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A Companion to Contemporary British and Irish Poetry, 1960 - 2015 Wolfgang Gortschacher 2020-12-21
A comprehensive and scholarly review of contemporary British and Irish Poetry With contributions from noted scholars in the field, A Companion to Contemporary British and Irish Poetry, 1960-2015 offers a collection of writings from a diverse group of experts. They explore the richness of individual poets, genres, forms, techniques, traditions, concerns, and institutions that comprise these two distinct but interrelated national poetries. Part of the acclaimed Blackwell Companion to Literature and Culture

series, this book contains a comprehensive survey of the most important contemporary Irish and British poetry. The contributors provide new perspectives and positions on the topic. This important book:
Explores the institutions, histories, and receptions of contemporary Irish and British poetry
Contains contributions from leading scholars of British and Irish poetry
Includes an analysis of the most prominent Irish and British poets
Puts contemporary Irish and British poetry in context
Written for students and academics of contemporary poetry, *A Companion to Contemporary British and Irish Poetry, 1960-2015* offers a comprehensive review of contemporary poetry from a wide range of diverse contributors.
The Forward Book of Poetry 2021 Various Poets 2020-09-10 The annual *Forward Book of Poetry* brings news from the frontlines of the contemporary poetry boom. The judges of the *Forward Prizes*, described by the *Daily Telegraph* as 'the most coveted awards in British poetry', have chosen the best work from the year's UK crop of new collections and literary journals. Their selection combines fresh voices with familiar names, making the book essential reading for seasoned poetry enthusiasts and new readers alike.

Selected Poems John Burnside 2011-11-30 Over seventeen years and nine collections, John Burnside has built - in the words of Bernard O'Donoghue - 'a poetic corpus of the first significance', a poetry of luminous, limpid grace. His territory is the no-man's-land of threshold and margin, the charmed half-light of the liminal, a domestic world threaded through with mystery, myth and longing. In this *Selected Poems* we can see themes emerge and develop within the growing confidence of Burnside's sinuous lyric poise: the place of the individual in the world, the idea of dwelling, of home, within that community, and the lure of absence and escape set against the possibilities of renewal and continuity. This is consummate, immaculate work born out of a lean and agile craftsmanship, profound philosophical thought and a haunted, haunting imagination; the result is a poetry that makes intimate, resonant, exquisite music.
Poetry and Pearls N. R. Hart 2018-12-04 A true romantic at heart, N.R.Hart expresses feelings of love, hope, passion, despair, vulnerability and romance in her poetry. Trapping time forever and a keeper of

memories is what she loves most about the enduring power of poetry. Her poetry has been so eloquently described as "words delicately placed inside a storm." Poetry is here to make us feel instead of think; as thinking is for the mind and poetry is for the heart and soul. N.R.Hart hopes to open up your heart and touch your soul with her poetry.

Explaining Magnetism Maura Dooley 1991 Maura Dooley's poetry is remarkable for embracing both lyricism and political consciousness, for its fusion of head and heart. Helen Dunmore (in Poetry Review) admired her 'sharp and forceful' intelligence. Adam Thorpe praised her ability 'to enact and find images for complex feelings...Her poems have both great delicacy and an undeniable toughness...she manages to combine detailed domesticity with lyrical beauty, most perfectly in the metaphor of memory ' (Literary Review). Explaining Magnetism was Maura Dooley's first full-length collection, including poems from two earlier short collections, Ivy Leaves & Arrows (1986) and Turbulence (1988).

Small Hands Mona Arshi 2015-04-09 Winner of the 2015 Forward Prize for Best First Collection Mona Arshi's debut collection, 'Small Hands', introduces a brilliant and compelling new voice. At the centre of the book is the slow detonation of grief after her brother's death but her work focuses on the whole variety of human experience: pleasure, hardship, tradition, energised by language which is in turn both tender and risky. Often startling as well as lyrical, Arshi's poems resist fixity; there is a gentle poignancy at work here which haunts many of the poems. This is humane poetry. Arshi's is a daring, moving and original voice.

