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**100 Best Poems for Children** Pan Macmillan  
The Very Best of Paul Cookson brings together twenty-five years of poetry. It includes his favourite poems and his most thoughtful, uplifting and memorable poems. Includes Let No One Steal Your Dreams, Father's Hands, May You Always, Invisible Magicians, This is Our School and many more.

Poems to Perform Pan Macmillan  
Presents a collection of poems about sports, school, family life, and the changing seasons as seen from the masculine perspective.

*The January Children* Macmillan Children's Books

If you are a dreamer, come in, If you are a dreamer, A wisher, a liar,

A hope-er, a pray-er, A magic bean buyer ...  
Come in ... for where the sidewalk ends, Shel Silverstein's world begins. You'll meet a boy who turns into a TV set, and a girl who eats a whale. The Unicorn and the Bloath live there, and so does Sarah Cynthia Sylvia Stout who will not take the garbage out. It is a place where you wash your shadow and plant diamond gardens, a place where shoes fly, sisters are auctioned off, and crocodiles go to the dentist. Shel Silverstein's masterful collection of poems and drawings is at once outrageously funny and profound.

**Collected Poems for Children** Bloomsbury Publishing  
This "disgusting" themed anthology of poems is written by various authors. The anthologies in this series are updated and revised versions of previously published

titles, each with several brand new poems in them. There's an anthology for every place and topic. Make sure you've always got a verse rehearsed! Roaring dinosaur rhymes, silly school rhymes: even some revolting rhymes to get you groaning. You can rap or rhyme them, mime them out or tackle fiendish tongue-twisters. Heaps of rib-tickling rhymes to send you poetry potty, and it all supports the school curriculum. A matching Teacher Resource Book, written by Paul Cookson, features workshop-style lessons based on different poetry types/genres. Each lesson focuses on a specific poem from one of the anthologies.

*Where the Sidewalk Ends* Little, Brown Books for Young Readers  
In her dedication Safia Elhillo writes, "The January Children are the generation born in Sudan

under British occupation, where children were assigned birth years by height, all given the birth date January 1." What follows is a deeply personal collection of poems that describe the experience of navigating the postcolonial world as a stranger in one's own land. The January Children depicts displacement and longing while also questioning accepted truths about geography, history, nationhood, and home. The poems mythologize family histories until they break open, using them to explore aspects of Sudan's history of colonial occupation, dictatorship, and diaspora. Several of the poems speak to the late Egyptian singer Abdelhalim Hafez, who addressed many of his songs to the asmarani--an Arabic term of endearment for a brown-skinned or dark-skinned person. Elhillo explores Arabness and Africanness and the tensions generated by a hyphenated identity in those two worlds. No longer content to accept manmade borders, Elhillo navigates a new and reimagined world. Maintaining a sense of wonder in multiple landscapes and

mindscales of perpetually shifting values, she leads the reader through a postcolonial narrative that is equally terrifying and tender, melancholy and defiant.

### **A Great Big Cuddle**

Macmillan Children's Books  
Bringing the spirit and beauty of Yeats's writing to a whole new young audience! This sumptuously illustrated book complements the carefully selected works of W.B. Yeats, which include poems, stories, a letter from childhood, and an account of his daughter Anne's memories of childhood. Including unpublished work, this gorgeous book draws on Yeats's preoccupation with magic, fairy lore, place, family and childhood. A mystical and magical tone that pervades the collection will enthral younger readers.

### Nonsense Poems for Kids

Pan MacMillan  
Can you hear the distant dragon's rumble of thunder? And smell the sweet swampy aroma of the ogre? Can you taste the tangy tarantula tarts? And see the girl who's really a wizard? From magic carpets and wands to unicorns, potions, creams and lotions, Paul

Cookson's brewing a spell of fantastically magic poems. On this tattered magic carpet You can choose your destination For nothing's quite as magical As your imagination Beautifully illustrated by Eilidh Muldoon, this enchanting anthology brings together work from a range of classic, established and rising poets. Whether you're in the mood for a haunting or a spell gone wrong, this collection of mesmerising poems will have you bewitched from beginning to end! Poets include: William Shakespeare, Lewis Carroll, Benjamin Zephaniah, John Agard, Valerie Bloom, Matt Goodfellow, Joshua Seigal and A.F. Harrold. Book Band: Dark Blue Ideal for ages 9+

### **Michael Rosen's Book of Very Silly Poems**

Sourcebooks MediaFusion  
From rockets to mermaids and everything in between, there's something for everyone in this diverse and contemporary collection. Perfect for young children aged 4+ who are approaching poetry for the very first time, these poems can be performed out loud, shared with others or simply read in your head. Featuring

award-winning poets, brand new voices, hip-hop artists and spoken-word performers, this is a wonderfully fresh, diverse and relevant new anthology that will get children laughing, thinking, sharing and performing! With gorgeous illustrations by Laurie Stansfield, and an accompanying CD that features performances from the poets themselves.

