

ABSTRACT

A SPACE BETWEEN THE ROWS

The following seven short stories are about people who struggle to make connections between themselves and others. Spiritual and subconscious forces serve sometimes to guide and sometimes to frustrate this longing for connection. While many of these characters do achieve a sense of closeness with others, there remains a barrier in understanding between the self and the other, between the spiritual and the mundane. Though the settings range from Midwestern suburbs to the Saudi Arabian desert, the stories portray a loneliness that is particularly American.

Elizabeth Jennifer Martin
May 2009