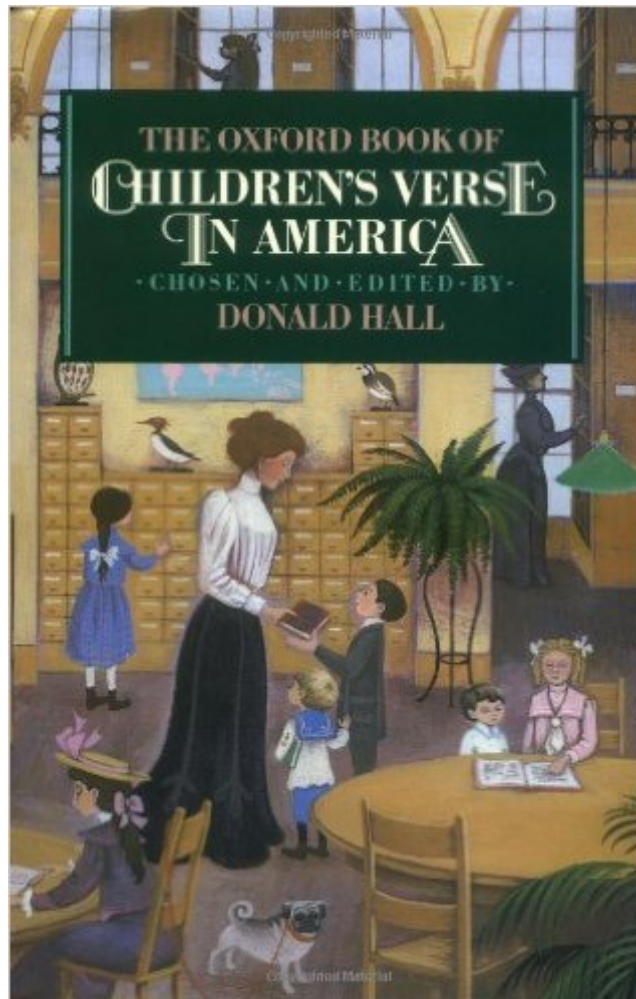


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In the tradition of Iona and Peter Opie's Oxford Book of Children's Verse comes this anthology by the award-winning poet and children's book author Donald Hall. Bringing together "poems written for children and also poems written for anybody which children have enjoyed," the book includes anonymous works, ballads, and recitation pieces, beginning with the Calvinist verses of the seventeenth century. Hall has collected poems from Sunday School magazines, Christmas annuals for children, and children's periodicals such as St. Nicholas and Youth's Companion. Many marvelous writers, some no longer remembered, wrote almost every month for these nineteenth and twentieth century publications. In addition to the expected names of Longfellow and Whittier, we find Sarah Josepha Hale ("Mary Had a Little Lamb"), Mary Mapes Dodge (creator of Hans Brinker), and Palmer Cox (with his marvelous Brownies). Twentieth century authors abound: Ogden Nash, T.S. Eliot, John Updike, Theodore Roethke, to name just a few. The book concludes with the fabulous nonsense of present-day writers like Shel Silverstein and Nancy Willard. About the Editor: Donald Hall's many books include The Oxford Book of American Literary Anecdotes, Kicking the Leaves, and Ox-Cart Man, which won the Caldecott Medal for children's literature.

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preferable to most of the textbook anthologies available in classrooms.)

As parents of a three-year-old, some of our happiest recent moments have been reading to him from this wonderful collection of poems, which range from Colonial works to Emily Dickenson to Richard Wilbur. Sure, much of it is beyond him now, but he likes the rhythm and rhymes he hears--and he even knows to request "Casey at the Bat." We're pretty sure we're going to get a lot of enjoyable use out of this book in years to come.

My boys loved this book when they were little. We read it for years at bedtime. The copy we had got lost in a later move and I just started google searching for a couple of the poems and found the book. I bought two copies for my grandkids and each of my sons. I can't wait for them to enjoy it as much as we did when the boys were growing up.

I remember this book from when I was young. Now I share it with my children, and always buy it for baby gifts. A must to any child's library.

Grandchildren have yet to pick it up insofar as I know. OUP usually publishes good works, so I relied on the brand..

This would have been a better book for us if it had been illustrated even a little bit. It will be useful tho.

I bought this for a specific poem, hoping there would be more like it. I'm sure poetry-loving people rate this highly, but I thought it was just okay.

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