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*The Collected Poems of Lucille Clifton*  
1965-2010 Knopf

A delightful anthology of poems sent by many contemporary writers as Christmas cards. From Advent to the New Year, these poems encompass the nativity, the natural world, weather and time's passing, religious and secular celebrations at home and abroad. Wendy Cope welcomes the Christmas life into the house, Seamus Heaney remembers holly-gathering. Gillian

Clarke cradles a newborn lamb, and Edwin Morgan tabulates a computer's Christmas card.... Here are eighty poems with a variety of Christmas messages - hopeful, cautionary, joyous, full of wonder.

Walking Light Ave Maria Press

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their ancestors. "Like heat he seeks them, / my son, thirsting / to learn those / he don't know / are his dead." Whether it's the fireflies of a Louisiana summer caught in a mason jar (doomed by their collection), or his grandmother, Mama Annie, who latches the screen door when someone steps out for just a moment, all that makes up our flickering precarious joy, all that we want to protect, is lifted into the light in this moving book. Stones becomes an ode to Young's home places and his dear departed, and to what of them--of us--poetry can save. Self-Portrait with Expletives Book of Hours Beautiful mutants, vagabond scuba divers, lovers with disordered gorilla hearts: These poetry comics place the lyric and the grotesque, the elegant and the despondent, side by side in one emotionally intense panel after another. At the vanguard of a

movement that embraces our increasingly visual culture and believes poetry has an essential place therein, Bianca Stone redefines how we think about poetry, what we expect from comics, and how we interpret our own lives. Although reminiscent of illuminations by William Blake, Thomas Phillips's *A Humument*, and more recent visual-poetic hybrids by Mary Ruefle and Matthea Harvey, Stone's comics feature a mixture of dreamy expression and absurdist wit that is entirely her own. Her watercolor panels are filled with anthropomorphic horses and baffled ballerinas that guide the reader through the poet's graphic dreamscape: "I was moving like a monsoon through a forest. I was thinking about where I saw myself in two thousand years... And where I saw myself was a tiny subspace ripple sliding through the corridors with a plastic horse in my hand." This book, its own small universe, erases genre distinctions between the visual and the literary, and offers readers a poetic vision of artistic possibilities. Thieves of Paradise BOA Editions, Ltd.

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Everything Must Go W. W. Norton & Company

For the first time in a stand-alone edition, the acclaimed poet's classic poem about his communication with Ephraim, a guiding spirit in the Other World, is here introduced and annotated by poet and Merrill scholar Stephen Yenser. "The Book of Ephraim," which first appeared as the final poem in James Merrill's Pulitzer-winning volume *Divine Comedies* (1976), tells the story of how he and his partner David Jackson (JM and DJ as they came to be known) embarked on their experiments with the Ouija board and how they conversed after a fashion with great writers and thinkers of the past, especially in regard to the state of the increasingly imperiled planet

Earth. One of the most ambitious long poems in in English in the twentieth century, originally conceived as complete in itself, it was to become the first part of Merrill's epic *The Changing Light at Sandover* (1982), the multiple prize-winning volume still in print. Merrill's "supreme tribute to the web of the world and the convergence of means and meanings everywhere within it" is introduced and annotated by one of his literary executors, Stephen Yenser, in a volume that will gratify veteran readers and entice new ones.

**Jazz Poems** Simon and Schuster Michael Cunningham brings together his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel with the masterpiece that inspired it, Virginia Woolf's *Mrs. Dalloway*. In *The Hours*, the acclaimed author Michael Cunningham draws inventively on the life and work of Virginia Woolf and the story of her novel, *Mrs. Dalloway*, to tell the story of a group

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of contemporary characters struggling with the conflicting claims of love and inheritance, hope and despair. In this edition, Cunningham brings his own Pulitzer Prize-winning novel together with Woolf's masterpiece, which has long been hailed as a groundbreaking work of literary fiction and one of the finest novels written in English. The two novels, published side by side with a new introduction by Cunningham, display the extent of their affinity, and each illuminates new facets of the other in this joint volume. In his introduction, Cunningham re-creates the wonderment of his first encounter with Mrs. Dalloway at fifteen—as he writes, "I was lost. I was gone. I never recovered." With this edition, Cunningham allows us

to disappear into the world of brokenhearted Jelly Roll and into his own brilliant mind. Picador Now in paperback, from the award-winning author of Jelly Roll and Book of Hours, a rich and lively gathering of highlights from the first twenty years of an extraordinary career, interspersed with "B sides" and "bonus tracks" from this prolific and widely acclaimed poet. Blue Laws gathers poems written over the past two decades, drawing from all nine of Kevin Young's previously published books of poetry and including a number of uncollected, often unpublished, poems. From his stunning lyric debut (Most Way Home, 1995) and the amazing "double album" life of Jean-Michel Basquiat (2001; "remixed" for Knopf in 2005), through his

