100 New Poets for the Next Generation



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Poetry is alive and well, and these 100 new poets are proof. They are pushing the boundaries of the form, exploring new themes, and using innovative techniques to create work that is both challenging and rewarding.

These poets are from all over the world, and they represent a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences. They are writing about everything from love and loss to social justice and the environment. Their work is both personal and political, and it speaks to the human condition in all its complexity.

If you're looking for new poetry to read, look no further. These 100 poets are the future of the art form, and they are sure to inspire you with their words.

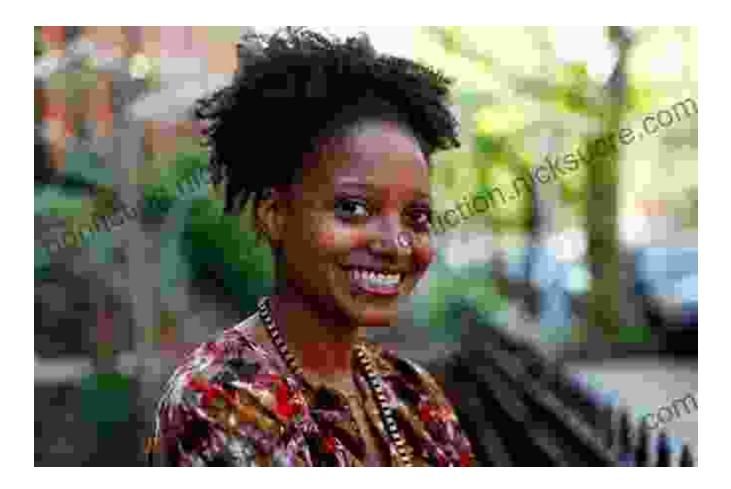
1. Ocean Vuong

Ocean Vuong is a Vietnamese-American poet, essayist, and novelist. His work has been praised for its lyricism, honesty, and exploration of themes such as immigration, sexuality, and loss. His debut poetry collection, *Night Sky with Exit Wounds*, won the 2016 Whiting Award and the 2017 T.S. Eliot Prize.



2. Tracy K. Smith

Tracy K. Smith is an American poet who has served as the United States Poet Laureate from 2017 to 2019. Her work has been praised for its intelligence, wit, and exploration of themes such as race, history, and the American South. Her Pulitzer Prize-winning collection, *Life on Mars*, explores the complexities of American identity and the search for meaning in a rapidly changing world.



3. Claudia Rankine

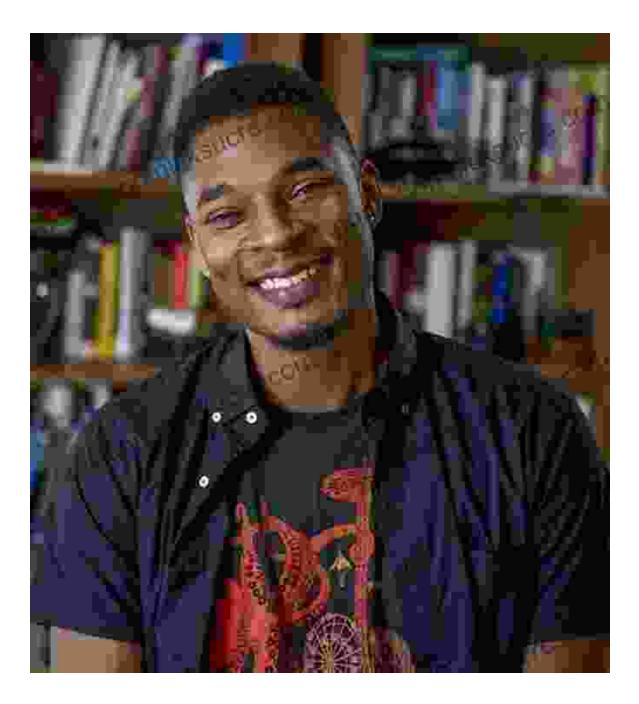
Claudia Rankine is an American poet, essayist, and playwright. Her work has been praised for its incisive exploration of race, gender, and power in America. Her 2014 book, *Citizen: An American Lyric*, was a finalist for the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize. It explores the everyday experiences of racism and discrimination faced by black Americans and challenges the notion of a post-racial society.



