



2019 Notable Poetry Books Selected by the NCTE Award for Excellence in Children's Poetry Committee *For Children Ages 3-13

Can I Touch Your Hair? Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendship. Irene Latham and Charles Waters. Illus. by Sean Qualls and Selina Alko. 2018. Carolrhoda Books.

Crawly School for Bugs: Poems to Drive You Buggy. David L. Harrison. Illus. by Julie Bayless. 2018. WordSong/Highlights.

Every Month is a New Year: Celebrations around the World. Marilyn Singer. Illus. by Susan L. Roth. 2018. Lee & Low Books Inc.

A First Book of the Sea. Nicola Davies. Illus. by Emily Sutton. 2018. Candlewick Press.

For Every One. Jason Reynolds. 2018. Caitlyn Dlouhy/Atheneum/Simon and Schuster.

H is for Haiku: A Treasury of Haiku from A to Z. Sydell Rosenberg. Illus. by Sawsan Chalabi. 2018. Penny Candy Books.

Hidden City: Poems of Urban Wildlife. Sarah Grace Tuttle. Illus. by Amy Schimler-Safford. 2018. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers.

The Horse's Haiku. Michael J. Rosen. Illus. by Stan Fellows. 2018. Candlewick Press.

I Am Loved. Nikki Giovanni. Illus. by Ashley Bryan. 2018. Caitlyn Dlouhy/Athenem/Simon and Schuster.

I'll Root for You. Edward van de Vendel. Trans. by David Colmer. Illus. by Wolf Erlbruch. 2018. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers.

In the Past. David Elliott. Illus. by Matthew Trueman. 2018. Candlewick Press.

Jabberwalking. Juan Felipe Herrera. 2018. Candlewick Press.

Martin Rising: Requiem for a King. Andrea Davis Pinkney. Illus. by Brian Pinkney. 2018. Scholastic Press.

Origami and Haiku: Inspired by Japanese Artwork. The British Museum. 2018. Nosy Crow/Candlewick Press.

Our Celebración. Susan Middleton Elya. Illus. by Ana Aranda. 2018. Lee & Low Books Inc.

Rain. Anders Holmer. 2018. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers.

A Round of Robins. Katie Hesterman. Illus. by Sergio Ruzzier. 2018. Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin Random House.

Seeing Into Tomorrow. Richard Wright. Illus. by Nina Crews. 2018. Millbrook Press.

Sometimes You Fly. Katherine Applegate. Illus. by Jennifer Black Reinhardt. 2018. Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Twilight Chant. Holly Thompson. Illus. by Jen Betton. 2018. Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Voices in the Air: Poems for Listeners. Naomi Shihab Nye. Illus. by Dawn Henning. 2018. Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins.

With My Hands. Amy Ludwig VanDerwater. Illus. by Lou Fancher and Steve Johnson. 2018. Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

World Make Way: New Poems Inspired by Art from the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Edited by Lee Bennett Hopkins. Published with the Metropolitan Museum of Art. 2018. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

2019 Notable Verse Novels

Jazz Owls: A Novel of the Zoot Suit Riots. Margarita Engle. Art by Rudy Gutierrez. 2018. Atheneum/Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing.

Knock Out. K. A. Holt. 2018. Chronicle Books.

Missing Mike. Shari Green. 2018. Pajama Press.

Rebound. Kwame Alexander. Illus. by Dawud Anyabwile. 2018. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

They Call Me Guëro: A Border Kid's Poems. David Bowles. 2018. Cinco Puntos Press.

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