Last Words
by Philip J. Kaplan (Brooklyn, NY)
At their father’s funeral, a brother and sister’s dueling eulogies give the mourners a picture of sibling rivalry at its best ... or worst ...

Trapped
by Barry Wood (Lincolnshire, UK)
Claire has made a shocking discovery that she needs to share with her friend Faye. But is it all in Claire’s mind, or even in someone else’s mind?

Miss Winnie
by Marla Porter (Austin, TX)
Meet Miss Winnie Stifflemire, who has a very special job in the great beyond.

Riding Lessons
by Brett Hursey (Farmville, VA)
What happens when your invisible friend is not so invisible anymore?

Jane Finds a Friend
by Emily Scafidi (Eastlake, OH)
Parents hire a babysitter for their daughter ... with an ulterior motive in mind.

Coming to Town
by Keith Whalen (Peekskill, NY)
When do you tell your children about Santa? A dilemma for all parents, especially the over-protective ones.

Great Escapes
by David Susman (Kennebunk, ME)
Mom busts out of the assisted living. On her walker. With an escape plan. Shows up on her son’s doorstep. For help.

The Sitting
by Pamela Kingsley (Spokane WA)
A widow’s husband left her a very special gift.

Why God Made Beggars
by Steve Koppman (Oakland, CA)
John sleeps outside the coffeehouse where his old friend and rival works, the latter struggling with what being a ‘real human’ demands of him.

Bits and Pieces
by Lacey Alayna Alexander (Morris, AL)
Being invisible in a group of friends who love me. Except the part of me that makes me different.

Nano Romance
by George J. Bryjak (Bloomingdale, NY)
Boy and girl meet, fall madly in love, and plan to marry. Boy and girl discuss their future, fall out of love, and go their separate ways. All in five minutes.