NCTE NOTABLE CHILDREN'S POETRY BOOKS AND VERSE NOVELS LIST

Each year, the Children's Poetry Awards Committee produces the Notable Children's Poetry Books and Verse Novels list for students ages three to fourteen (preK–grade 8) by authors of the most outstanding contributions to poetry books and verse novels for children.

2027 Notable Children's Poetry Books

- *A Pathway for Pollinators* by Michelle Schaub, illustrated by Blanca Gómez (Norton Young Readers)
- *Awe! It's Everywhere!* by Chana Stiefel, illustrated by Susan Gal (Scholastic Press)
- *Barbed Wire Between Us* by Mia Wenjen, illustrated by Violeta Encarnación (Red Comet Press)
- *Black Boys, I See You* by Wade Hudson, illustrated by Keith Mallett (Nancy Paulsen Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers)
- *Boogy & Tee and Twinkle & Hew* by Kathy Stinson, illustrated by Mark Hoffmann (Groundwood Books)
- *Fancy Feet: Guess Who's Walking* by Rebecca E. Hirsch, illustrated by Sally Soweol Han (Abrams Books for Young Readers)
- *Little by Little: A Story of Grief* by Jenny Torres Sanchez, illustrated by Andy Chou Musser (Philomel Books, an imprint of Penguin Random House)
- *My Language Is a Garden* by E. G. Alaraj, illustrated by Rachel Wada (Orca Book Publishers)
- *Tuna Breath: A Litter of Cat Poems and Drawings*, written and illustrated by Barney Saltzberg (Neal Porter Books, an imprint of Holiday House)
- *You Are the Land*, written and illustrated by Steph Littlebird (Nancy Paulsen Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers)

2027 Notable Verse Novels

- *Chasing Eruptions: How Volcanologists Maurice and Katia Krafft Helped Save 60,000 Lives—But Lost Their Own* by Curtis Manley, illustrated by Katherine Roy (Clarion Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers)
- *Eureka* by Victoria Chang (Farrar Straus Giroux (BYR), an imprint of Macmillan)
- *Footeprint: Eunice Newton Foote at the Dawn of Climate Science and Women's Rights* by Lindsay H. Metcalf (Charlesbridge Teen, an imprint of Charlesbridge)
- *Little Bones* by Sandy Bigna (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)
- *My Brother Oliver* by R. L. Toalson (Aladdin, an imprint of Simon & Schuster)
- *Sing Me a Story: Short Stories in Verse by Latine Authors*, edited by Aida Salazar (Dial Books, an imprint of Penguin Random House)

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