Blues (2003) and his recent forays into adult grief and the joys of birth in Dear Darkness (2008) and Book of Hours (2014), this collection provides a grand tour of a poet whose personal poems and political poems are equally riveting. Together with wonderful outtakes and previously unseen blues, the profoundly felt poems here of family, Southern food, and loss are of a piece with the depth of personal sensibility and humanity found in his Ardency: A Chronicle of the Amistad Rebels or bold sequences such as "The Ballad of Jim Crow" and a new "Homage to Phillis Wheatley." Stones Center for Literary Publishing Kevin has a bad attitude. He's the one who laughs when you trip and fall. In fact, he may have been the one who

tripped you in the first place. He has a real knack for rubbing people the wrong way—and he's even figured out a secret way to do it with poems. But what happens when the tables are turned and he is the one getting picked on? Rhyme Schemer is a touching and hilarious middle-grade novel in verse about one seventh grader's journey from bully-er to bully-ee, as he learns about friendship, family, and the influence that words can have on people's lives. Includes bonus material! - Book Club Discussion Guide - Reading and Writing Connections  
*Dear Darkness* National Geographic Books

A decade after the sudden and tragic loss of his father, we witness the unfolding of grief. "In the night I brush / my teeth with a razor," he tells us, in one of the collection's

piercing two-line poems. Capturing the strange silence of bereavement ("Not the storm / but the calm / that slays me"), Kevin Young acknowledges, even celebrates, life's passages, his loss transformed and tempered in a sequence about the birth of his son: in "Crowning," he delivers what is surely one of the most powerful birth poems written by a man, describing "her face / full of fire, then groaning your face / out like a flower, blood-bloom, / crocused into air." Ending this book of both birth and grief, the gorgeous title sequence brings acceptance, asking "What good/are wishes if they aren't / used up?" while understanding "How to listen / to what's gone." Young's frank music speaks directly to the reader in these elemental poems, reminding us that the right words can both comfort us and enlarge our understanding of life's mysteries.  
*Stones* Steerforth

James Brown. John Brown's raid. Brown v. the Topeka Board of Ed. The prizewinning author of *Blue Laws* meditates on all things "brown" in this powerful new collection. "Vital and sophisticated ... sinks hooks into you that cannot be easily removed." —The New York Times Divided into "Home Recordings" and "Field Recordings," Brown speaks to the way personal experience is shaped by culture, while culture is forever affected by the personal, recalling a black Kansas boyhood to comment on our times. From "History"—a song of Kansas high-school fixture Mr. W., who gave his students "the Sixties / minus Malcolm X, or Watts, / barely a march on Washington"—to "Money Road," a sobering pilgrimage to the site of Emmett Till's lynching, the poems engage place and the

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past and their intertwined power. These thirty-two taut poems and poetic sequences, including an oratorio based on Mississippi "barkeep, activist, waiter" Booker Wright that was performed at Carnegie Hall and the vibrant sonnet cycle "De La Soul Is Dead," about the days when hip-hop was growing up ("we were black then, not yet / African American"), remind us that blackness and brownness tell an ongoing story. A testament to Young's own—and our collective—experience, Brown offers beautiful, sustained harmonies from a poet whose wisdom deepens with time.

Book of Hours University of Georgia Press

The prose poetry in Kevin Phan's first collection, *Dears, Beloveds*, offers a fine-grained meditation on grief—personal, familial, ecological, and political. Informed by the author's

engagement with Buddhism & mindfulness, the poems address looming absences: in our vanishing earth, the scraps of a haunting voicemail, or waiting at hospice with little to do. In these pages, the poet fights his way out of isolation, to establish filigrees of connectedness with himself, other humans, and the natural world. Whether meditating on the bodily loss of his cancer-stricken mother, the Black Lives Matter movement, or a shadow falling from a speck of dust in the kitchen, these lines are notable for their crisp and surprising movements, lucid imagery, aching tenderness, & humanity. *Dears, Beloveds* reminds us of the ironies, beauty, and complexity of our time on earth, as beings in time. Where we hurt. Where we heal each other.

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Harper Perennial

The National Book Award finalist author of *Jelly Roll* presents an evocative collection of food poetry that meditates on the role of food in everyday life,

identity and culture and includes pieces by such writers as Elizabeth Bishop, Robert Frost and Allen Ginsberg. 15,000 first printing.

