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## **Selected Poems** - William Stanley Merwin 2007

This selection covers over five decades of W.S. Merwin's poetry. Most of the book is drawn from his major American retrospective, 'Migration', winner of the 2005 National Book Award for Poetry.

## Words as Grain - Duo Duo 2021

A leading poet from the Cultural Revolution to the present day, Duo Duo is one of China's most influential contemporary writers. He began writing in the 1970s. His poetic vision matured in Beijing in the 1980s and during his exile in the 1990s following the Tiananmen Square Massacre, finally bursting into full bloom with his return home in 2004. Responding to the Chinese political landscape with his investigations into language and an idiosyncratic take on the Zen Buddhist tradition, Duo Duo writes poetry for poets. In exacting translations by award-winning translator Lucas Klein, this career-spanning anthology features Duo Duo's entire oeuvre since his return to China, as well as a selection of his early poems, presenting nearly five decades of work from "a resolute seer of some of the most basic, universal human values" (Mai Mang, Neustadt Prize Ceremony).

## Red Suitcase - Naomi Shihab Nye 2013-12-20

Poet, teacher, essayist, anthologist, songwriter and singer, Naomi Shihab Nye is one of the country's most acclaimed writers. Her voice is

generous; her vision true; her subjects ordinary people, and ordinary situations which, when rendered through her language, become remarkable. In this, her fourth full collection of poetry, we see with new eyes-a grandmother's scarf, an alarm clock, a man carrying his son on his shoulders. Valentine for Ernest Mann You can't order a poem like you order a taco. Walk up to the counter and say, "I'll take two" and expect it to handed back to you on a shiny plate. Still, I like you spirit. Anyone who says, "Here's my address, write me a poem," deserves something in reply. So I'll tell a secret instead: poems hide. In the bottoms of our shoes, they are sleeping. They are the shadows drifting across our ceilings the moment before we wake up. What we have to do is live in a way that lets us find them. Once I knew a man who gave his wife two skunks for a valentine. He couldn't understand why she was crying. "I thought they had such beautiful eyes." And he was serious. He was a serious man who lived in a serious way. Nothing was ugly just because the world said so. He really liked those skunks. So, he re-invented them as valentines and they became beautiful. At least, to him. And the poems that had been hiding in the eyes of skunks for centuries crawled out and curled up at his feet. Maybe if we re-invent whatever our lives give us we find poems. Check your garage, the odd sock in your drawer, the person you almost like, but not quite. And let me know.

*Everything Comes Next* - Naomi Shihab Nye 2020-09-29

"Emotionally resonant and stirring."—Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

"Lucky the reader who would have this collection lying around for visiting and revisiting."—Horn Book Magazine This celebratory book collects in one volume award-winning and beloved poet Naomi Shihab Nye's most popular and accessible poems. Featuring new, never-before-published poems; an introduction by bestselling poet and author Edward Hirsch, as well as a foreword and writing tips by the poet; and stunning artwork by bestselling artist Rafael López, *Everything Comes Next* is essential for poetry readers, classroom teachers, and library collections. *Everything Comes Next* is a treasure chest of Naomi Shihab Nye's most beloved poems, and features favorites such as "Famous" and "A Valentine for Ernest Mann," as well as widely shared pieces such as "Kindness" and "Gate A-4." The book is an introduction to the poet's work for new readers, as well as a comprehensive edition for classroom and family sharing. Writing prompts and tips by the award-winning poet make this an outstanding choice for aspiring poets of all ages.

**Late to the House of Words: Selected Poems of Gemma Gorga** -

Gemma Gorga 2021-10-15

The first book in the inaugural series Malinda A. Markham Memorial Translation Prize, *Late to the House of Words: Selected Poems of Gemma Gorga* brings together in one volume poems from six of this contemporary Catalan poet's books, introduced, selected, and translated by the award-winning American poet and translator Sharon Dolin. In this bilingual edition, readers will become acquainted with the breadth of Gorga's work in lineated verse, which spans more than twenty years. Readers of her book of prose poems, *Book of Minutes*, also translated by Dolin, will find all of Gorga's preoccupations--with language, with metaphysics, with poetry's dance between word and silence--expanded here in poems that are as limpid yet intricate as the work of Jane Hirshfield. Translated from Catalan, a European language that has a long history of fraught political implications for those who use it, this is a necessary book.

