

Honorable Mention

The first honorable mention is a well-rendered portrait of an educator's role in a classroom of young students. The author elegantly integrates the subject's own journey from Nicaragua to Massachusetts and her identity as a mother of school-aged children. An immersive opening sees her sensitivity on display as she diagnoses one student's hearing problem through close observation. Gradually but memorably, the profile comes to explore class barriers that define private education in contemporary America. One honorable mention prize goes to *The Child Whisperer: A Profile of Flor Rivera* by Shane McCauley.