Just Us Claudia Rankine 2021-09-02 Now in paperback, Claudia Rankine's 'skyscraper in the literature on racism' (Christian Science Monitor) At the theatre, around the dinner table, in the airport and in the voting booth, what fractures lie beneath the veneer of contemporary civility and rhetorical claims to unity? What happens if we actually acknowledge them? And when we do, how can we strive to stay in the room with one other? In a series of real-life conversations with both friends and strangers, Claudia Rankine set out to explore these questions, taking the study of whiteness and white supremacy - and a willingness to

be surprised - as her guiding light. Just Us is the record of those encounters. Brilliantly arranging essays, images and poems along with the voices and rebuttals of others, it counterpoints Rankine's own text with facing-page notes and commentary, and along the way considers a typically enlightening and unexpected range of issues, from priority boarding queues to the political and cultural implications of women dyeing their hair blonde. Wry, vulnerable and prescient, this is Rankine's most intimate work, less interested in being right - and in always feeling comfortable - than in being true and being together.

Red Roses Selima Hill 2006 Selima Hill's poetry has been called wanton, wildly imaginative, tender, intelligent, dangerous, defiant, subversive and startling. All these qualities are strongly present in her latest collection, "Red Roses", which delves into territory her earlier books were only starting to uncover. The new book is orchestrated to read as one single movement fed by variations on a theme, with each rapid-fire poem blooming suddenly into the light. These are brave and disconcerting poems which don't wear a smile to impress or hide behind. Their bleak yet engaging humour isn't a ploy or a plea for sympathy but a facing up to truth. What they offer readers isn't uplifting sentiment but honesty to experience and a shared sense of recognition that denial or evasion will never heal a wound.

Plot Claudia Rankine 2007-12-01 This poetry collection by the acclaimed author of *Citizen* presents an "inexhaustibly complex, varied, and . . . grimly inventive" meditation on maternity (Verse). In Claudia Rankine's *Plot*, an expectant mother, Liv, and her husband, Erland, find themselves propelled into one of our most basic plots: boy loves girl, girl gets pregnant. Liv's respect for life, however, makes her reluctant to bring a new life into the world. The couple's electrifying journey is charted through dreams, conversations, and reflections. A text like no other, it crosses genres, existing at times in poetry, at times in dialogue and prose, in order to arrive at new life and baby Ersatz. This stunning, avant-garde performance enacts what it means to be human, and to invest in humanity. "Plot moves as in a picaresque novel, in which the body schemes and frightens, accompanied by Claudia Rankine's instinct

for poetic surprise.” —Barbara Guest, poet and author of *Herself Defined*

Imperfect Tense Melisa Cahnmann-Taylor 2016-07-16 *Imperfect Tense* is a meditation on language, and the poems in this collection are grounded in teaching, learning, and living between languages and cultures. Much like the imported "dragon fruit," these poems grasp displacement as opportunity; they relish in perpetual outsider-ness as a way inside a fundamentally shared human condition. The first section of three, "Imperfect Tense" is a specific meditation on Americans' pursuits of Spanish as a second language. "Past Tense" revolves around experiences as an English language and poetry teacher working with immigrant communities. Finally, "Ever Present Tense" is a meditation on the language of family.

The End of the Alphabet Claudia Rankine 1998 A Jamaican-born poet's collection of poetry about the people closest to her and about the United States, the country she now calls home

A Little Book of Meat Selima Hill 1993 The poems in *A Little Book of Meat* are written in the voice of a woman growing up on a remote cattle farm with her mother, a devout Catholic, and her much-loved assortment of animals. She is already nearly 30, knows little of the outside world, and walks with a slight limp. One day a stranger calls, a travelling slaughterman... Where Selima Hill's last book, *The Accumulation of Small Acts of Kindness*, was the record of a nervous breakdown, *A Little Book of Meat* tells the story of a love affair, combining the tenderness and subversive humour of her most startling poetry with the imaginative depth and unpredictability of an untamed novel.

Moving Forward, Looking Back Sojourner Kincaid-Rolle 2018 In 2016, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History celebrated its Centennial Year. Activities included a Museum-sponsored Poet-in-Residence program, which offered a two-month residency to each of the five Santa Barbara Poets Laureate presented in this publication.