**Selected Poems 1988-2013** - Seamus Heaney 2014-11-18

A new edition of the later selected work of a Nobel Prize-winning poet Often considered to be "the greatest poet of our age" (The Guardian), Seamus Heaney was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1995 "for works of lyrical beauty and ethical depth, which exalt everyday miracles and the living past." He saw poetry as a vocation and credited it with "the power to persuade the vulnerable part of our consciousness of its rightness in spite of the evidence of wrongness all around it, the power to remind us that we are hunters and gatherers of values." Paul Muldoon wrote that Heaney was "the only poet I can think of who was recognized worldwide as having moral as well as literary authority." Shortly before his death in 2013, Seamus Heaney began to compile *Selected Poems 1988-2013*, and although he was unable to complete the project, his choices have been followed here. This volume encapsulates the finest work from *Seeing Things* (1991) with its lines of loss and revelation; *The Spirit Level* (1996) where we experience "the poem as ploughshare that turns time / Up and over."; the landmark translation of *Beowulf* (1999); *Electric Light* (2001), a book of origins and oracles; and his final collections, *District and Circle* (2006) and *Human Chain* (2010), which limn the interconnectedness of being, our lifelines to our inherited past.

**Words of Paradise** - Jalāl al-Dīn Rūmī (Maulana) 2000

Collects and interprets Rumi's poetry, which describe wisdom, passion, and spiritual enlightenment.

**Fuel** - Naomi Shihab Nye 2013-12-20

Naomi Shihab Nye focuses on ordinary people and ordinary situations, which, when rendered through the poems in *Fuel*, become remarkable. The poet imagines the border families of southern Texas, small ferns and forgotten books, Jews and Palestinians in the Middle East. Nye has written, "Lives unlike mine, you save me."

**Different Ways to Pray** - Naomi Shihab Nye 1980

**The Tiny Journalist** - Naomi Shihab Nye 2019

Internationally celebrated poet places her Palestinian-American identity center stage, putting a human face on war, honoring courage, praying for peace.

What Have You Lost? - Naomi Shihab Nye 2001-05-08

What have you lost? A friend? A brother? A wallet? A memory? A meaning? A year? Each Night Images, dream news, fragments, flash then fade. These darkened walls. Here, I say. Climb into this story. Be remembered! Jay Bremyer 00-01 Tayshas High School Reading List Notable Children's Trade Books in the Field of Social Studies 2000, National Council for SS & Child. Book Council, 2000 Best Books for Young Adults (ALA), 00 Riverbank Review Magazine's Children's Books of Distinction Award Nominations, Winner 2000 Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award, and 01 Riverbank Review Magazine's Children's Books of Distinction Award Nominations

The Oldest Word for Dawn - Brad Leithauser 2013

Collects some of the poets most compelling poems along with new works on subjects as varied as prehistory, travel, and love.

**Lifesaving Poems** - Anthony Wilson 2015

Inspired by a remark of Seamus Heaney, Lifesaving Poems began life as notebook, then a blog. How many poems, Heaney wondered, was it possible to recall responding to, over a lifetime? Was it ten, he asked, twenty, fifty, a hundred, or more? Lifesaving Poems is a way of trying to answer that question. Giving himself the constraint of choosing no more than one poem per poet, Anthony began copying poems out, one at a time, as it were for safekeeping. He asked himself: was the poem one he could recall being moved by the moment he first read it? And: could he live without it? Then he posted each poem on his blog and said why he liked it. Word spread and soon his blog had thousands of followers, everyone reading and responding to the poems he talked about - and sharing his posts. Now Lifesaving Poems has turned into an anthology, not one designed to be a perfect list of 'the great and the good', but a gathering of poems he happens to feel passionate about, according to his tastes. As Billy Collins says: 'Good poems are poems that I like'.

Anthony's popular personal commentaries are included with the poems. There are Lifesaving Poems by John Ashbery, Elizabeth Bishop, Raymond Carver, Carol Ann Duffy, Thom Gunn, Seamus Heaney, Marie Howe, Jaan Kaplinski, Brendan Kennelly, Jane Kenyon, Galway Kinnell, Philip Levine,

Norman MacCaig, Ian McMillan, Derek Mahon, Sharon Olds, Mary Oliver, Sylvia Plath, Adrienne Rich, Jo Shapcott, Tomas Tranströmer, Wisława Szymborska, and many, many others.

**Getting Back to Life When Grief Won't Heal** - Phyllis Kosminsky 2007-01-08

Presents a practical guide to dealing with grief; and offers personal case studies and advice that help individuals find peace, acceptance, and strength to move on.

