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**Wenceslas** Aug 29 2019 Carol Ann Duffy's gorgeously illustrated Christmas poem for 2012. In her own inimitable style, Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy retells the story of King Wenceslas and his sumptuous Feast of St. Stephen.

**Collected Poems** Nov 05 2022 Carol Ann Duffy has been a bold and original voice in British poetry since the publication of *Standing Female Nude* in 1985. Since then she has won every major poetry prize in the United Kingdom and sold over one million copies of her books around the world. She was appointed Poet Laureate in 2009. Her first *Collected Poems* includes all of the poems from her nine acclaimed volumes of adult poetry - from *Standing Female Nude* to *Ritual Lighting* - as well as her much-loved Christmas poems, which celebrate aspects of Christmas: from the charity of King Wenceslas to the famous truce between the Allies and the Germans in the trenches in 1914. Endlessly varied, wonderfully inventive, and emotionally powerful, the poems in this book showcase Duffy's full poetic range: there are poems written in celebration and in protest; public poems and deeply personal ones; poems that are funny, sexy, heartbroken, wise. Taken together they affirm her belief that 'poetry is the music of being human'. *Collected Poems* is both the perfect single-volume introduction for new readers and a glorious opportunity for old friends to celebrate thirty years' work by one of the country's greatest literary talents. It confirms indisputably that 'Carol Ann Duffy is the most humane and accessible poet of our time' (Rose Tremain, *Guardian*).

**Carol Ann Duffy** Aug 02 2022 Spanning Duffy's career from her early development & involvement with the Liverpool poets in the 1970s, through to the poet's most recent collection, Rees-Jones acknowledges the important of her popular appeal but also makes a case for Duffy as a serious & important poet who engages with key issues of gender & identity.

**Feminine Gospels** Feb 25 2022 In *Feminine Gospels*, Carol Ann Duffy draws on the historical, the archetypal, the biblical and the fantastical to create various visions – and revisions – of female identity. Simultaneously stripping women bare and revealing them in all their guises and disguises, these poems tell tall stories as though they were true confessions, and spin modern myths from real women seen in every aspect – as bodies and corpses, writers and workers, shoppers and slimmers, fairytale royals or girls-next-door. 'Part of Duffy's talent – besides her ear for ordinary eloquence, her gorgeous, powerful, throwaway lines, her subtlety – is her ventriloquism . . . From verbal nuances to mind-expanding imaginative leaps, her words seem freshly plucked from the minds of non-poets – that is, she makes it look easy' Charlotte Mendelson, *Observer*

**Another Night Before Christmas** Dec 02 2019 A classic Christmas tale re-told for modern times by the Poet Laureate, with illustrations by Rob Ryan It's the night before Christmas and a young girl creeps like a mouse down the stairs, determined to find out for certain whether Santa is real. But she falls asleep within seconds... Soon, Santa and his reindeer land on her roof-top and when he bursts out of her fireplace she is woken up to a room filled with magic. As she watches him fly off into the night, she knows that she will never forget this sight because, at Christmas, the best gift of all is belief. Carol Ann Duffy's twenty-first-century reworking of the Victorian Christmas classic is filled with her characteristic warmth, wit and imagination and, illustrated by the sophisticated, romantic and truly original Rob Ryan, it will be the perfect gift this Christmas.

**Empty Nest** Nov 24 2021 'Carol Ann Duffy is the most humane and accessible poet of our time' - *Guardian* In this stunning anthology of ninety nine modern and classic poems, Carol Ann Duffy delves into the powerful and unique bond between parent and child. *Empty Nest* contemplates growing old, the love of a parent, the everyday of family life, as well as poems that explore darker terrains – grief, loss and estrangement. Some of our favourite poets are collected here, such as Elizabeth Bishop, Jackie Kay, Simon Armitage, Shakespeare, Imtiaz Dharker, Seamus Heaney and Don Paterson. These poems are by turns wry, moving, profound, funny, melancholic and wise; they will console and comfort those suddenly facing a house that may be much cleaner, but is also much quieter, than it once was. There is something here for every reader to treasure. 'Wonderful . . . a poet alert to every sound and shape of language' - *Telegraph*

**The Gift** Jun 07 2020 After meeting a magical old woman and trading her daisy chain for the granting of a wish, a little girl grows into a young woman.

