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Trouble in Mind Jan 22 2022 Presents a poetry collection that provides a close-up glimpse at the insights and truths that are revealed, even in the middle of emotional chaos.

Man and Camel Oct 07 2020 A new collection of poetry from the Pulitzer Prize-winning writer, the first in some eight years, celebrates the transience, oddities, and lasting beauty of life and its mysteries.

A Hunger Aug 29 2022 Poems deal with mysticism, childhood, identity, evolution, travel, history, the rescue of a girl from a well, sisters, and the afterlife

The Master Letters May 26 2022 The title of this richly textured book derives from two of the three mysterious letters left by Emily Dickinson--the ones addressed to "Dear Master." Lucie Brock-Boido has imagined a series of letters echoing devices found in Dickinson's own work. "We feel we are in the presence of something entirely new," says Bonnie Costello in *The Boston Review*. "Not even Brock-Broido's wonderful first book, *A Hunger*, prepares us for this bold encounter."

In the Middle Distance Nov 07 2020 A collection of poetic works by the author of *Things and Flesh* and *Too Bright to See & Alma* features a range of emotional and spiritual works in which the writer explores the crossroads between devastation and desire, where she finds both survival and salvation. Original.

Bless This Home May 02 2020

A Study Guide for Lucie Brock-Broido's "After Raphael" Nov 19 2021 A Study Guide for Lucie Brock-Broido's "After Raphael," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed *Poetry for Students*. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust *Poetry for Students* for all of your research needs.

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The Deepest Part of Dark May 14 2021 "Set on the outskirts of Eden, Brooklyn, and on the boundaries of religion, Pluto's poems are complicated love letters to a god caught mid-shape-shift. Sometimes whispering in Russian, sometimes crying out in the language of myth, these poems are replete with love and its breaking." --Amy King, author of "I Want to Make You Safe"

Four Reincarnations Aug 17 2021 Reverent and profane, entertaining and bruising, *Four Reincarnations* is a debut collection of poems that introduces an exciting new voice in American letters. When Max Ritvo was diagnosed with cancer at age sixteen, he became the chief war correspondent for his body. The poems of *Four Reincarnations* are dispatches from chemotherapy beds and hospitals and the loneliest spaces in the home. They are relentlessly embodied, communicating pain, violence, and loss. And yet they are also erotically, electrically attuned to possibility and desire, to everything living / that won't come with me / into this sunny afternoon. Ritvo explores the prospect of death with singular sensitivity, but he is also a poet of life and of love—a cool-eyed assessor of mortality and a fervent champion for his body and its pleasures. Ritvo writes to his wife, ex-lovers, therapists, fathers, and one mother. He finds something to love and something to lose in everything: Listerine PocketPak breath strips, Indian mythology, wool hats. But in these poems from the humans that animate him to the inanimate hospital machines that remind him of death's vulnerable, aching pitch of intimacy that establishes him as one of our finest young poets. "

Resistance, Rebellion, Life Oct 19 2021 Poets on the march: 50 crucial poems written in response to the current political climate, selected and introduced by the Ohio Poet Laureate—and son of immigrants—Amit Majmudar. In a political atmosphere where language and even meaning itself are continually under threat, poetry has a critical role to play. And our poets have been responding—in the streets and at their desks, demanding a full accounting from themselves and from their nation. Majmudar's elegant introduction to these vital poems reminds us that "false stories take a lot of killing because they are made of language. Because they are made of language, though, they can be killed." From Solmaz Sharif and Eileen Myles to Kevin Young and Juan Felipe Herrera, American poets of diverse styles and strategies have contributed their truths: scenes from the front lines of resistance, and from the interior of our collective conscience. A final cento by Majmudar—a poem including at least one line or phrase from each of the poems in the volume—celebrates the robust multiplicity of voices in this book and in America now.

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So Far So Good Sep 05 2020 Redolent of myths, history, nursery rhymes, and the natural world, LeGuin bookends a long, daring, and prolific career.

Poetry for Students Feb 29 2020 Profiles fifteen poems by writers such as Lucie Brock-Broido, Frank Bidart, Gerald Stern, Ciaran Carson, and others, providing poem texts and summaries, author biographies, criticism excerpts, and discussion of theme, style, and historical context.

