



2020 Notable Poetry Books and Verse Novels Selected by the NCTE Award for Excellence in Children's Poetry Committee *For Children Ages 3-13

The Bell Rang. James E. Ransome. Illus. by the Author. 2019. A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book/Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

Blooming Beneath the Sun. Christina Rossetti. Illus. by Ashley Bryan. 2019. A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book/Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

Boom! Bellow! Bleat! Animal Poems for Two or More Voices. Georgia Heard. Illus. by Aaron DeWitt. WordSong/Highlights.

Climbing Shadows: Poems for Children. Shannon Bramer. Illus. by Cindy Derby. 2019. Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press.

The Day the Universe Exploded My Head: Poems to Take You Into Space and Back Again. Allan Wolf. Illus. by Anna Raff. 2019. Candlewick Press.

Finding Treasure: A Collection of Collections. Michelle Schaub. Illus. by Carmen Saldaña. 2019. Charlesbridge.

Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story. Kevin Noble Maillard. Illus. by Juana Martinez-Neal. 2019. Roaring Brook Press.

Hawksbill Promise: A Sea Turtle's Journey. Mary Beth Owens. Illus. by the Author. 2019. Tilbury House Publishers.

Hello, I'm Here!. Helen Frost. Illus. by Rick Lieder. 2019. Candlewick Press.

How to Read a Book. Kwame Alexander. Illus. by Melissa Sweet. 2019. Harper/HarperCollins Publishers.

If I Was the Sunshine. Julie Fogliano. Illus. by Loren Long. 2019. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

I'm the Big One Now! Poems about Growing Up. Marilyn Singer. Illus. by Jana Christy. 2019. WordSong/Highlights.

In the Middle of the Night: Poems from a Wide-Awake House. Laura Purdie Salas. Illus. by Angela Matteson. 2019. WordSong/Highlights.

Ink Knows No Borders: Poems of the Migrant and Refugee Experience. Edited by Patrice Vecchione and Alyssa Raymond. 2019. Seven Stories Press.

Lion of the Sky: Haiku for All Seasons. Laura Purdie Salas. Illus. by Mercè López. 2019. Millbrook Press/Lerner Publishing Group.

Mother Goose of Pudding Lane: A Small Tall Tale. Chris Raschka. Illus. by Vladimir Radunsky. 2019. Candlewick Press.

My First Book of Haiku Poems: A Picture, a Poem, and a Dream. Classic Poems by Japanese Haiku Masters. Trans. by Esperanza Ramirez-Christensen. Illus. by Tracy Gallup. 2019. Tuttle Publishing/Periplus Editions Ltd.

The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog and Other How-To Poems. Selected by Paul B. Janeczko. Illus. by Richard Jones. 2019. Candlewick Press.

Rise! From Caged Bird to Poet of the People, Maya Angelou. Bethany Hegedus Illus. by Tonya Engel. 2019. Lee & Low Books, Inc.

The Shortest Day. Susan Cooper. Illus. by Carson Ellis. 2019. Candlewick Press.

Snowman-Cold=Puddle: Spring Equations. Laura Purdie Salas. Illus. by Micha Archer. 2019. Charlesbridge.

Soccerverse: Poems about Soccer. Elizabeth Steinglass. Illus. by Edson Ikê. 2019. WordSong/Highlights.

A Suitcase of Seaweed & More. Janet Wong. 2019. Yuzu/Pomelo Books.

The Sun Shines Everywhere. Mary Ann Hoberman. Illus. by Luciano Lozano. 2019. Little, Brown and Company.

Superlative Birds. Leslie Bulion. Illus. by Robert Meganck. 2019. Peachtree.

The Undefeated. Kwame Alexander. Illus. by Kadir Nelson. 2019. Versify/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

When I Colored in the World. Ahmadreza Ahmadi. Trans. by Azita Rassi. Illus. by Ehsan Abdollahi. 2019. Tiny Owl Publishing.

You are Home: An Ode to the National Parks. Evan Turk. Illus. by the Author. 2019. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing.

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All of Me. Chris Baron. 2019. Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan Publishing Group.

Caravan to the North: Misael's Long Walk. Jorge Argueta. Illus. by Manuel Monroy. 2019. Groundwood Books/House of Anansi Press.

Emmy in the Key of Code. Aimee Lucido. 2019. Versify/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

The Language of Fire: Joan of Arc Reimagined. Stephanie Hemphill. 2019. Balzer+Bray/HarperCollins Publishers.

It Rained Warm Bread: Moishe Moskowitz's Story of Hope. Story by Gloria Moskowitz-Sweet. Poems by Hope Anita Smith. Illus. by Lea Lyon. 2019. Christy Ottaviano Books/Henry Holt and Company.

The Moon Within. Ada Salazar. 2019. Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic Inc.

Other Words for Home. Jasmine Warga. 2019. Balzer+Bray/HarperCollins Publishers.

Redwood and Ponytail. K. A. Holt. 2019. Chronicle Books.

Under the Broken Sky. Mariko Nagai. 2019. Christy Ottaviano Books/Henry Holt and Company.

Voices: The Final Hours of Joan of Arc. David Elliott. 2019. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

White Rose. Kip Wilson. 2019. Versify/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

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