**The World's Wife** Jan 07 2023 The voices of Mrs. Midas, Queen Kong, and Frau Freud, to say nothing of the Devil's wife herself, startle us with their wit, imagination, and incisiveness in this collection of poems written from the perspectives of the wives of famous--and infamous--male personages. Reprint.

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**Bethlehem** Dec 14 2020 Bethlehem is normally a quiet little town on the edge of the desert. But tonight, as dusk falls, there is a sense of something special in the air. An inn packed with revellers, shepherds sprawled on the grass, animals in their stables: everything will be changed when a bright star bearing news arrives in the sky. Carol Ann Duffy's evocative new poem will transport you to Bethlehem, capturing the sights, the sounds and the atmosphere of this ancient and magical place.

**Love Poems** Oct 24 2021 Whether writing of longing or adultery, seduction or simple homely acts of love, Carol Ann Duffy brings to her readers the truth of each experience. Her poetry speaks of tangled, heated passion; of erotic love; fierce and hungry love; unrequited love; and of the end of love. It recognises too the way that love can make the everyday sacred. As with all her writing, these poems are alive to the sounds of modern life, but also attuned to - and rich with - the traditions of love poetry. *Love Poems* contains some of Carol Ann Duffy's most popular poems. Always imaginative, heartfelt and direct, Duffy finds words for our experiences in love and out of love, and displays all the eloquence and skill that have made her one of the foremost poets of her time.

**Mrs. Scrooge** Oct 12 2020 • A witty modernized re-telling of the classic Christmas Carol story: Starting with "Scrooge doornail-dead," Carol Ann Duffy's elegantly witty take on the Dickens tale, like the *Ghost of Christmas Past*, takes the reader by the hand through the snowy streets of London and through the touching untold romance of one of literature's most recognizable characters, Ebenezer Scrooge—through the eyes of his widow, Mrs. Scrooge. • A rare, uplifting moral tale: As in *A Christmas Carol*, Mrs. Scrooge learns from the *Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come* that the gifts we give to others—including the gifts of love and time spent together—are the most important and memorable. A charming moral for the holiday season, transposed to the present day and spiced with Duffy's wry references to our struggling economy—conditions that make anyone feel scrooge-like. • Fresh original work with beautiful illustrations: Mrs. Scrooge combines the melodious language and accessible, cheeky wit of one of the UK's most popular living poets with endearing full-color drawings by beloved illustrator Beth Adams. A natural successor to the poetry book *The World's Wife* that put Carol Ann Duffy on the map ten years ago, this highly giftable book is a gorgeous package for her poem with illustrations enlivening the text.

**To the Moon** Sep 10 2020 Carol Ann Duffy's beautiful anthology features an eclectic mix of poems that chart human fascination with the moon across the centuries and around the world. Carol Ann Duffy on *To the Moon*: 'Editing *Answering Back*, in which living poets replied to poems from the past, I was astonished to see how many of the poems, old and new, referred to the moon. I then started to keep a record of such references, and from my notebook, I see that in one morning alone I came across no fewer than nine poems, from the likes of Coleridge, Graves, Rossetti and Rowe - and it was this selection that initially inspired *To the Moon*. There's something incredibly moving, and electrifying, to read a poem from the *Chinese Book of Odes*, written around 500 BC, and to feel both our distance from and our closeness to the past, and the Moon itself: I climbed the hill just as the new moon showed, I saw him coming on the southern road. My heart lays down its load. In collecting together poems such as these - poems that span continents and centuries - *To the Moon* shows what it is to be human; to love, to lose, to dream and to hope. The poems it contains give us a real and profound sense of our time on this planet, and the pleasures they offer are - like space itself - infinite.'