Letters from Max Jun 22 2019 A real professor and her student forge a friendship through correspondence as they discuss love, art, life, cancer, and death. In 2012, Sarah Ruhl was a distinguished author and playwright, twice a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Max Ritvo, a student in her playwriting class at Yale University, was an exuberant, opinionated, and highly gifted poet. He was also in remission from pediatric cancer. Over the next four years—in which Ritvo’s illness returned and his health declined, even as his productivity bloomed—the two exchanged letters that spark with urgency, humor, and the desire for connection. Reincarnation, books, the afterlife as an Amtrak quiet car, good soup: in Ruhl and Ritvo’s exchanges, all ideas are fair, nourishing game, shared and debated in a spirit of generosity and love. “We’ll always know one another forever, however long ever is,” Ritvo writes. “And that’s all I want—is to know you forever.” Studded with poems and songs, *Letters from Max* is a deeply moving portrait of a friendship, and a shimmering exploration of love, art, mortality, and the afterlife. Praise for *Letters from Max* “An unusual, beautiful book about nothing less than the necessity of art in our lives. Two big-hearted, big-brained writers have allowed us to eavesdrop on their friendship: jokes and heartbreaks, admiration, hard work, tender work.” —Elizabeth McCracken, author of *Bowlaway* “Immediate comparisons will be made to Rainer Maria Rilke’s *Letters to a Young Artist* . . . this book is a nuanced look at the evolution of an incredible talent facing mortality and the mentor, never condescending, who recognizes his gift. Their infectious letters shine with a love of words and beauty.” —The Observer “Deeply moving, often heartbreaking. . . . A captivating celebration of life and love.” —Kirkus Reviews “Moving and erudite . . . devastating and lyrical . . . Ruhl draws a comparison between their correspondence and that between poets Robert Lowell and Elizabeth Bishop, and indeed, with the depth and intelligence displayed, one feels in the presence of literary titans.” —Publishers Weekly

Advice from the Lights Aug 24 2019 Stephen is sometimes Stephanie and sometimes wonders how his past and her past are their own collective memory *Advice from the Lights* is a brilliant and candid exploration of gender and identity and a series of looks at a formative past. It’s part nostalgia, part confusion, and part an ongoing wondering: How do any of us achieve adulthood? And why would we want to, if we had the choice? This collection is woven from and interrupted by extraordinary sequences, including Stephanie poems about Stephen’s female self; poems on particular years of the poet’s early life, each with its own memories, desires, insecurities, and pop songs; and versions of poems by the Greek poet Callimachus, whose present-day incarnation worries (who doesn’t?) about mortality, the favor of the gods, and the career of Taylor Swift. The collection also includes poems on politics, location, and parenthood. Taken all together, this is Stephen Burt’s most personal and most accomplished collection, an essential work that asks who we are, how we become ourselves, and why we make art.

The Final Voicemails Jul 24 2019 “Even present tense has some of the grace of past tense, / what with all the present tense left to go.” From Max Ritvo—selected and edited by Louise Glück—comes a final collection of poems fully inscribed with the daring of his acrobatic mind and the force of his unrelenting spirit. Diagnosed with terminal cancer at sixteen, Ritvo spent the next decade of his life writing with frenetic energy, culminating in the publication of *Four Reincarnations*. As with his debut, *The Final Voicemails* brushes up against the pain, fear, and isolation that accompany a long illness, but with all the creative force of an artist in full command of his craft and the teeming affection of a human utterly in love with the world. The representation of the end of life resists simplicity here. It is physical decay, but it is also tedium. It is alchemy, “the breaking apart, / the replacement of who, when, how, and where, / with what.” It is an antagonist—and it is a part of the self. Ritvo’s poems ring with considered reflection on the enduring final question, while suggesting—in their vibrancy and their humor—that death is not merely an end. *The Final Voicemails* is an ecstatic, hopeful, painful—and completely breathtaking—second collection.

The Claims Office Jun 02 2020 *The Claims Office* is a startlingly good debut. Dai George’s method is deeply engaged with narrative traditions, but the textures and imagery are often elaborate and strange. This rich surface is undercut by a mixture of rebellious energy and unflinching satire. His ‘nature’ poems are often anti-nature poems, and darkly funny. Lively pieces about London and New York jostle with skewed love poems. His works about his native Wales alternate between an edgy irony and the elegiac tone of the collection’s title poem, and display a deep suspicion of authority and a reluctance to conform to nationalist cliché. ‘A really fresh and ambitious voice, celebrating the local without sentimentality, and tackling major matters of political vision, faith and scepticism, loyalty and self-knowledge, with assurance and sharp wit, and a brilliant metaphorical repertoire.’ - Rowan Williams ‘Dai George offers something new to Welsh, and to British poetry. The diversity of Dai’s style has been aided by the rigours of an MFA at Columbia - one of the best places anywhere to study poetry - where he has been introduced to wider ideas which have formed his work as a young poet away from the dominant influences of current British poetry.’ - Roddy Lumsden

Close Calls with Nonsense Mar 12 2021 A volume of essays and critical writings explores the works of such figures as Rae Armantrout, Paul Muldoon, and C.D. Wright, in a collection that accessibly introduces key works by modern poets.