The Poetry Remedy William Sieghart 2019-10-15 The US edition of the bestselling *The Poetry Pharmacy* A beautiful collection of curated poems each individually selected to provide hope, comfort, and

inspiration—for all of life's most difficult moments Sometimes only a poem will do. These poetic prescriptions and wise words of advice are tailored to those moments in life when we need them most, from general glumness to news overload, and from infatuation to losing the spark. Whatever you're facing, there is a poem in these pages that will do the trick. This pocket-size companion presents the most essential fixes in William Sieghart's poetic dispensary—those that, again and again, have shown themselves to hit the spot. Whether you are suffering from loneliness, lack of courage, heartbreak, hopelessness, or even an excess of ego—or whether you are seeking hope, comfort, inspiration, or excitement—The Poetry Remedy will provide just the poem you need in that moment.

Bunny Selima Hill 2001 Selima Hill's *Bunny* is set in the haunted house of adolescence. Always blackly comic, sometimes beguilingly erotic, each echoing poem opens a door on madness or menace, shame or blame. Bunny tells the intimate story of a young girl growing up in London in the 1950s, confused and betrayed but finding herself, becoming independent. Appearances are always deceptive. That predatory lodger. The animals outside and within. The girl sectioned in the hospital, nursing her sense of wrong. The blueness of things. The fire. What the house contains, it cannot hide. The poems reveal not only what was papered over but what she learned. About how to be a woman. How to be loved. And what happens to innocence.

Favorite Poet's Poems 2015 Alliance Poets World-Wide

Forward Poems of the Decade Liz Croft 2016-12-15 The Guide has been written primarily for students of AS and A Level English Literature as specified by Edexcel in the post-2015 syllabus (9ET0). It addresses Component 1 (8ET0/01 - Poetry and Drama) of the AS syllabus and Component 3 (9ET0/03 - Poetry) of the A2 syllabus, specifically, the requirement to study a selection of Post-2000 poetry. The Guide covers all the poems in the selection from *Poems of the Decade: An Anthology of the Forward Books of Poetry 2002-2011* (ISBN 978-0571281732). The poems are explored individually, and links and connections between them are drawn as appropriate. The format of each exploration is similar: * A summary of the key

themes of the poems, with a note on possible connections and links to other poems in the selection* An explanation of any key features of the poem that require additional contextual knowledge or illustration* A brief summary of the metric form, rhyme scheme or other structural features* A "walk-through" (or explication) of the poem, ensuring that what is happening in the poem is understood, how the rhythm and rhyme contribute to meaning, an explanation of the meaning of words which may be unfamiliar, an exploration of imagery and language and a comment on main themes.

Don't Let Me Be Lonely Claudia Rankine 2017-02-02 "Here, available for the first time in the UK, is the book in which Claudia Rankine first developed the 'American Lyric' form which makes her Forward Prize-winning collection Citizenso distinctive- an original combination of poetry, lyric essay, photography and visual art, virtuosically deployed. Don't Let Me Be Lonelyis Rankine's meditation on the self bewildered by race riots, terrorism, medicated depression and television's ubiquitous influence. Written during George W. Bush's presidency in an America still reeling from the 9/11 attacks and charging headlong into war in Iraq, this is an early 21st-century work of great wit, intelligence and depth of feeling, with urgent lessons for the present."

Citizen Claudia Rankine 2014-10-07 * Finalist for the National Book Award in Poetry * * Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award in Poetry * Finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award in Criticism * Winner of the NAACP Image Award * Winner of the L.A. Times Book Prize * Winner of the PEN Open Book Award * ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR: The New Yorker, Boston Globe, The Atlantic, BuzzFeed, NPR. Los Angeles Times, Publishers Weekly, Slate, Time Out New York, Vulture, Refinery 29, and many more . . . A provocative meditation on race, Claudia Rankine's long-awaited follow up to her groundbreaking book Don't Let Me Be Lonely: An American Lyric. Claudia Rankine's bold new book recounts mounting racial aggressions in ongoing encounters in twenty-first-century daily life and in the media. Some of these encounters are slights, seeming slips of the tongue, and some are intentional offensives in the classroom, at the supermarket, at home, on the tennis court

with Serena Williams and the soccer field with Zinedine Zidane, online, on TV-everywhere, all the time. The accumulative stresses come to bear on a person's ability to speak, perform, and stay alive. Our addressability is tied to the state of our belonging, Rankine argues, as are our assumptions and expectations of citizenship. In essay, image, and poetry, *Citizen* is a powerful testament to the individual and collective effects of racism in our contemporary, often named "post-race" society.

