

## **New Nonfiction by Karie Fugett: Excerpt from Alive Day**

Dillon crawled in circles on the carpet, the TV behind him glowing with reports of destruction and death. Though it had been only days since the boys left, it felt much longer.

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## **New Interview with Karie Fugett**

I think at the time I was just kind of following my orders. And then, by the time I was thinking something's wrong, I was so in it that I just kept following. It really took a couple of years before I started getting angry, but at that point it was kind of too late.

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## **New Fiction by Josh Bates: Excerpt from The Baghdad Shuffle**

The patrol was unsettling. The initial 'liberation' euphoria had soured. It was all bad vibes from the second we exited the Country Club. Hard brown faces casting the evil eye. Old men

sitting in front of shuttered store fronts, sizing us up. We still didn't have an interpreter, but I tried to press a few locals anyway. I showed them Izzat's photo. I gauged reactions. No hints of recognition. Just hard stares and brusque wave-offs.

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## **New Poetry by Celeste Schueler: "In Oklahoma, Another Air Force Spouse Tells Me Starlings Are An Invasive Species" and "I First Compared You To A Blue Jay"**

Three years before we met,  
Friends tell me to stop reading  
Virginia Woolf after my suicide  
Attempt and an ex-boyfriend  
Gifts me a burned CD of  
The Beatles at Easter—