Soul Keeping Company Apr 24 2022 Lucie Brock-Broido’s poetry conjures what is half-known, at the limits of experience, in language fierce with a living glitter. This title introduces Brock-Broido’s poetry to British readers with generous selections from her three acclaimed collections: “A Hunger”, “The Master Letters and Trouble in Mind”.

The Earth Avails Dec 09 2020 The anticipated new book by Mark Wunderlich, whose poetry “reminds us how fully the spirit can illuminate the depths” (The New Yorker) A Publishers Weekly Book of the Week With your sorghum broom you sweetened my path, pulled the woolen shawl around me while I slept. That the lightning struck the willow and did not fall—for this I am grateful. —from “Heaven-Letter” *The Earth Avails* evokes an all-but-lost history, when every setting, thought, and action was imbued with ritual: here’s the prayer said in a time of sickness; here’s the blessing spoken upon entering the house; here’s the letter from heaven that protects its holder from harm and misfortune. Rendered in part from folkloric and historical sources, Mark Wunderlich’s poems reinvent these traditions with lyrical and emotive force for a new century of readers.

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Into Daylight Jul 04 2020 Poetry. Winner of the Dorset Prize, selected by Tom Sleight. In his new book, Jeffrey Harrison reflects on the daily familiarities and fragilities experienced in a long marriage and as a parent of teenagers, refracted through the shock of a brother’s suicide. Limpid and direct on the surface but eloquent in resonance, INTO DAYLIGHT asks what comes after: How to live, how to continue writing, and how to find one’s proper relationship with the world and restore some semblance of delight, while giving voice to sadness and pain.

Hard Damage Jan 28 2020 *Hard Damage* works to relentlessly interrogate the self and its shortcomings. In lyric and documentary poems and essayistic fragments, Aria Aber explores the historical and personal implications of Afghan American relations. Drawing on material dating back to the 1950s, she considers the consequences of these relations—in particular the funding of the Afghan mujahedeen, which led to the Taliban and modern-day Islamic terrorism—for her family and the world at large. Invested in and suspicious of the pain of family and the shame of selfhood, the speakers of these richly evocative and musical poems mourn the magnitude of citizenship as a state of place and a state of mind. While *Hard Damage* is framed by free-verse poetry, the middle sections comprise a lyric essay in fragments and a long documentary poem. Aber explores Rilke in the original German, the urban melancholia of city life, inherited trauma, and displacement on both linguistic and environmental levels, while employing surrealist and eerily domestic imagery.

The Milk Hours Oct 26 2019 Winner of the Max Ritvo Poetry Prize: A “luminous [and] memorable” debut that searches widely to ask what it means to exist in a state of loss (Publishers Weekly). “We lived overlooking the walls overlooking the cemetery.” So begins the title poem of this collection, whose recursive temporality is filled with living, grieving things, punctuated by an unseen world of roots, bodies, and concealed histories. Like a cemetery, too, *The Milk Hours* sets unlikely neighbors alongside each other: Hegel and Murakami, Melville and the Persian astronomer al-Sufi, enacting a transhistorical poetics even as it brims with intimacy. These are poems of frequent swerves and transformations, which never stray far from an engagement with science, geography, art, and aesthetics, nor from the dream logic that motivates their incessant investigations. While John James begins with the biographical—the haunting loss of a father in childhood, the exhausted hours of early fatherhood—the questions that emerge from his poetic synthesis are both timely and universal: What is it to be human in an era where nature and culture have fused? To live in a time of political and environmental upheaval, of both personal and public loss? How do we make meaning, and to whom—or what—do we turn, when such boundaries so radically collapse? “A poet of staggering lyricism, intricate without ever obscuring his intent. Quite simply, *The Milk Hours* announces the arrival of a great new talent in American poetry.” —Shelf Awareness