Of this World - Joseph Stroud 2009

"Like all of the best poets, Stroud makes the earth again consolable."-- Jim Harrison

*Forbidden Words* - Eugénio de Andrade 2003

Award-winning poetry in a bilingual edition, by Portugal's best-known living poet.

**Man-making Words** - Nicolas Guillen 2003

The Cuban poet Nicolás Guillén, who was born in the eastern province of Camagüey in 1902, died in 1989. This new edition of his selected poems, reissued thirty years after its original publication, includes an extensive, new introductory essay by Roberto Márquez, one of the original translators and a leading authority on Caribbean and Latin American literature and culture.

Words Under the Words - Naomi Shihab Nye 1995

A collection of poems in which the author draws upon her experiences as a Palestinian-American living in the Southwest, and her travels in Central America, the Middle East, and Asia, to comment upon the shared humanity of different cultures throughout the world.

**Voices in the Air** - Naomi Shihab Nye 2018-02-13

"Nye once again deftly charts the world through verse."—Kirkus Reviews (starred review) "A beautifully constructed, thoughtful, and inspiring collection."—School Library Journal (starred review) Young People's Poet Laureate and National Book Award Finalist Naomi Shihab Nye's uncommon and unforgettable voice offers readers peace, humor, inspiration, and solace. This volume of almost one hundred original poems is a stunning and engaging tribute to the diverse voices past and

present that comfort us, compel us, lead us, and give us hope. "I think the air is full of voices. If we slow down and practice listening, we hear those voices better. They live on in us. Inspiration? We need it every day. We deserve it. It is essential, like food, water, clean air, shelter. Here are some poems celebrating the voices that have changed my life and continue to do so."—Naomi Shihab Nye, Award-winning poet and author *Voices in the Air* is a collection of almost one hundred original poems written by the award-winning poet Naomi Shihab Nye in honor of the artists, writers, poets, historical figures, ordinary people, and diverse luminaries from past and present who inspire her and us. Full of words of encouragement, solace, and hope, this collection offers a message of peace and empathy. *Voices in the Air* focuses on the inspirational people who strengthen and motivate us to create, to open our hearts, and to live rewarding and graceful lives. With short informational bios about the influential figures behind each poem, and a transcendent introduction by the poet, this is a collection to cherish, read again and again, and share with others. Featuring black-and-white spot art throughout, as well as brief bios of the "voices," an index, and an introduction by the author. *Hugging the Jukebox* - Naomi Shihab Nye 1982

#### **What Love Comes to** - Ruth Stone 2010-12

A finalist for the 2009 Pulitzer Prize. "Ruth Stone is . . . a pre-eminent American poet." —Harvard Review

#### **Collected Poems** - Sonia Sanchez 2021-04-13

A representative collection of the life work of the much-honored poet and a founder of the Black Arts movement, spanning the 4 decades of her literary career. Gathering highlights from all of Sonia Sanchez's poetry, this compilation is sure to inspire love and community engagement among her legions of fans. Beginning with her earliest work, including poems from her first volume, *Homecoming* (1969), through to 2019, the poet has collected her favorite work in all forms of verse, from Haiku to excerpts from book-length narratives. Her lifelong dedication to the causes of Black liberation, social equality, and women's rights is evident throughout, as is her special attention to youth in poems addressed to

children and young adults. As Maya Angelou so aptly put it: "Sonia Sanchez is a lion in literature's forest. When she writes she roars, and when she sleeps other creatures walk gingerly."

*Yellow Glove* - Naomi Shihab Nye 1986

#### *Consciousness in Action* - Andrew Beath 2005

Featuring the thoughts of Julia Butterfly Hill, Deena Metzger, Joanna Macy, John Mack, and others, this inspiring dialogue between environmental and spiritual activists centers on the seven attributes of consciousness that they have employed in their activism.

