


Portable Romantic Poets

W. H. Auden and N. H. Pearson, eds. Poetry / Britain and U.S.  10

Poems of 27 British and American poets from 1750 to 1850 are arranged in chronological order with a clear introduction to their historical context. It includes a time line of contemporary publications, art exhibits, music, and events, such as “Watt’s Steam Engine Patented” and “Lewis and Clark Expedition.” (1977)

Primal Myths

Barbara C. Sproul Mythology  9

This anthology of creation myths from around the world includes accounts of the beginning of life, the earth, and people from every continent, from the familiar Genesis story to tales from dozens of indigenous cultures. (1979)

Prufrock and Other Observations

T. S. Eliot Poetry / Britain  12

Eliot’s first volume of verse earned him the reputation of one of the best of 20th-century poets. It includes “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock.” (1917)

Pygmalion

George Bernard Shaw Drama / Britain  11, 12


On a bet, a linguistics expert in London transforms a cockney flower girl into an elegant lady and passes her off as a Duchess. It was later adapted into the Broadway musical, *My Fair Lady*. (1913)

Questions About Angels

Billy Collins Poetry / U.S.  9, 10, 11, 12

Collins was appointed U.S. Poet Laureate in 2001, a post that offers a unique opportunity to bring more exposure of this form of literary artistry to the general public. His work has been lauded for its imagery, reverence, humor, and accessibility. This collection has been described as “a book for the body and soul.” (1991)

Raisin in the Sun, A

Lorraine Hansberry Drama / U.S.  11, 12

An African American family, led by a strong matriarch, moves up to a middle-class Chicago neighborhood but wonder what they have given up in exchange in this groundbreaking, realistic drama. (1959)

Ramayana, The

Epic / Sanskrit  10, 11


One of the two great Sanskrit epics (the other is *the Mahabharata*), tells the story of Rama, cast out of his kingdom, needing the help of the monkey-king to rescue his beloved wife Sita. (ca. 300 B.C.E.)

Riding the Earthboy

James Welch Poetry / Native American 11, 12


Welch offers a collection of 40 poems about Native American life. (1998)

Rivals, The

Richard Sheridan Drama / Britain  11, 12

Sheridan's delightful farce introduced to the world the much beloved Mrs. Malaprop who is proud of her large vocabulary although she doesn't know what most of the words mean. The love story of Captain Absolute and Lydia Languish is full of disguises, mistaken identities, and close calls. (1775)

Robert Browning: Selected Poems

Robert Browning Daniel Karlin, ed. Poetry / Britain  10, 11, 12

Robert Browning (1812–1889) is considered one of the most important of British Victorian poets. His dramatic monologues portray complex psychological characters and blend rhythm with form. Originally published in 1896. (2001)

Romeo and Juliet

William Shakespeare Drama / Britain  9, 10

Considered one of the greatest love stories of all time, star-crossed lovers find and lose each other amid a family feud. (1597)