks to honor poets like Nina, whose writing illuminates just how extraordinary the ordinary can be.

Each year, *Cave Wall* will award at least one poet for the finest writing that examines relationships, family, or domestic life. We will be looking for poems published in journals and books during the previous three years. Each winner will receive at least \$500 and, if funding permits, will be invited to give a reading in Greensboro, NC, Nina Riggs's hometown.

In order to do this, however, we need your help. This award will be crowd-funded. The amount of the prize and its longevity will depend on the donations the award fund receives. Our goal is to raise at least \$5,000, which will allow us to give a poet \$1000 in prize money, plus travel expenses, each year for 3-4 years before needing to fundraise again. We would love to see the fund exceed that amount, growing to last decades and honor multiple poets each year. Please help us by giving a donation. Although Cave Wall Press is not a non-profit entity and your donations are not tax deductible, every dollar goes directly into the award fund to celebrate poems that keep us aware of the mysterious beauty in our lives. Help us honor poetry that cultivates a greater sense of how we are all connected; poetry that discovers opportunities for gratitude in the way we move against and with each other through our days. Join us in honoring the legacy of Nina Riggs.

There is no application process for this award. The winners will be chosen each year by a panel that includes the editors of *Cave Wall*, along with Nina's widower, John Duberstein. We welcome nominations year-round by postal mail. Please mail us copies of poems you come across that honor family or relationships in some way, poems published within the last three years. Be sure to let us know the name of the poet and the publication where they first appeared.

I would love to help support the Nina Riggs Poetry Award. Enclosed is my gift of:

- _____ any amount (thank you!)
- _____ \$25.00 (2 *Cave Wall* back issues OR a 1-year subscription/renewal for first 10 donations)
- _____ \$50.00 (a book, chapbook, or CD by a *Cave Wall* poet for first 15 donations)
- _____ \$100 (signed broadside by Jennifer Grotz for first 10 donations)
- _____ \$250 or more (all three above gifts for first 5 donations)

Anyone who donates \$50.00 or more will be acknowledged on our website and in an issue of *Cave Wall*, with special acknowledgment for anyone donating \$500 or more. Although we are not a nonprofit and your donation is not tax deductible, your entire gift goes to the award fund. Thank you for your support. Checks may be made out to Cave Wall Press, LLC and mailed to us at P.O. Box 29546, Greensboro, NC 27429-9546.