

Staff Picks



Poetry Anthologies: Great Poems to Savor

Want to rediscover poets from your youth? Or find some contemporary poets that speak just to you? These anthologies let you explore modern poetry. You can choose by poet, subject, or time period. Enjoy these poems that make language new again.

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A Book of Women Poets from Antiquity to Now

Aliki Barnstone and Willis Barnstone 808.81 Bo

"Someone I tell you will remember us," Greek poet Sappho once said. This collection is replete with work by women poets from many countries and many time periods writing of love, loss, family, travel, home, work, and adventures. A wonderful collection to be enjoyed often.



A Reasonable Affliction: 1001 Love Poems to Read to Each Other

Sally Berk and James Wakeman - editors 909.81

Another collection to be spoken out loud, but this time to be shared with someone special. Sections include: Advice to the Lovelorn, Agony and Ecstasy, The Pain of Love, Love Letters, and Fidelity and Infidelity. Find some favorites that can express your feelings for a dear one.



Essential Pleasures

Robert Pinsky - Editor 808.81 Ess

This anthology focuses on poems that are best read aloud. Divided into ballads, odes, long poems, parodies and story poems, it ranges from the ancients to late 20th century poets. Included are poems by Sappho, Akmatova, Longfellow, St. Vincent Millay, Yeats, and Lewis Carroll.



Harper's Anthology of 20th Century Native American Poetry

Dwayne Niatum - Editor 811.008 Ha

The definitive anthology of modern Native American poetry. Includes work by N. Scott Momaday, Joy Harjo, James Welch, Louise Erdrich, Ray Young Bear and Paula Gunn Allen. The poems inspire and inform, allowing us to learn about the history, myths, music, and spiritualism of our first people and share in their deep connection to this land.



Poetry 180: a Turning Back to Poetry

Billy Collins 811.008 Po

The premise of this book is that contemporary poetry should be accessible & understandable--poems that people "get" on the first reading yet still engender thought and provide sustenance. A small anthology that celebrates both the everyday and the extraordinary.



Poets of the New Century

Weingarten and Higginson - Editors 811.008 Po

A snapshot of American poetry at the dawn of the new millennium that covers a range of talented poets including Alison Deming, Deborah Digges, Timothy Li, Susan Mitchell, Chase Twichell, and Gary Soto



The Art of Losing: Poems of Grief and Healing

Kevin Young

This excellent anthology includes poems on such topics as: *For a Funeral Service, Mothers, Fathers, Spouses and Lovers, and Siblings*. It will provide solace for the bereaved and also serve as a great resource for memorial services. All poetry lovers will find much to ponder here.



The Best Loved Poems of the American People

hazel Felleman - Editor

A classic collection of primarily English and American poetry that includes all the greats: Shakespeare, Shelley, Yeats, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, and Poe. Enjoy these poems our parents and grandparents learned in school, and that still form the bedrock of our culture.



The Essential Haiku: Version of Basho, Buson & Issa

Robert Hass - Editor 895.6 ES

How can one describe the world in seventeen syllables? These three masters of the traditional Japanese art succeed incredibly, giving us beauty, pathos, love, longing, along with a word that anchors the season--all in three short lines. A book of small poems for those who want to celebrate the moment.



The Oxford Anthology of African-American Poetry

Arnold Rampersad 811.008 Ox

This book contains work from over two centuries of poets celebrating, describing, and sharing the African-American experience. It includes meditations on Africa, slavery, spiritualism, love, music, and family, and features work from such greats as Paul Laurence Dunbar, Countee Cullen, Langston Hughes, and Gwendolyn Brooks among others.
