



2023 Notable Poetry Books and Verse Novels Selected by the NCTE Award for Excellence in Children's Poetry Committee *For Children Ages 3–13

2023 Notable Books in Poetry

At the Pond. David Elliot. Illus. by Amy Schimler-Safford. 2022. Candlewick.

Behold Our Magical Garden. Allan Wolf. Illus. by Daniel Duncan. 2022. Candlewick.

Counting in Dog Years: Sassy Poems about Math. Betsy Franco. Illus. by Priscilla Tey. 2022. Candlewick.

Ice Cycle: Poems about the Life of Ice. Maria Gianferrari. Illus. by Jieting Chen. 2022. Millbrook Press.

Marshmallow Clouds. Ted Kooser & Connie Waner. Illus. by Richard Jones. 2022. Candlewick.

Maya's Song. Renée Watson. Illus. by Bryan Collier. 2022. HarperCollins.

Mother Goose Goes to India. Kabir Sehgal & Surishtha Seghal. Illus. by Wazza Pink. 2022. Beach Lane Books.

Mother Winter. Written and illustrated by James Christopher Carroll. 2022. Creative Editions.

Out of This World: Star-Studded Haiku. Sally M. Walker. Illus. by Matthew Trueman. 2022. Candlewick.

Patchwork. Matt de la Peña. Illus. by Corinna Luyken. 2022. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers.

Room for Everyone. Naaz Khan. Illus. by Mercè López. 2022. Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books.

You Are the Loveliest. Hans & Monique Hagen. Illus. by Marit Törnqvist. Trans. By David Colmer. 2022. Levine Querido.

2023 Notable Verse Novels

A Seed in the Sun. Aida Salazar. 2022. Dial Books.

Blood Brothers. Rob Sanders. 2022. Reycraft Books.

Odder. Katherine Applegate. 2022. Feiwel and Friends.

The Door of No Return. Kwame Alexander. 2022. Little, Brown and Company.

The Hope of Elephants. Amanda Rawson Hill. 2022. Charlesbridge.

The Road to After. Rebekah Lowell. 2022. Nancy Paulsen Books.

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