*The Works* Rock Point Gift & Stationery

This Dinosaur themed anthology of poems is written by various authors. The anthologies in this series are updated and revised versions of previously published titles, each with several brand new poems in them. There's an anthology for every place and topic. Make sure you've always got a verse rehearsed! Roaring dinosaur rhymes, silly school rhymes: even some revolting rhymes to get you groaning. You can rap or rhyme them, mime them out or tackle fiendish tongue-twisters. Heaps of rib-tickling rhymes to send you poetry potty, and it all supports the school curriculum. A matching Teacher Resource Book, written by Paul Cookson,

features workshop-style lessons based on different poetry types/genres. Each lesson focuses on a specific poem from one of the anthologies.

**Silly Poems** Macmillan Children's Books

An impressive galaxy of new poems that kids will love from one of the UK's most exciting contemporary poets. From *Aurora Borealis*, *Sun - You're a Star* and *A Matter of Holes*, to *Lady Winter's Rap*, the *Earthworm Sonnet* and *You - a Universe Yourself*, this is brilliant poetry with an astonishing range - comic riddles, animals and nature, home truths and the explosive wonder of the cosmos. This is a poetry book like no other *National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry*

HarperCollins

Cassia has always trusted the Society to make the right choices for her: what to read, what to watch, what to believe. So when Xander's face appears on-screen at her Matching ceremony, Cassia knows with complete certainty that he is her ideal mate . . . until she sees Ky Markham's face flash for an instant before the screen fades to black. The Society tells her it's a glitch, a rare malfunction, and that she should focus

on the happy life she's destined to lead with Xander. But Cassia can't stop thinking about Ky, and as they slowly fall in love, Cassia begins to doubt the Society's infallibility and is faced with an impossible choice: between Xander and Ky, between the only life she's known and a path that no one else has dared to follow. Look for *CROSSED*, the sequel to *MATCHED*, in Fall 2011! Watch a Video

**Football 4 Every 1** A&C Black

Full-color photographs accompany two hundred poems about animals. No More Poems! Penguin Football 4 Every 1 by Paul Cookson, is a brilliant collection of funny upbeat poems about football - playing it, supporting it, living it, breathing it. It's perfect to enjoy as you follow your team in Euro 2020. From the excitement of going to your first game, to the thrill of playing with your mates in the park, this book captures all the emotions involved in following the beautiful game.

Poems Out Loud! Random House Books for Young Readers

This is an utterly original and completely beguiling prose novel about a boy

who has to write a poem, and then another, and then even more. Soon the little boy is writing about all sorts of things he has not really come to terms with, and astounding things start to happen. Follow Follow Penguin

A celebratory anthology of the best of Puffin poetry publishing, including poems by Roger McGough, Michael Rosen, Charles Causley, Benjamin Zephaniah, Jackie Kay, Spike Milligan, John Agard, Brian Patten, Allan Ahlberg and Kit Wright. Each poet's work is illustrated by a different artist such as Emma Chichester Clark, Fritz Wegner and Korky Paul.

*100 Poems* Penguin

Acclaimed singer-songwriter Rhett Miller teams up with Caldecott Medalist and bestselling artist Dan Santat in a riotous collection of irreverent poems for modern families. In the tradition of Shel Silverstein, these poems bring a fresh new twist to the classic dilemmas of childhood as well as a perceptive eye to the foibles of modern family life. Full of clever wordplay and bright visual gags--and toilet humor to spare--these twenty-three rhyming poems make for an ideal read-aloud

experience. Taking on the subjects of a bullying baseball coach and annoying little brothers with equally sly humor, renowned lyricist Rhett Miller's clever verses will have the whole family cackling.

*100 Cats* Farrar, Straus and Giroux

In the spirit of his wildly popular New Yorker pieces and the New York Times bestseller *Love Poems for Married People*, Thurber-prize winner John Kenney presents a hilarious new collection of poetry for people with children. With the same brilliant wit and hilarious realism that made *Love Poems for Married People* such a hit, John Kenney is back with a brand new collection of poems, this time taking on the greatest "joy" in life: children. Kenney covers it all, from newborns, toddlers, and sleep deprivation, to the terrible twos, terrible tweens, and terrible teens. A parent's love is unconditional, but sometimes that button can't help but be pushed. Between back to school shopping, summer vacations that never end, the awkwardness of puberty, the inevitable post-college moving back in, and more, a parent's job is never done,

whether they like it or not.

Love Poems for Married People Red Turtle

From Agard to Zephaniah, the very best of children's poetry from the very best of children's poets appears in this wonderful and exciting anthology edited by Michael Rosen, the Children's Laureate. Coinciding with his laureateship and a very welcome public promotion of the need for children's poetry in our education system, this future classic for Puffin will delight readers young and old, and make the perfect gift.

Love That Dog Pan Macmillan

Now one of Booklist's 30 Best Books of the Year! "Genius!" - Wired.com

"Marilyn Singer's verse in *Follow Follow* practically dances down each page . . . the effect is miraculous and pithy." - The Wall Street Journal

Once upon a time, *Mirror Mirror*, a brilliant book of fairy tale themed reversos--a poetic form in which the poem is presented forward and then backward--became a smashing success. Now a second book is here with more witty double takes on well-loved fairy tales such as *Thumbelina* and *The Little Mermaid*. Read these clever poems from top to bottom and they mean one thing. Then

reverse the lines and read  
from bottom to top and  
they mean something  
else-it is almost like

magic! A celebration of  
sight, sound, and story,  
this book is a marvel to  
read again and again.

### **The Moon Spun Round**

Penguin

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2010; reissued 2014.