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# **NCTE Award For Excellence In Poetry for Children**

The National Council of Teachers of English recognizes and fosters excellence in children's poetry by encouraging its publication and by exploring ways to acquaint teachers and children with poetry through such means as publications, programs, and displays.

As one means of accomplishing this goal, NCTE established the Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children in 1977 to honor a living American poet for his or her aggregate work for children. Past recipients of the award are:

**Lee Bennett Hopkins, 2009**

**Nikki Grimes, 2006**

**Mary Ann Hoberman, 2003**

**X.J. Kennedy, 2000**

**Eloise Greenfield, 1997**

**Barbara Juster Esbensen, 1994**

**Valerie Worth, 1991**

**Arnold Adoff, 1988**

**Lilian Moore, 1985**

**John Ciardi, 1982**

**Eve Merriam, 1981**

**Myra Cohn Livingston, 1980**

**Karla Kuskin, 1979**

**Aileen Fisher, 1978**

**David McCord, 1977**