



2022 Notable Poetry Books and Verse Novels Selected by the NCTE Award for Excellence in Children's Poetry Committee *For Children Ages 3–13

2022 Notable Books in Poetry

The 1619 Project: Born on the Water. Nikole Hannah-Jones and Renée Watson. Illus. by Nikkolos Smith. 2021. Kokila.

Beautiful Day! Petite Poems for All Seasons. Rodoula Pappa. Illus. by Seng Soun Ratanavanh. 2021. Harry N. Abrams.

Before We Stood Tall: From Small Seed to Mighty Tree. Jessica Kulekjian. Illus. by Madeline Kloepper. 2021. Kids Can Press.

Carry On: Poetry by Young Immigrants. Various contributors; trans. by Susan Ouriou. Illus. by Rogé Gerard. 2021. Owlkids.

Dear Treefrog. Joyce Sidman. Illus. by Diana Sudyka. 2021. Clarion Books.

Delicious! Poems Celebrating Street Food Around the World. Julie Larios. Illus. by Julie Paschkis. 2021. Beach Lane Books.

The Dirt Book: Poems About Animals That Live Beneath Our Feet. David L. Harrison. Illus. by Kate Cosgrove. 2021. Holiday House.

Good Luck Gold & More. Janet Wong. 2021. YUZU; Pomelo Books.

Honey for You, Honey for Me: A First Book of Nursery Rhymes. Collected by Michael Rosen. Illus. by Chris Riddell. 2021. Candlewick.

Hoop Kings 2: New Royalty. Charles R. Smith Jr. 2021. Candlewick.

The Last Straw: Kids vs. Plastics. Susan Hood. Illus. by Christiane Engel. 2021. HarperCollins.

Legacy: Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance. Nikki Grimes. Various illustrators. 2021. Bloomsbury Children's Books.

Mii maanda ezhi-gkendmaan/This Is How I Know. Brittany Luby. Illus. by Joshua Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley. 2021. Groundwood Books.

My Thoughts Are Clouds: Poems for Mindfulness. Georgia Heard. Illus. by Isabel Roxas. 2021. Roaring Brook Press.

Photo Ark ABC: An Animal Alphabet in Poetry and Pictures. Debbie Levy. Photos by Joel Sartore. 2021. National Geographic Kids.

Sonny Rollins Plays the Bridge. Gary Golio. Illus. by James Ransome. 2021. Nancy Paulsen Books.

They Only See the Outside. Kalli Dakos. Illus. by Jimothy Oliver. 2021. Magination Press.

The Tree in Me. Corinna Luyken. 2021. Dial Books.

Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright! An Animal Poem for Each Day of the Year. Selected by Fiona Waters. Illus. by Britta Teckentrup. 2021. Nosy Crow

Together. Mona Damluji. Illus. by Innosanto Nagara. 2021. Triangle Square.

Your Mama. NoNieqa Ramos. Illus. by Jacqueline Alcántara. 2021. Versify.

2022 Notable Verse Novels

Alone. Megan E. Freeman. 2021. Aladdin.

The Deepest Breath. Meg Grehan. 2021. Clarion Books.

Everywhere Blue. Joanne Rossmassler Fritz. 2021. Holiday House.

The Lost Language. Claudia Mills. 2021. Holiday House.

Reckless, Glorious, Girl. Ellen Hagan. 2021. Bloomsbury Children's Books.

Red, White, and Whole. Rajani LaRocca. 2021. Quill Tree Books.

Samira Surfs. Rukhsanna Guidroz. Illus. by Fahmida Azim. 2021. Kokila.

Unsettled. Reem Faruqi. 2021. HarperCollins.

Worst-Case Collin. Rebecca Caprara. 2021. Charlesbridge.

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