**The King of Christmas** Nov 12 2020 When the Baron decides to appoint a Lord of Misrule for Christmas, making a peasant into a King for twelve days, unruly jollity ensues. On a frosty winter evening, the Baron watches the snow fall. He is bored and worried. It will soon be Christmas and everything is too quiet. What can he do to bring excitement to the Manor? His wife, the Baroness, has an idea: he can appoint a King of Christmas, a peasant to take his place. And so begin twelve days of chaos, anarchy and merriment... Inspired by the medieval tradition of appointing a Lord of Misrule, Carol Ann Duffy's warm and enchanting new Christmas poem takes us into a topsy-turvy world of festivity and celebration, where rules no longer apply. With beautiful full-colour illustrations by Lara Hawthorne throughout, *The King of Christmas* is the perfect gift this festive season.

**Carol Ann Duffy** Mar 29 2022 This is the only monograph to consider the entire thirty-year career, publications, and influence of Britain's first female poet laureate. It outlines her impact on trends in contemporary poetry and establishes what we mean by 'Duffy-esque' concerns and techniques. Discussions of her writing and activities prove how she has championed the relevance of poetry to all areas of contemporary culture and to the life of every human being. Individual chapters discuss the lyrics of 'love, loss, and longing'; the socially motivated poems about the 1980s; the female-centred volumes and poems; the relationship between poetry and public life; and poetry and childhood and written for children. The book should whet the appetite of readers who know little of Duffy's work to find out more, while providing students and scholars with an in-depth analysis of the poems in their contexts. It draws on a wide range of critical works and includes an extensive list of further reading.

**Everyman** Jul 09 2020 Everyman is successful, popular and riding high when Death comes calling. Forced to abandon the life he has built, he embarks on a last, frantic search to recruit a friend, anyone, to speak in his defence. But Death is close behind, and time is running out. One of the great primal, spiritual myths, *Everyman* asks whether it is only in death that we can understand our lives. A cornerstone of English drama since the 15th century, this new adaptation by Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy was presented at the National Theatre, London, in April 2015.

**'Choosing Tough Words'** Sep 03 2022 The first full-length collection of essays on the poetry of Carol Ann Duffy. Duffy's poetry is both respected by academics, and widely read and enjoyed by both children and adults. Approaches Duffy's work from a variety of literary theoretical perspectives, including feminism, masculinity, national identity and post-structuralism. Situates Duffy's work in relation to current debates about the state, value and social relevance of contemporary British poetry. Will become the benchmark anthology on Duffy.

**Faery Tales** May 07 2020 Once upon a time, there was a rich merchant who had three daughters. The girls were just as clever as they were bella and none more so than the youngest, whose name was Beauty. Disappear to faraway lands of wicked witches, evil monsters and brave heroines in Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy's stunning collection of fairy tales. Including her beautiful and haunting retellings of the Grimm classics Hansel and Gretel, Snow White and the Pied Piper, as well as other tales from around the world, and new stories of her own, this book will make you think again about once upon a time . . . With ethereal illustrations by Tommi Tomislav, this uncommonly beautiful book is a very special introduction to - or reminder of - many classic fairy tales.

**Answering Back** Aug 22 2021 Carol Ann Duffy has invited fifty of her peers to choose and respond to a poem from the past. With up-and-coming poets alongside more established names, and original poems alongside the new works they have inspired – Paul Muldoon, Vickie Feaver and U. A. Fanthorpe, for example, engage with classic works by Philip Larkin, Emily Dickinson and Christina Rossetti – the result is a collection of voices that speak to one another across the centuries. Teasing, subverting, arguing, echoing and – ultimately – illuminating, *Answering Back* is a vibrant, fascinating and timeless anthology, compiled by one of the nation's favourite poets. 'Intriguing . . . Entertaining and stimulating' Good Book Guide 'A starry game of call and answer across poetic generations' FT Magazine

**A Laureate's Choice** Aug 10 2020 A beautiful poetry collection chosen by the Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy. Carol Ann Duffy, the Poet Laureate, has chosen her favourite poems for children for this stunning collection of classic and modern verse, exquisitely illustrated by multi-award-winning illustrator Emily Gravett.