Wait 30 Minutes Patrick Roche 2015-05-07 The debut poetry chapbook from Patrick Roche, *Wait 30 Minutes* investigates topics of love, loss, sexuality, memory, family, mental health, substance abuse, body image, and the intersections of all of those and more. This collection contains poems which have garnered Roche over 5 million views through videos of his performances, as well as new poems previously unheard or unpublished.

The Forward Book of Poetry 2015 Various Poets 2014-09-30 The *Forward Book of Poetry* showcases a selection of the best contemporary poetry published in the British Isles over the last year, including the winners of 2014's prestigious Forward Poetry Prizes. It is introduced by Jeremy Paxman, chairman of the 2014 Forward Prizes judges. Their final recommendations give a strong sense of the variety, vitality and wit present in poetry today, making this anthology - the 23rd in an annual series - valuable to both first-time poetry readers and those keen to find more new poetry to enjoy. If you buy only one poetry book this year, this is it.

Eloquence 2015-10-01

The Poetry Pharmacy Returns William Sieghart 2019-09-26 'A matchless compound of hug, tonic and kiss' Stephen Fry on William Sieghart's bestselling *Poetry Pharmacy* The *Poetry Pharmacy* is one of the bestselling (and most giftable) poetry anthologies of recent decades. Now, after huge demand for more prescriptions from readers and 'patients' alike, William Sieghart is back. This time, tried-and-true classics from his in-person pharmacies are joined by readers' favourite poems and the new conditions most requested by the public - all accompanied by his trademark meditations (warm, witty and understanding,

with just a twist of the challenging) on the spiritual ailments he seeks to cure. From ageing bodies and existential crises to long-distance relationships and embracing your slovenliness, *The Poetry Pharmacy Returns* caters to all-new conditions while drilling further down into the universals: this time, the challenges of family life, and of living as a person among others, receive a much closer look. Perfect for the treasured friends, barely tolerated siblings, beloved aunts and revered grandparents in your life.

The Forward Book of Poetry 2022 Various Poets 2021-09-16

Violet Selima Hill 1997 *Violet* is full of double trouble: startlingly wild, often bizarre poems on sisters and husbands, sex, ducks and fridges. If Selima Hill seems to show as strange a portrait of family life as anything by Buñuel or Almodovar, that is because her mirror reflects more than just surfaces. Hers is a looking-glass world seen through a fairground mirror, which exaggerates and accuses as well as telling a few home truths. Both distorting and revealing, *Violet* explodes lies and tells them too; exposes myths and creates them. In the end, nothing is certain, except that there are giant cows paddling in the stream, sloths singing in the trees, ants herding ferocious sheep, and ailing ?sh in the ?sh hospital. When the mirror cracks, with pain or laughter, the book splits into two halves. *My Sister's Sister* is the story of two sisters, from the early days of their childhood to their ?nal estrangement after the death of their mother. *My Husband's Wife* is a woman whose love for her husband survives the painful breakdown of their marriage. *Violet* was a Poetry Book Society Choice and was shortlisted for all three of the UK's major poetry prizes, the Forward Prize, T.S. Eliot Prize and Whitbread Poetry Award.

The Forward Book of Poetry 2015 2014

Best British Poetry Emily Berry 2015-10-01 "Your indispensable guide to the poetry of these islands, now in its fifth year" *The Best British Poetry* presents the finest and most engaging poems found in literary magazines and webzines over the past year. The material gathered represents the rich variety of current UK poetry. Each poem is accompanied by a note by the poet explaining the inspiration for the poem.

The Forward Book of Poetry 2016 Forward Various 2015-09-17 *The Forward Book of Poetry 2016*

showcases the best of contemporary poetry published in the British Isles over the year, including the winners of 2015's Forward Prizes for Poetry. This anthology is the 24th in a series that offers an invaluable annual overview of the current state of poetry. If you buy only one book of poems a year, this is it.

