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Judges' Notes

Tara Moghbelpour, *Sirens*

Police and forensics investigators gather at the scene of the crash. A wrecked car wedged against a tree, lots of blood – but no body. Do the car's contents offer any clues? What about that tattered storybook? One small shift at a time, *Sirens* takes readers into a parallel world of fantasy that challenges family dynamics and personal responsibilities. The writing is lean, sharp and powerful. No fairy floss adjectives or meandering sentences – just straight to the point. Great stuff!