**The Bees** Jul 01 2022 A winner of the Costa Book Award, "beautiful and moving poetry for the real world" (The Guardian) *The Bees* is Carol Ann Duffy's first collection of new poems as British poet laureate, and the much anticipated successor to the T. S. Eliot Prize-winning *Rapture*. After the intimate focus of the earlier book, *The Bees* finds Duffy using her full poetic range: there are drinking songs, love poems, poems to the weather, and poems of political anger. There are elegies, too, for beloved friends and—most movingly—for the poet's mother. As Duffy's voice rises in this collection, her music intensifies, and every poem patterns itself into song. Woven into and weaving through the book is its presiding spirit: the bee. Sometimes the bee is Duffy's subject, sometimes it strays into the poem or hovers at its edge—and the reader soon begins to anticipate its appearance. In the end, Duffy's point is clear: the bee symbolizes what we have left of grace in the world, and what is most precious and necessary for us to protect. *The Bees* is Duffy's clearest affirmation yet of her belief in the poem as "secular prayer," as the means by which we remind ourselves of what is most worthy of our attention and concern, our passion and our praise.

**The Map and the Clock** Apr 05 2020 *The Map and the Clock* is a celebration of the most scintillating poems ever composed on our islands. Curated by Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, and by Gillian Clarke, National Poet of Wales, this anthology gathers fourteen centuries of extraordinary verse - beginning with the first writings from the old languages of England and Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and culminating in some of our most recent poets, speaking in our present-day tongues. Many of our founding myths and legends are told here - King Arthur and Gawain, Beowulf and Mad Sweeney, the Mabinogion - as are the nursery-tales and songs we still sing today. Through these pages we witness the tragedy of European wars and world conflict; we court romance and friendship; we explore nationhood and belonging, identity and belief; and we are welcomed to a celebration of the cultural diversity of the poetries of our twenty-first century. *The Map and the Clock* is a stunning and essential treasury of the poems that have moulded our languages, examined our worlds, and shaped our islands through time.

**Carol Ann Duffy, Selected Poems** Jan 27 2022 A fresh and accessible approach to English Literature.

**New Selected Poems** Jul 21 2021 'Carol Ann Duffy is the most humane and accessible poet of our time' Rose Tremain, Guardian This volume contains poems chosen by Carol Ann Duffy from her first six acclaimed collections, from *Standing Female Nude* (1985) to *Feminine Gospels* (2002), and a handful of 'other poems' collected here for the first time. Endlessly varied and wonderfully inventive, this volume is the perfect introduction for new readers, the essential selection for students, and a glorious sum of parts for old acquaintances.

**Standing Female Nude** Jun 19 2021 Carol Ann Duffy's outstanding first collection, *Standing Female Nude*, introduced readers to all they would come to love about her poetry. From lovers to wives to war photographers, the poems it contains range from the delicately poignant to the fiercely political, exploring memory, gender, childhood and place. Within it are also some of her best-known poems, including 'Education for Leisure', as well as, of course, the poem from which the collection takes its title. First published in 1985 to widespread critical acclaim, *Standing Female Nude* is a work of startling originality and the starting point of the Poet Laureate's dazzling poetic career.