Poetry Pharmacy William Sieghart 2019-05-02 'A matchless compound of hug, tonic and kiss' Stephen Fry 'I keep my copy with the brandy and aspirin' Jeanette Winterson Sometimes only a poem will do. For countless people, the poetic prescriptions and wise words of advice from William Sieghart's bestselling Poetry Pharmacy have offered comfort, delight and inspiration; a space for reflection, and that precious realization - I'm not the only one who feels like this. 'Marvellous ... balm for the soul, fire for the belly, a cooling compress for the fevered brow, solace for the wounded, an arm around the lonely shoulder' Stephen Fry 'Delightful; it rightly resituates poetry in relation to its biggest and most serious task: helping us to live and die well' Alain de Botton 'Sieghart's enthusiasm for poetry is so generous, optimistic and open-hearted, it's hard to resist' Evening Standard 'One for the bedside, a solace for sleepless nights' Daily Mail

British Prose Poetry Jane Monson 2018-07-04 This book is the first collection of essays on the British prose poem. With essays by leading academics, critics and practitioners, the book traces the British prose poem's unsettled history and reception in the UK as well as its recent popularity. The essays cover the nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first centuries exploring why this form is particularly suited to the modern age and yet can still be problematic for publishers, booksellers and scholars. Refreshing perspectives are given on the Romantics, Modernists and Post-Modernists, among them Woolf, Beckett and Eliot as well as more recent poets like Seamus Heaney, Geoffrey Hill, Claudia Rankine, Jeremy Over and Vahni Capildeo. British Prose Poetry moves from a contextual overview of the genre's early volatile and fluctuating status, through to crucial examples of prose poetry written by established Modernist, surrealist and contemporary writers. Key questions around boundaries are discussed more generally in

terms of race, class and gender. The British prose poem's international heritage, influences and influence are explored throughout as an intrinsic part of its current renaissance.

Our Numbered Days Neil Hilborn 2017-10-10 "When you're dumb enough for long enough, you're gonna meet someone too smart to love you, and they're gonna love you anyway, and it's gonna go so poorly," Neil Hilborn writes in his debut full-length collection, *OUR NUMBERED DAYS*. In 2013, Hilborn's poem "OCD" went viral, and has amassed over 11 million views to date. While this collection ruminates on love, heartbreak, and mental illness, these poems are anything but saccharine. Hilborn uses the same humor and self-deprecation that propelled "OCD" to success in order to make his unmatched vulnerability all the more powerful. Ultimately, Hilborn is a poet of the people: his work is accessible, honest, and entertaining; a revitalizing entry in contemporary poetry.

Nothing in Nature is Private Claudia Rankine 1994 Poetry. African American Studies. "Claudia Rankine is a fiercely gifted young poet. Intelligence, a curiosity and hunger for understanding like some worrying, interior, physical pain, a gift for being alert in the world. She knows when to bless and to curse, to wonder and to judge, and she doesn't flinch. *NOTHING IN NATURE IS PRIVATE* is an arrival. It's the kind of book that makes you hopeful for American poetry."—Robert Hass "I am excited by Claudia Rankine's poems, their elegance, their emotional force, their scrupulous intimation of multiple identities.

Representing brilliantly the prismatic vision of a Jamaican, middle class, intellectual black woman living in America, they address the widest constituency of readers. This is a richly rewarding collection."—Mervyn Morris

Poems of the Decade Forward Publishing 2015-03-19 Agbabi, Armitage, Burnside, Duffy, Dunmore, Fanthorpe, Heaney, Motion, Nagra, O'Brien and more Poems of the Decade brings together more than one hundred poems from the many thousands submitted to the Forward Prizes for Poetry in the first decade of the 21st century. The Forwards are among the world's most coveted poetry honours. They have been awarded annually since 1992 for the Best Collection, Best First Collection and Best Single

