The Bill Martin Jr Big Book of Poetry

Big & Wonderful!

The definitive anthology of children's poetry, collected by a beloved author. Years in the making, this full-color treasury contains nearly two hundred poems, all of them handpicked by Bill Martin Jr. Traditional children's poems are presented alongside contemporary pieces, and the collection is capped off with tributes by Eric Carle and Steven Kellogg, two of Bill Martin Jr's best-known collaborators. This essential compilation also features original illustrations by award-winning artists, including Ashley Bryan, Lois Ehlert, Steven Kellogg, Chris Raschka, Dan Yaccarino, Nancy Tafuri, and Derek Anderson. This beautiful anthology is sure to become a classic.

Personal Review: The Bill Martin Jr Big Book of Poetry
March winds and April showers

Bring forth May flowers.

- Mother Goose

Many of us have wonderful childhood memories provided courtesy of Bill Martin. No, you say? You might remember Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See? How about Chicka Chicka Boom Boom? If those two titles don't ring a bell, just head to your library and take a look at a few of the hundreds of books he penned. When you see them, I'm sure you'll have one of those "aaaaah" moments.
This anthology of children's poetry was put together by Bill, along with the help of his friend Michael Sampson. Eric Carle, the illustrator of Brown Bear and many other of Bill's stories, wrote the introduction. There are almost two hundred of their favorite poems, illustrated by numerous, highly talented artists such as Henry Cole, Chris Raschka, Laura Logan, Nancy Tafuri, Aliki, Dan Yaccarino and more (if you can believe that!) Topics include animals, the world of nature, around the year, people and places, school time, me and my feelings, family and home, food for me, nonsense and, of course, Mother Goose.

This book is destined to be a modern day classic and, if it hasn't already, will probably rival or surpass the Golden Books Family Treasury of Poetry in popularity and sales. This book simply shouts the word `lively' and will be a family treasure for years to come. The binding has been reinforced, most likely with the expectation that it will see plenty of use!

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