National Council of Teachers of English – Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children

The authors of these books have all won the NCTE Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children.

*Brickyard Summer: Poems*

**DB33178**

By Paul B. Janeczko

Poems of a small-town boyhood celebrate family warmth, community, and friendship. The author looks back with affection to the summer between eighth grade and high school. There are humor, sorrow, loss, growth, and tenderness as the author remains true to the viewpoint of an innocent adolescent boy. For junior and senior high and older readers.

*Carver, a Life in Poems*

**DB53915**

By Marilyn Nelson

Award-winning poet's series of poems portraying incidents in the life of multitalented George Washington Carver (1864?-1943), the botanist and inventor. Covers his start as an orphaned slave eager for education, his friendship with Booker T. Washington, and his career as a researcher at Tuskegee Institute. For grades 6-9. Boston Globe-Horn Book Award. 2001.

*Every Day’s a Dog’s Day: A Year in Poems*

**DB74481**

By Marilyn Singer

Poems from a dog's point of view celebrating the holidays, seasons, and other special days. In "Grooming Day" a pooch grumbles about bath time. For grades K-3. 2012.

*Dark Emperor & Other Poems of the Night*

**DBC09994**

By Joyce Sidman

A collection of poems that celebrates the wonder, mystery, and danger of the night and describes the many things that hide in the dark. For grades 3-6. Newberry Award honor book.

*A Hippopotamusn’t and Other Animal Verses*

**DB32971**

By J. Patrick Lewis

A delightful collection of more than thirty humorous poems about a wide variety of animals. For grades K-3 to share with older readers.

*Good Rhymes, Good Times: Original Poems*

**DB42639**

By Lee Bennett Hopkins

Brief poems describe children's joy in the world around them. There is the wonder of what hides behind the museum's door, of being awakened by a puppy tickling your toe, of getting a valentine. There is thunder that splits the sky; there are dreams that creep into your head as you fall asleep. For preschool-grade 2.

*Legacy: Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance*

**DB102794**

By Nikki Grimes

Taking inspiration from the unsung women poets of the era, award-winning author uses the "Golden Shovel" poetry method to create original poems drawn from the words of groundbreaking women writers. Includes poetry by Alice Dunbar-Nelson, Clarissa Scott Delany, Anne Spencer, Effie Lee Newsome, and more. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2021.

*The Llama Who Had No Pajama: 100 Favorite Poems*

**DB53635**

By Mary Ann Hoberman

Poems about swings, birthdays, twirling until dizzy, insects, rain, snow, brothers and babies, and animals--especially the llama. A hundred peppy poems about childhood experiences, selected from forty years of writing. For grades K-3. 1998.

*Fresh Brats*

**DB34270**

By X.J. Kennedy

A collection of short, snappy poems about a slew of bratty kids who wreak havoc for the sheer pleasure of it all! For grades 3-6.

*Honey, I Love, and Other Love Poems*

**DB16054**

By Eloise Greenfield

Fifteen simple poems sketching important people, places, and experiences in the everyday life of a little girl. For grades 2-4.

*Dance with Me*

**DB43151**

By Barbara Juster Esbensen

Poems that celebrate the dance-like aspects of the wind, gardening, babies, lightning, basketball, and more. "A soft plunk!/ a slam dunk/ and light/ as a thistle/ you land." For grades 2-4. National Council of Teachers of English Award.