

NCTE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN POETRY FOR CHILDREN



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The NCTE Poetry Award was established in 1977 to honor a living American poet for his or her aggregate work for children. The award was given annually until 1982 and every three years until 2009.

Past Winners

Marilyn Nelson, 2017	Valerie Worth, 1991
Marilyn Singer, 2015	Arnold Adoff, 1988
Joyce Sidman, 2013	Lilian Moore, 1985
J. Patrick Lewis, 2011	John Ciardi, 1982
Lee Bennett Hopkins, 2009	Eve Merriam, 1981
Nikki Grimes, 2006	Myra Cohn Livingston, 1980
Mary Ann Hoberman, 2003	Karla Kuskin, 1979
X.J. Kennedy, 2000	Aileen Fisher, 1978
Eloise Greenfield, 1997	David McCord, 1977
Barbara Juster Esbensen, 1994	

The NCTE Poetry Committee selects the winner every two years based upon the appeal to children, literary merit (art and craft of aggregate work), contributions, and evolution of the work.



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