

Recommended Reading for National Poetry Month

The Award-Winning Poetry of Robert Schechter Will Delight Children and Adults Alike

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- April is National Poetry Month.

Launched 30 years ago by the [Academy of American Poets](#), it has grown into the largest literary celebration in the world, reaching tens of millions of readers, students, K-12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary event organizers, publishers, families, and poets each year. It aims to increase awareness and appreciation of poetry, honoring poets' vital role in culture and highlighting poetry's lasting importance.

"Remember that poetry is for children as well as grown-ups, and that National Poetry Month is a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to celebrate poetry, reading, and the magic and music of language," says award-winning children's poet [Robert Schechter](#).

Schechter is the author of the critically acclaimed book [The Red Ear Blows Its Nose](#): Poems for Children and Others, (Word Galaxy Press, 2023, ISBN: 978-1773491349) and his book is the perfect reading choice for children of all ages for National Poetry Month. It is accessible, humorous, lyrical, philosophical, and very funny all at once.

The book has been honored with starred reviews in School Library Journal, Kirkus Reviews, Booklist, and Common Sense Media. It was also included in the Best Books of the Year list published by the Bank Street College of Education as well as School Library Journal's best books of the year list.

Reviewer Kate Stadt wrote in School Library Journal of Schechter's book that "Children and adults alike will enjoy bouncing through the vivacious rhythms and the breadth of surprising, marvelous ideas. These are for reading out loud, to laugh at, to muse on, and to grow up with."



Poet Robert Schechter Reading at the Dix Hills Public Library

“Schechter's *The Red Ear Blows Its Nose* is a masterful collection from a masterful poet... the poems are joys to read aloud... Schechter, it seems to me, is way up there with the great American kids' poets, a real Shel Silverstein for today's generation,” says poet and performer A. F. Harrold.

The Red Ear Blows Its Nose is a “a dazzling tour de force,” says Kenn Nesbitt, former US Children's Poet Laureate.

Robert Schechter is the author of *The Red Ear Blows Its Nose: Poems for Children and Others*. His children's poems have appeared in *The Caterpillar*, *Highlights for Children*, *Cricket*, *Spider*, *Ladybug*, *The School Magazine*, *The Washington Post*, *The Spectator*, and *Light*, as well as numerous anthologies. His adult work has also been widely published and has won both the Willis Barnstone Translation Prize and the X.J. Kennedy Parody Award. Schechter is the judge of the Caterpillar Children's Poetry Award for 2026.

He lives in Dix Hills, NY not far from the birthplace of the great American poet Walt Whitman and the Walt Whitman Mall. “I dare to dream that one day a mall, or perhaps even a New Jersey Turnpike rest stop, will be named after me,” jokes Schechter.

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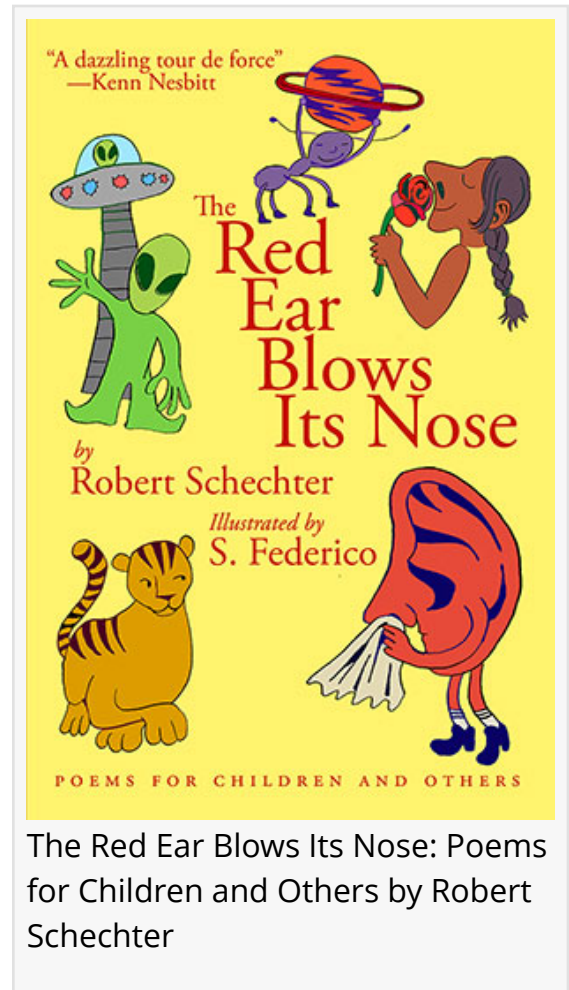
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