Poem published in Britain and Ireland, and the roster of winning, shortlisted and highly commended poets regularly juxtaposes familiar canonical names with fresh voices. This anthology of anthologies draws on the ten Forward Books of Poetry published to accompany the prizes between 2001 and 2010. It is the perfect introduction to a wide range of contemporary poetry: works that speak of violence, danger and fear, of love and all that opposes love, in forms of language broken and reshaped by the need to communicate what it is to be alive now, here. 'These annual anthologies of the poems in the running for the Forward Prizes remain the best way of encountering the richness that new poetry has to offer.' Daily Telegraph

Citizen Claudia Rankine 2015 In this moving, critical and fiercely intelligent collection of prose poems, Claudia Rankine examines the experience of race and racism in Western society through sharp vignettes of everyday discrimination and prejudice, and longer meditations on the violence - whether linguistic or physical - which has impacted the lives of Serena Williams, Zinedine Zidane, Mark Duggan and others. Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Poetry Winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Poetry 'Everywhere were flashes, a siren sounding and a stretched-out roar. Get on the ground. Get on the ground now. Then I just knew.' 'And you are not the guy and still you fit the description because there is only one guy who is always the guy fitting the description.' 'Wonderfully capacious and innovative. In her riffs on the demotic, in her layering of incident, Rankine finds a new way of writing about race in America.' Nick Laird, New York Review of Books 'Citizen feels raw . . . this documentary-style look at America has catapulted Rankine into the spotlight . . . She speaks to the vastly different ways racism and injustice are perpetuated across class lines in America today.' Smitha Khorana, Guardian US 'Rankine brilliantly pushes poetry's forms . . . one is left with a mix of emotions that linger and wend themselves into the subconscious.' Holly Bass, The New York Times

The BreakBeat Poets Kevin Coval 2015-04-07 A first-of-its-kind anthology of hip-hop poetica written for

and by the people.

The Year of the Poet II ~ March 2015 The Posse 2015-02-27

Penguin Modern Poets 5 Sam Riviere 2017-07-27 Occasional Wild Parties brings together Sam Riviere, one of the most discussed of the new generation of British poets, whose 'post-internet' poetry sees him acting now as scribe, now as DJ, taking in everything from technologized romance to celebrity culture as filtered through Kim Kardashian's make-up routine; the 'elegant ghoul' Frederick Seidel, zooming through the dark underbelly of international high society on his Ducati racing bike; and the wonderfully observant Kathryn Maris, whose work ranges with a dark wit over incomprehensible deities, wayward mothers, the politics of children's sports contests, and psychoanalysis. All three lift the lid on their corners of civilized society to show the less glittering realities that lie just beneath the surface. "On the verge of perpetrating acts of artistic barbarism "I perceived a spoon as the title of a plate of food" - SAM RIVIERE, 'Mindfulness' "Deer garter-belt across our vision And stand there waiting for our decision. "Our only decision was how to cook the venison. I am civilized but I see the silence And write the words for the thought balloon." - FREDERICK SEIDEL, 'Kill Poem' "The man in the basement wrote stories about heroin. The woman in the attic read stories with heroines. The woman in the attic noticed a bruise that ran from the top to the base of her thigh. The bruise looked like Europe. The man in the basement was in love with the sister of the secretive man who loved him more. He whooped to the woman, 'You killed your student?' To himself he wept, 'I killed my father.'" - KATHRYN MARIS, 'The House with Only an Attic and a Basement'

The Honey Gatherers Maura Dooley 2003 Aims to describe the search, the sweetness, the sting and the death of love. This anthology's title is taken from a phrase in Michael Ondaatje's The Cinnamon Peeler, a poem which describes the need to be marked and marked out, by love.

Stranger, Baby Emily Berry 2017-01-31 Emily Berry's Dear Boy was described as a 'blazing debut', winning the Forward Prize for Best First Collection in 2013. Stranger, Baby, its follow-up, is marked by

the same sense of fantasy and play, estrangement and edgy humour for which she has become known. But these poems delve deeper again, in their off-kilter and often painful encounter with childhood loss. This is a book of mourning, recrimination, exhilaration and 'oceanic feeling': 'A meditation on a want that can never be answered.'

Poems of the Decade William Sieghart 2011-01-01 An anthology of some of the best poems submitted for the Forward Prizes as chosen by a range of judges including poets, literary writers, authors, actors and musicians.