#### *A Word Like Fire* - Richard G. Barnes 2005

"Thank you, other twolegged bare featherless creature, for sharing the jagged horizon of my life. Thank you rainbow over the East Mojave low to the ground so early in the afternoon: thank you for being here with us." - from "Bagdad Chase Road in July" "A Word Like Fire," the first comprehensive selection of his poems, should confirm Dick Barnes's place as one of the most accomplished and likable American poets of the last fifty years. His great subject is the Mojave Desert, the vast basin of ranges and valleys east and north of Los Angeles, with its beautiful shrubs and flowers, magnificent trees, ephemeral grasses, high lakes, rivers and dry river beds, alfalfa farms, and isolated towns with names like Essex, Cadiz Summit, Elephant Butte, Running Springs, Helendale, and often canny and solitary men and women. Of this world, Dick Barnes gives an indelible portrait in poem after poem. But Barnes is more than a regional poet. As Robert Mezey writes in his brilliant Foreword, "He has an engaging variety of subjects, and to almost all of them he gives faithful perception and love." He is a master of the elegy, and wrote love poems, satires, devotional poems, and, Mezey notes, "poems of wry social comment and occasionally anger." In works such as "A Visit to Lonesome John: Autumn Coming," "Few and Far Between," "Clearing the Way," "Example and Admonition," and "Trophy Hunt" surely one of the masterpieces of American poetry the reader encounters a keenly observant, knowledgeable, humane, and passionate poet."

**Let the Words** - Yona Wallach 2006-07-21

**Before Saying Any of the Great Words** - David Huerta 2009-01-01

First English-language collection of David Huerta; includes the premier translation from his masterpiece, *Incurable*.

New and Selected Poems - Mary Oliver 1992

One of the astonishing aspects of [Oliver's] work is the consistency of tone over this long period. What changes is an increased focus on nature and an increased precision with language that has made her one of our very best poets. . . . These poems sustain us rather than divert us.

Although few poets have fewer human beings in their poems than Mary Oliver, it is ironic that few poets also go so far to help us forward.

Never in a Hurry - Naomi Shihab Nye 2020-02-14

From the acclaimed poet and National Book Award finalist, "a sparkling book of travel and childhood: born on the bridge between two cultures" (Paulette Jiles, *New York Times*-bestselling author). In *Never in a Hurry* the poet Naomi Shihab Nye resist the American inclination to "leave toward places when we barely had time enough to get there." Instead she travels the world at an observant pace, talking to strangers and introducing readers to an endearing assemblage of eccentric neighbors, Filipina faith healers, dry-cleaning proprietors, and other quirky characters. A Palestinian-American who lives in a Mexican-American neighborhood, Nye speaks for the mix of people and places that can be called the "American Experience." From St. Louis, the symbolic "Gateway to the West," she embarks on a westward migration to examine America, past and present, and to glimpse into the lives of its latest outsiders—illegal immigrants from Mexico and troubled inner-city children. In other essays Nye ventures beyond North America's bounds, telling of a year in her childhood spent in Palestine and of an adulthood filled with cross-cultural quests. Whether recounting the purchase of a car on the island of Oahu or a camel-back ride through India's Thar Desert, Nye writes in wry, refreshing tones about themes that transcend borders and about the journey that remains the greatest of all—the journey from outside to in as the world enters each one of us, as we learn to see. "The generous gift of a writer at the top of her form, a book jammed with vivid sights and pungent tastes and wonderful stories."

—Marion Winik, author of *Above Us Only Sky*

*Eating the Honey of Words* - Robert Bly 2009-10-06

"Bly's imaginative prose poems radiate witty delight." — *Library Journal*  
A brilliant collection spanning half a century, from one of America's most powerful poets. Robert Bly had many roles in his illustrious career. He was a chronicler and mentor of young poets, was a leader of the antiwar movement, founded the men's movement, and wrote the bestselling book *Iron John*, which brought the men's movement to the attention of the world. Throughout these activities, Bly continued to deepen his own poetry, a vigorous voice in a period of more academic wordsmiths. Here he has presented his favorite poems of the last decades—timeless classics from *Silence in the Snowy Fields*, *The Man in the Black Coat Turns*, and *Loving a Woman in Two Worlds*. A complete section of marvelous new poems rounds out this collection, which offers a chance to reread, in a fresh setting, a lifetime of work dedicated to fresh perspectives.