**What the Living Do: Poems**

Rowman & Littlefield

Thomas Merton was the most popular proponent of the Christian contemplative tradition in the twentieth century. Now, for the first time, some of his most lyrical and prayerful writings have been arranged into *A Book of Hours*, a rich resource for daily prayer and contemplation that imitates the increasingly popular ancient monastic practice of "praying the hours." Editor Kathleen Deignan mined Merton's voluminous writings, arranging prayers for Dawn, Day, Dusk, and Dark for each of the days of the week. *A Book of Hours* allows for a

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slice of monastic  
contemplation in the midst of  
hectic modern life, with  
psalms, prayers, readings,  
and reflections.

**The Grey Album** Graywolf Press  
Shelter is a collection of  
poetry and prose about  
distance, falling in love,  
losing it, and trying to find  
your way back home. It's a  
journey that will take you  
from the streets of Los  
Angeles to the beaches of  
Sydney, and It will test just  
how far love can go and what  
it takes to survive it.

*Winslow in Love* Anchor

\*Finalist for the 2012 National  
Book Critics Circle Award for  
Criticism\* \*A Publishers Weekly  
Top 10 Literary Criticism and  
Essays Pick for Spring 2012\*

The Grey Album, the first work  
of prose by the brilliant poet  
Kevin Young, winner of the  
Graywolf Press Nonfiction Prize  
Taking its title from Danger  
Mouse's pioneering mashup of

Jay-Z's The Black Album and the  
Beatles' The White Album, Kevin  
Young's encyclopedic book  
combines essay, cultural  
criticism, and lyrical choruses  
to illustrate the African  
American tradition of  
lying-storytelling, telling  
tales, fibbing, improvising,  
"jazzing." What emerges is a  
persuasive argument for the  
many ways that African American  
culture is American culture,  
and for the centrality of  
art-and artfulness-to our daily  
life. Moving from gospel to  
soul, funk to freestyle, Young  
sifts through the shadows, the  
bootleg, the remix, the grey  
areas of our history,  
literature, and music.

*The Best American Poetry 2008*  
Knopf

Collections: A Journal for Museum  
and Archives Professionals" is a  
multi-disciplinary peer-reviewed  
journal dedicated to the  
discussion of all aspects of  
handling, preserving, researching,  
and organizing collections.  
Curators, archivists, collections

managers, preparators, registrars,  
educators, students, and others  
contribute.

*Dears, Beloveds* Everyman's  
Library

"A deeply beautiful book, with  
the fierce galloping pace of a  
great novel."—Liz Rosenberg  
Boston Globe Informed by the  
death of a beloved brother,  
here are the stories of  
childhood, its thicket of sex  
and sorrow and joy, boys and  
girls growing into men and  
women, stories of a brother who  
in his dying could teach how to  
be most alive. What the Living  
Do reflects "a new form of  
confessional poetry, one shared  
to some degree by other women  
poets such as Sharon Olds and  
Jane Kenyon. Unlike the earlier  
confessional poetry of Plath,  
Lowell, Sexton et al., Howe's  
writing is not so much a moan  
or a shriek as a song. It is a  
genuinely feminine form . . . a  
poetry of intimacy, witness,  
honesty, and relation" (Boston  
Globe).

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## **Futures of Enlightenment**

**Poetry** Chronicle Books

This book offers a revisionist account of poetry and embodiment from Milton to Romanticism. Scholars have made much of the period's theories of matter, with some studies equating the eighteenth century's modernity with its materialism. Yet the Enlightenment in Britain also brought bold new arguments for the immateriality of spirit and evocative claims about an imminent spirit realm. Protestant religious writing was of two minds about futurity, swinging back and forth between patience for the resurrected body and desire for the released soul. This ancient pattern carried over, the book argues, into understandings of poetry as a modern devotional practice. A range of authors agreed that

poems can provide a foretaste of the afterlife, but they disagreed about what kind of future state the imagination should seek. The mortalist impulse—exemplified by John Milton and by Romantic poets Anna Letitia Barbauld and William Wordsworth—is to overcome the temptation of disembodiment and to restore spirit to its rightful home in matter. The spiritualist impulse—driving eighteenth-century verse by Mark Akenside, Elizabeth Singer Rowe, and Edward Young—is to break out of bodily repetition and enjoy the detached soul's freedom in advance. Although the study isolates these two tendencies, each needed the other as a source in the Enlightenment, and their productive opposition didn't end with Romanticism. The final chapter identifies an

alternative Romantic vision that keeps open the possibility of a disembodied poetics, and the introduction considers present-day Anglophone writers who put it into practice.

*Rhyme Schemer* Vintage

In luscious and purposeful language, W.S. Merwin's new poems examine our essential relationships with the natural world.

*Ardency* Knopf

Delivered in Young's classic bluesy tone, this powerful collection of poems about the American family, smoky Southern food, and the losses that time inevitably brings "bristles with life, nerve and, best of all, wit" (San Francisco Chronicle).