The Minister of Disturbances Dec 21 2021 In his startling debut, *The Minister of Disturbances*, Zeeshan Pathan interrogates and subverts the calcified notions of identity (whether Islamic or American or human), the rules of citizenship, & the idea of the nation state. Unafraid of blending the lyrical and the political, he dramatizes the inner journey of the poet as his speakers confront world events including global climate change, the Afghan and Iraq wars, political conflicts from Egypt to India, American imperialism, the idea of the surveillance state, the aftermath of global terrorism, medical illness, displacement and exile. In love with Lorca and Thomas James, his poems seamlessly move from the romantic to the devastating. The weather of these poems is bleak and ridden with the pain of expulsion & dislocation. Language, for Pathan, is a means to restoration and reclamation but the speakers never fully arrive at complete healing and perhaps, that is the power of the collection. There is beauty and truth here, as Keats had once famously intimated, all great poetry should have. And not simply pearls of beautiful lies. *The Minister of Disturbances* confronts the reader with poems that are both tender and terrifying. Though the poet is interested in beauty and in love with poets like Shelley and Hannah Weiner, “with [his] own rampant mouth”, he tells the story of exile, alienation, and hauntingly describes the innumerable moments of a life lived in the shadows of faraway American wars and the resulting global tumult from the eyes of an American Muslim. Zeeshan Pathan was born in Memphis, Tennessee & he has lived in several major American cities including New York City. In 2016, he moved to Istanbul several months before the advent of the Trump Presidency—having completed his graduate studies at Columbia University. In poem after poem, he seeks a language which can capture the horror of our times but never once forgets that his tongue “is stained by the carnivorous ink of history.” This necessary collection is at once lyrical as much as it is rampant with rapture and mournful of irrefutable ruptures.

2 A.m. with Keats Jan 10 2021 As I read Eileen Cleary’s *2 a.m. with Keats*, I felt breathless, suspended in a place of red keys, plum stones, cats, willows, and sphinxes. It would minimize the reach of this brilliant collection to call it an elegy or a eulogy, or even a love story to Lucie Brock-Broido or John Keats - though it is all of those things. Here, in this place where “the elm says Grief and the oak, Grief,” the poems shine and scatter across the pages like “a phantom of stars.” Cleary engages the rhythms of another world, of “sweet music honeyed and unheard,” where “Lucie reaches forty years back. . . .” Embracing the quirkiness of Brock-Broido’s imagery and the love of Keats’s line, Cleary creates a séance of astronomy, searching for the origins of human and poetic magic, where “looking for signs means I’ve / once been broken.” I will return to *2 a.m. with Keats* again and again, to remember Lucie and Keats, to inhale “rose milk . . . mint.” - Jennifer Martelli, author of *In the Year of Ferraro*

Map to the Stars Jul 16 2021 A resonant new collection of poetry from Adrian Matejka, author of *The Big Smoke*, a finalist for The Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award *Map to the Stars*, the fourth poetry collection from National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize finalist Adrian Matejka, navigates the tensions between race, geography, and poverty in America during the Reagan Era. In the time of space shuttles and the Strategic Defense Initiative, outer space is the only place equality seems possible, even as the stars serve to both guide and obscure the earthly complexities of masculinity and migration. In Matejka’s poems, hope is the link between the convoluted realities of being poor and the inspiring possibilities of transcendence and escape—whether it comes from Star Trek, the dream of being one of the first black astronauts, or Sun Ra’s cosmic jazz.

Gathering Words Nov 27 2019 Poetry. Latino/Latina Studies. Maria Luisa Arroyo’s *GATHERING WORDS/RECOGIENDO PALABRAS* gives a voice to the oppressed, the abused, and the forgotten. It speaks from battered women’s shelters and from inside homes that hide domestic violence and child abuse. Laying bare the stark realities of life with phrases that are alternately elegant, blunt, and rich with vivid imagery, Arroyo writes with spine-tingling candor that does not allow us to deny the truth. Shaped by her family’s background in Puerto Rican music, her poems, written mostly in English, are reminiscent of folksongs with their narrative storytelling and activist representation of the disenfranchised, disillusioned, and neglected. This is Arroyo’s first full-length collection of poems.

Poems for Political Disaster Aug 05 2020 “In time of crisis, we summon up our strength,” wrote poet Muriel Rukeyser. This collection gathers poems—from the eve of the twenty-first century to the month following Trump’s election—to mark a moment of political rupture, summoning the collective strength found in the languages of resistance and memory, subversion and declamation, struggle and hope. Poetry is a counterforce. We offer these poems to readers as Rukeyser did—“not walls, but human things, human faces.”