**Sylvia Plath Poems Chosen by Carol Ann Duffy** Dec 06 2022 Sylvia Plath was, for both English and American poetry, one of the defining voices of twentieth-century, and one of the most appealing: few other poets have introduced as many new readers to poetry. Though she published just one collection in her lifetime, *The Colossus*, and a novel, *The Bell Jar*, it was following her death in 1963 that her work began to garner the wider audience that it deserved. The manuscript that she left behind, *Ariel*, was published in 1965 under the editorship of her former husband, Ted Hughes, as were two later volumes, *Crossing the Water* and *Winter Trees* in 1971, which helped to make Sylvia Plath a household name. Hughes's careful curation of Plath's work extended to a *Collected Poems* and a *Selected Poems* in the 1980s, which remain in print today and stand testimony to the 'profound respect' that Frieda Hughes said her father had for her mother's work. It was not until the publication of a 'restored' *Ariel* in 2004 that readers were able to appraise Plath's own selection and arrangement of her work. This edition of the poems, chosen by the Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, offers a fresh selection of Sylvia Plath's poetry to stand in parallel to the existing editions. Introduced with an inviting preface, the book is essential reading for those new to and already familiar with the work of this most extraordinary poet.

**Selected Poems** Sep 22 2021 Offers a selection of works from five of the poet's previously published volumes, including "Standing Female Nude," "The Other Country," and "Selling Manhattan."

**The Other Country** Mar 17 2021 An early collection from beloved Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy. *The Other Country* was Carol Ann Duffy's third collection, and as with her later books, takes its readers on journeys that seem initially similar - but soon prove anything but. This book leads our imagination to places our minds could not have suspected were there, or would not have dared to go alone. Some of its voices are disarmingly direct, while others blur the lines between fantasy and reality, confession and self-delusion, forcing us to re-examine everything we thought we knew about some of our most basic human drives and emotions. Deeply intelligent, unflinchingly honest, with a deftness of touch and tone, and openness all the more moving for its lack of sentimentality, *The Other Country* is as remarkable a collection today as it was on its first publication.

**Mean Time** Apr 29 2022 Winner of the 1993 Forward Poetry Prize and the Whitbread Poetry Award. In her fourth collection, *Mean Time*, Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy dramatizes scenes from childhood, adolescence and adulthood, finding moments of grace or consolation in memory, love and language amid the complexities of life. These are powerful poems of loss, betrayal and desire.

**The Salmon** Carol Ann Duffy Jan 03 2020

**Sincerity** May 31 2022 Her final collection as Poet Laureate, a frank, disarming and deeply moving exploration of loss and remembrance in their many forms. Presented in a beautiful, foiled package, this will be the poetry book of the year.

**The Christmas Truce** Mar 05 2020 Down at the front, on a cold winter's night in 1914, amidst the worst war the world had ever seen, an inexplicable silence spread from man to man. Belief was in the air. Then the soldiers ceased fire and the magic of Christmas took hold . . . Carol Ann Duffy's brilliant poem celebrates the miraculous truce between the trenches, when enemy shook hands with enemy, shared songs, swapped gifts, even played football, and peace found a place in No Man's Land. In a gorgeous small format with David Roberts' beautiful illustrations, *The Christmas Truce* is an irresistible festive gift. Also available in a larger, special edition hardback.

**Sincerity** Sep 30 2019 *Sincerity* is Duffy's final collection of poems as UK Poet Laureate, and the much-anticipated successor to the Costa Award-winning *The Bees*. Time and its passage are at the heart of this reflective work, which gazes out from the autumn of life. There are moving elegies here for what has departed; whether that be children who have flown the nest, a way of life, literary luminaries, past loves, lost parents or our own youth. This collection finds a poet at the height of her powers using her full poetic range, casting her eye both inwards, in poems of a deeply personal nature, and yet also outwards, taking stock of a world in turmoil. In some of her most radical work yet, we see Duffy satirise and unpick the deception and dishonesty at the heart of the current political situation. A rallying cry builds steadily through the book culminating in a moving closing ode to the virtue of sincerity. This collection, at once intimate and public, is a work of great power from one of our most cherished and humane poets.