**A Certain Clarity** - Lawrence Joseph 2020-03-17

A selection of poems from the celebrated poet and lawyer Drawing from his first book, *Shouting at No One*, from 1983, and continuing through to his most recent, *So Where Are We?*, from 2017, *A Certain Clarity* provides a generous selection of Lawrence Joseph's "poetry of great dignity, grace, and unrelenting persuasiveness" (John Ashbery), each poem "an inspired, made thing by a poet-advocate who has honed a timely song within an urgent testimony that embraces the complex density of truth" (Yusef Komunyakaa). Joseph's poems constitute one of the most essential and visionary bodies of work in contemporary American poetry. No other American poet covers the territory Joseph does. His ever-new interactions of thoughts, voices, and languages—influenced by his Lebanese and Syrian Catholic heritage, his professional life as a lawyer and legal scholar, and the economies of the world of working-class labor from which he comes—bear witness, on multilayered spatial and temporal planes, to the velocities of global and historical change, and to power structures embodied in endless wars, unleashed capital, racism, and ecological destruction, presenting an ongoing chronicle of what it means to write poetry in the turbulent times

in which we live. But also integral to Joseph's poetry is a sensual intimacy, passionately driven by an acute awareness of a deeper order in which beauty, love, and justice are indistinguishable. Meticulously formed, emotionally fierce, intellectually challenging, Joseph's poems press back against the high-stakes pressures of our time with a moral and aesthetic intensity not easily forgotten.

**19 Varieties of Gazelle** - Naomi Shihab Nye 2005-03-15

EM"Tell me how to live so many lives at once ..."/em Fowzi, who beats everyone at dominoes; Ibtisam, who wanted to be a doctor; Abu Mahmoud, who knows every eggplant and peach in his West Bank garden; mysterious Uncle Mohammed, who moved to the mountain; a girl in a red sweater dangling a book bag; children in velvet dresses who haunt the candy bowl at the party; Baba Kamalyari, age 71; Mr. Dajani and his swans; Sitti Khadra, who never lost her peace inside. EMMaybe they have something to tell us./em Naomi Shihab Nye has been writing about being Arab-American, about Jerusalem, about the West Bank, about family all her life. These new and collected poems of the Middle East -- sixty in all -- appear together here for the first time.

**Famous** - Lisa Desimini 2015-09-01

FAMOUS is a short illustrated poem. Both text and illustrations have a charmingly ironic take on what it means to be "famous." At once simple and profound, it "opens minds and hearts." Ironically, it is this famous poet's most famous poem, with an established fan base! FROM THE POET: Over the years when I visited schools, students of all ages gathering in their libraries or auditoriums would often clamor to ask me, "Are you famous, Miss?" before I even began speaking about writing. The concept confounded me. Of course I could never say "Yes" and I realized that saying "No" might mean they would be less attentive, so I meditated on the oddity of the word and the concept itself and wrote this little poem that I could read whenever they asked. Sometimes they thought I was trying to trick them. Huh? Sometimes they laughed. But they always paid good attention afterwards, and I liked that the poem might bend their idea of what the word even means. Sometimes I started by saying "Everything is famous if you notice it. Sure, here's my answer." I think

the poem has served me well. My biggest surprise has been, everyone always wants me to read this poem. I guess it is one of my three most often-requested poems. Teachers always mention it. Parents have told me they copy it on graduation cards for their high school seniors. I've seen it hand-printed on posters in many classrooms. Students participating in UIL public speaking competitions often recite it. It's been printed on more than one standardized test. I allow it to be printed because I like to imagine students can have friendly moments even while taking ominous tests. Book artist Lisa Desimini, whose work I cherish and delight in, honored me by wanting to illustrate this poem and create a visual experience for the poem as well. Lisa and I imagine Famous as a possible gift book for people of all ages. People who have been famous to us, whom we wish to encourage, who are at a crossroads, who are graduating, w

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**Seasons of the Word** - Hilmi Yavuz 2006-12-19

Hilmi Yavuz is among Turkey's most celebrated poets. His poetry, at once cerebral and intensely emotional, has been translated into several languages but never, until now, into English. Walter G. Andrews's translations bring to the English-speaking world a glimpse into the complex and expressive poetry of Yavuz, introducing traditional Ottoman forms and themes into a familiar poetic landscape and opening a door of understanding to Western readers. While each poem included in this volume can be enjoyed as a unique poetic entity, these poems read together reveal the organic and developmental relationship between Yavuz's figurative language and his self-expression. Barry Tharaud provides an insightful afterword, discussing Yavuz's work within the world of Turkish poetry and making a convincing plea for the importance of literature in translation. This volume will be of significant interest to anthologists, cultural and literary historians, and poetry lovers alike.