The Gilded Auction Block Sep 25 2019 An incisive new collection of poetry on political and contemporary themes I’m made of murderers I’m

made Of nobodies and immigrants and the poor and a whole / Family the mother's liver and her lungs In *The Gilded Auction Block*, the acclaimed poet Shane McCrae considers the present moment in America on its own terms as well as for what it says about the American project and Americans themselves. In the book's four sections, McCrae alternately responds directly to Donald Trump and contextualizes him historically and personally, exploding the illusions of freedom of both black and white Americans. A moving, incisive, and frightening exploration of both the legacy and the current state of white supremacy in this country, *The Gilded Auction Block* is a book about the present that reaches into the past and stretches toward the future.

Among Women Jun 14 2021 In *Among Women*, Shinder courageously explores men's fear of sexual intimacy using a personal, very private voice that whispers from the mire of lived human experience. In crisp, clean lines, the poems accurately convey the vulnerability, longing, and shame associated with the fear of human contact and communication. Sometimes achingly sensual, though never sentimental, Shinder treats this subject with daring and originality.

Letters to a Stranger Mar 24 2022 A collection of the late poet's only published book is joined with thirteen uncollected poems, with poems touching upon transformation, suicide, and the eternal.

Ghost Of Feb 08 2021 Winner of the Omnidawn Open Poetry Book Prize

The Master Letters of Emily Dickinson Feb 20 2022 Originally published for the centennial of Emily Dickinson's death in 1886, contains the drafts of three letters to a person Emily addresses as 'Master,' accompanied by an introduction and comments by the noted Dickinson manuscript scholar, R. W. Franklin

American Women Poets in the 21st Century Sep 17 2021 Poetry in America is flourishing in this new millennium and asking serious questions of itself: Is writing marked by gender and if so, how? What does it mean to be experimental? How can lyric forms be authentic? This volume builds on the energetic tensions inherent in these questions, focusing on ten major American women poets whose collective work shows an incredible range of poetic practice. Each section of the book is devoted to a single poet and contains new poems; a brief "statement of poetics" by the poet herself in which she explores the forces — personal, aesthetic, political — informing her creative work; a critical essay on the poet's work; a biographical statement; and a bibliography listing works by and about the poet. Underscoring the dynamic give and take between poets and the culture at large, this anthology is indispensable for anyone interested in poetry, gender and the creative process. CONTRIBUTORS: Rae Armantrout, Mei-mei Berssenbrugge, Lucie Brock Broido, Jorie Graham, Barbara Guest, Lyn Hejinian, Brenda Hillman, Susan Howe, Ann Lauterbach, Harryette Mullen.

If You Have to Go Apr 12 2021 The transformative new book from “one of the most important American poets at work today” (Dunya Mikhail) I am content because before me looms the hope of love. I do not have it; I do not yet have it. It is a bird strong enough to lead me by the rope it bites; unless I pull, it is strong enough for me. I do worry the end of my days might come and I will not yet have it. But even then I will be brave upon my deathbed, and why shouldn't I be? I held things here, and I felt them. —From “Psalm 40” The poems in Katie Ford's fourth collection implore their audience—the divine and the human—for attention, for revelation, and, perhaps above all, for companionship. The extraordinary sequence at the heart of this book taps into the radical power of the sonnet form, bending it into a kind of metaphysical and psychological outcry. Beginning in the cramped space of selfhood—in the bedroom, cluttered with doubts, and in the throes of marital loss—these poems edge toward the clarity of “what I can know and admit to knowing.” In song and in silence, Ford inhabits the rooms of anguish and redemption with scouring exactness. This is poetry that “can break open, // it can break your life, it will break you // until you remain.” *If You Have to Go* is Ford's most luminous and moving collection.

Smokes Dec 29 2019 Winner of the Four Way Books Award Series in Poetry selected by Robert Hass. "Susan Wheeler's *Smokes* looks like a book that sets itself the task of continuous invention and surprise... It's like listening to the still chancy and experimental transmission of the post modern vehicle gleefully downshifting into the breezy updrafts of the traditional musics of English verse, and then lurching into the future again. *Smokes* contains elegies, poems of urban and domestic angst, laments, invectives, cakewalks, struts. It's very much of the moment but it is also a deeply literary book -- how could it not be? And its confident rueful, and playful grasp of its tradition is eye-opening and, sardonic as it is, boisterous fun." --Robert Hass

Lies Mar 31 2020 Irish poet Doireann Ní Ghríofa's selection from his first three Irish-language poetry books, translated into English by the author and published here in dual-language format

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