**Selling Manhattan** Feb 13 2021 One of those rare books that is immediately enjoyable yet will repay many re-readings' Poetry Review Carol Ann Duffy's highly praised second collection, for which she was given the Somerset Maughan Award, showcases the Poet Laureate's skill even at the very start of her career. Within are poems that reveal the full range of her interests: from the dramatic monologues, to meditations on death and art, to poems of protest and poems of love. Throughout it all, though, is a resounding determination to give voices to those who are usually voiceless, and always apparent is her inimitable wit, wisdom and imagination. At once tender and sharp, moving and humourous, *Selling Manhattan* has dazzled both readers and critics ever since it was first published in 1987.

**Pablo Picasso's Noël** Feb 02 2020 'A sweet winter light blushed as Pablo Picasso walked his dog under the cypress trees and the bell of the old chapel guessed at the hour. It was Christmas Eve.' Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy's new Christmas poem, Pablo Picasso's Noel follows the famous painter as he moves through a small town in the south of France on Christmas Eve, drawing the residents and the festive scenes he encounters. Accompanied by his small dog, he brings delight as he sketches wherever he goes. A wonderful, moving new poem capturing both the magic of Christmas and artistic inspiration. Beautifully illustrated and produced in a gorgeous small format, this is an irresistible festive gift and Christmas stocking must-have for all book lovers.

**The World's Wife** Apr 17 2021 This unique collection of poems from the Poet Laureate, filled with her characteristic wit, is a feminist classic and a modern take on age-old mythology. Who? Him. The Husband. Hero. Hunk. The Boy Next Door. The Paramour. The Je t'adore. Behind every famous man is a great woman – and from the quick-tongued Mrs Darwin to the lascivious Frau Freud, from the adoring Queen Kong to the long-suffering wife of the Devil himself, each one steps from her counterpart's shadow to tell her side of the story in this irresistible collection. Original, subversive, full of imagination and quicksilver wit, *The World's Wife* is Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy at her beguiling best.

**The Bees** May 19 2021 Presenting her first collection of new poems as British poet laureate, the author, displaying her full poetic range in this highly anticipated successor to the T. S. Eliot Prize-winning *Rapture*, uses the bee to symbolize the book's presiding spirit.

**Frost Fair** Jan 15 2021 It is a snowy London day in *The Great Winter* of 1683. We follow our bold narrator as she explores 'the town on the Thames', a thousand tents and dancing fires lit on the frozen water with jubilant residents and lively festive revelry. All is a fete upon the ice as she sees jugglers, dancing bears, palm readers and even a merry wedding. Her journey leads her to meet many new companions with whom to spend a starry night upon the river, where they sleep with no inkling of who will be looking down on them in the

morning light . . . Carol Ann Duffy's Christmas poem, Frost Fair is inspired by the fairs held on the River Thames in London as it froze over in the uncommonly cold winters of the Little Ice Age. This delightful, moving poem captures the inventiveness of a great city and the drama of winter. Beautifully illustrated by David De Las Heras, Frost Fair is an irresistible read for our festive season.

Rapture Dec 26 2021 Winner of the T. S. Eliot Prize, "essential reading for the broken-hearted of all ages" (The Guardian) The effortless virtuosity, drama, and humanity of Carol Ann Duffy's verse have made her much admired among contemporary poets. Rapture is a book-length love poem and a moving act of personal testimony. But what sets these poems apart from other treatments of the subject is Duffy's refusal to simplify the contradictions of love and read its transformations-infatuation, longing, passion, commitment, rancor, separation, and grief-as either redemptive or destructive. This is a map of real love in all its churning complexity, simultaneously direct and subtle, showing us that a song can be made of even the most painful episodes in our lives. With poems that will find deep resonance in the experience of most readers, it is a collection that can and does speak for us all.

*The Tear Thief* Oct 31 2019 Why does the magical Tear Thief catch children's tears as they fall? Find out in this moving tale about how we express our feelings. Lyrical text by Carol Ann Duffy, one of the most prominent poets writing today, makes this a lovely read-aloud.

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