



National
Poetry
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Poetry Booksellers Love

The 25 favourite poetry books of the last 25 years chosen by booksellers



To celebrate **National Poetry Day's** 25th anniversary, the **Booksellers Association** and **Forward Arts Foundation** are pleased to announce **Poetry Booksellers Love**, a list of 25 favourite poetry books from the last 25 years as nominated and voted for by booksellers in the UK and Ireland. The list includes anthologies and single-author collections, poetry for children, for adults and for those in-between; Alice Oswald, the new Oxford Professor for Poetry, alongside the people's favourite Pam Ayres. It's a list that honours beautiful design alongside erudition, humour alongside calls to revolution.

Turn over for the complete list.

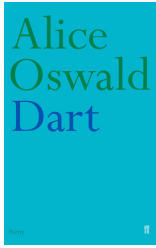


National Poetry Day is the UK's biggest mass participation poetry and this year the celebration falls on October 3rd: the theme is 'truth'. **National Poetry Day**, which is co-ordinated by the charity **Forward Arts Foundation** and supported by **Arts Council England**, generates an explosion of activity in bookshops, schools, libraries and care-homes nationwide, plus thousands of events in cafes, garden centres and village halls, all celebrating poetry's power to bring people together.

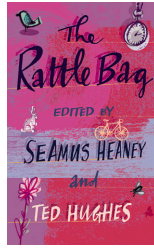
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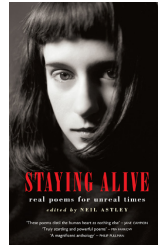
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Dart by Alice Oswald (Faber)



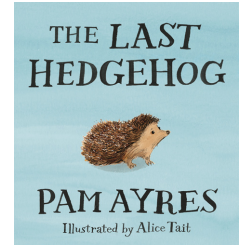
The Rattle Bag edited by Seamus Heaney and Ted Hughes (Faber)



Staying Alive: Real Poems for Unreal Times edited by Neil Astley (Bloodaxe)



The Complete Poetry by Maya Angelou (Little Brown)



The Last Hedgehog by Pam Ayres, illustrated by Alice Tait (Picador)



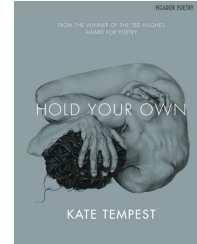
Stag's Leap by Sharon Olds (Cape)



Ariel by Sylvia Plath (Faber)



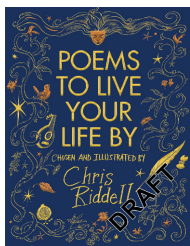
Plum by Hollie McNish (Picador)



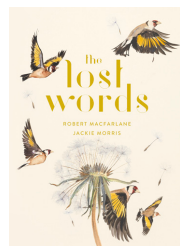
Hold Your Own by Kate Tempest (Picador)



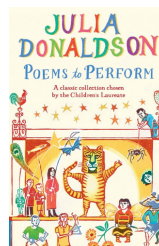
Bantam by Jackie Kay (Picador)



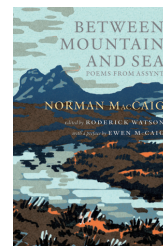
Poems to Live Your Life By chosen and illustrated by Chris Riddell (Macmillan Children's Books)



The Lost Words: A Spell Book by Jackie Morris and Robert Macfarlane (Hamish Hamilton)



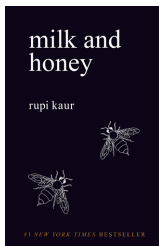
Poems to Perform edited by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Clare Melinsky (Macmillan Children's Books)



Between Mountain and Sea: Poems from Assynt by Norman MacCaig, edited by Roderick Watson (Birlinn)



A Poem for Every Night of the Year edited by Allie Esiri (Macmillan Children's Books)



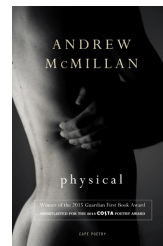
Milk and Honey by Rupi Kaur (Andrews McMeel)



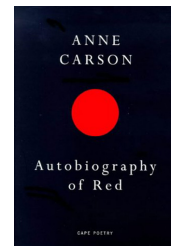
Hera Lindsay Bird by Hera Lindsay Bird (Penguin)



Travel Light Travel Dark by John Agard (Bloodaxe)



Physical by Andrew McMillan (Cape)



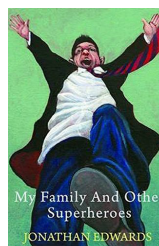
Autobiography of Red by Anne Carson (Cape)



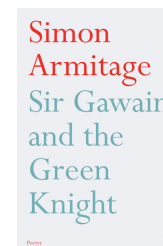
Black Country by Liz Berry (Chatto)



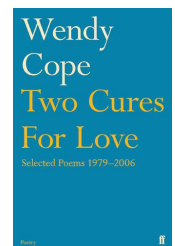
Citizen: An American Lyric by Claudia Rankine (Penguin)



My Family and Other Superheroes by Jonathan Edwards (Seren)



Sir Gawain and the Green Knight by Simon Armitage (Faber)



Two Cures for Love by Wendy Cope (Faber)