### **We Have Tasted Heaven Many Times** - Robert Bly 1999-04-07

Robert Bly has had many roles in his illustrious career. He is a chronicler and mentor of young poets, many of whom he presented in his series of edited books -- The Fifties, The Sixties, and The Seventies. He was a leader of the antiwar movement, founded the men's movement virtually by himself, and published the bestseller *Iron John*. All through these activities, he has continued to deepen his own poetry, a vigorous voice in a period of more academic wordsmiths. Now, in *Eating the Honey of Words*, he presents the best poems he has written in the last three decades, including favorites from his earlier books such as *Silence in the Snowy Fields*, *The Man in the Black Coat Turns*, and *Loving a Woman in Too Worlds*. Joining these timeless classics are a number of poems from these past decades never published before, as well as a complete section of marvelous new poems from the last two years. This book is a chance to reread, in a fresh setting, many of Bly's most famous early poems, and in some instances to see how they have changed over the years. In this new selection, one can see more clearly than ever the powerful undercurrents that carry this poetry from one book to the next. *Eating the Honey of Words* is a brilliant collection that confirms Robert Bly's role as one of America's preeminent poets writing today. *The Face in the Toyota*  
Suppose you see a face in a Toyota  
One day, and you fall in love with that  
face, And it is Her, and the world rushes by  
Like dust blown down a Montana street.  
And you fall upward into some deep hole,  
And you can't tell God from a grain of sand.  
And your life is changed, except that now  
you Overlook even more than you did before;  
And these ignored things come to bury you,  
And you are crushed, and your parents  
Can't help anymore, and the woman in the  
Toyota Becomes a part of the world that  
you don't see. And now the grain of sand  
becomes sand again, And you stand on  
some mountain road weeping.

### **Cast Away** - Naomi Shihab Nye 2020-02-11

"Nye at her engaging, insightful best." —Kirkus Reviews (starred review)  
Acclaimed poet and Young People's Poet Laureate Naomi Shihab Nye shines a spotlight on the things we cast away, from plastic water bottles to those less fortunate, in this collection of more than eighty original and

never-before-published poems. A deeply moving, sometimes funny, and always provocative poetry collection for all ages. "How much have you thrown away in your lifetime already? Do you ever think about it? Where does this plethora of leavings come from? How long does it take you, even one little you, to fill the can by your desk?" ?Naomi Shihab Nye National Book Award Finalist, Young People's Poet Laureate, and devoted trash-picker-upper Naomi Shihab Nye explores these questions and more in this original collection of poetry that features more than eighty new poems. "I couldn't save the world, but I could pick up trash," she says in her introduction to this stunning volume. With poems about food wrappers, lost mittens, plastic straws, refugee children, trashy talk, the environment, connection, community, responsibility to the planet, politics, immigration, time, junk mail, trash collectors, garbage trucks, all that we carry and all that we discard, this is a rich, engaging, moving, and sometimes humorous collection for readers ages twelve to adult. Includes ideas for writing, recycling, and reclaiming, and an index.

### **In the Land of Words** - Eloise Greenfield 2003-12-23

The words can come from a memory, or a dream, or something I see or hear or wonder about or imagine. . . . Maybe there's a place where words live, where our minds and hearts can go and find them when we want to write or read. I like to imagine that there is such a place. I call it "The Land of Words." In this collection of twenty-one poems, National Council of Teachers of English Excellence in Poetry for Children Award winner Eloise Greenfield journeys to a place where words, creativity, and imagination abound. Featuring the poems "In the Land of Words," "Books," and "Poem," as well as favorites such as "Nathaniel's Rap" and "Way Down in the Music," this tribute to the written word invites readers to look within themselves and discover what inspires them.

### **Words Are the Worst** - Erik Lindner 2021-09-15

Born in 1968 in The Hague, Erik Lindner is one of the Netherland's most acclaimed poets. Admired for a style that fuses simplicity with strangeness, Lindner builds his poems through a montage of descriptive images that, by fending off closure, generate extraordinary visionary power. Gathering together new work with a selection from his previous

six collections, *Words are the Worst* offers a range of pleasures that have made him celebrated in his home country: an austere eloquence; a hard, unsparing precision; a restless and idiosyncratic eye. Best of all is how his intensely filmic observations transform haunted landscapes of windmills, birds, dogs, and houseboats on canals into, as one critic put it, "Lindner-like" moments. Brilliantly translated by Francis R. Jones, with

an introduction by Canadian poet David O'Meara, *Words are the Worst* introduces a leading Dutch voice to English readers.

**Collected Prose** - Robert Hayden 1984-07-20

Gathers essays about modern poetry, the relationship between poets and their poems, Black poetry, and the author's career as a writer