4. Terrance Hayes

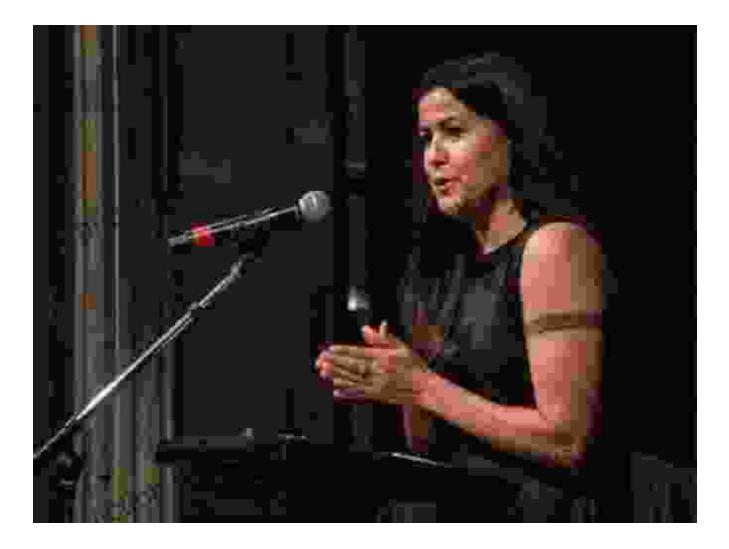
Terrance Hayes is an American poet who has won the National Book Award for Poetry twice, for his collections *Lighthead* and *American Sonnets for My Father*. His work is known for its experimentalism, its use of collage and

fragmentation, and its exploration of themes such as race, identity, and the American South.



5. Natalie Diaz

Natalie Diaz is a Mojave American poet who has won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry for her collection *Postcolonial Love Poem*. Her work is known for its lyricism, its exploration of themes such as indigeneity, sexuality, and the natural world, and its use of traditional Native American forms and motifs.



6. Kevin Young

Kevin Young is an American poet, essayist, and editor who has served as the poetry editor of *The New Yorker* since 2017. His work has been praised for its intelligence, its wit, and its exploration of themes such as race, history, and the American South. His 2021 collection, *Brown*, explores the complex history of race in America through the lens of personal experience.



7. Jericho Brown

Jericho Brown is an American poet who has won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry for his collection *The Tradition*. His work is known for its lyricism, its exploration of themes such as race, sexuality, and the body, and its use of traditional forms and motifs.



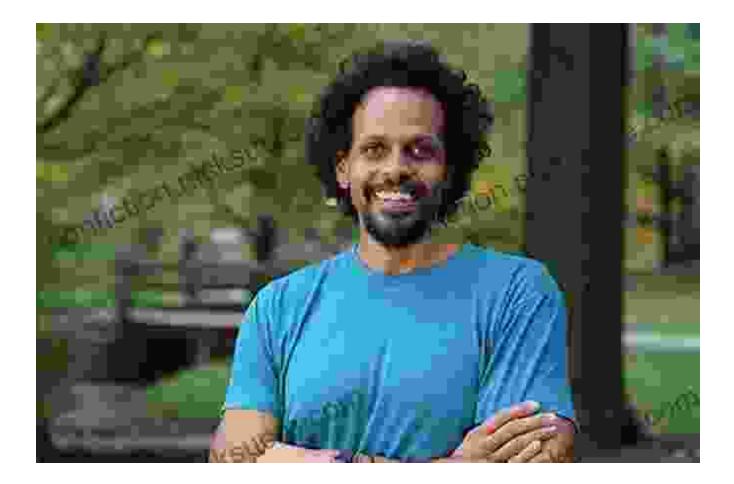
8. Danez Smith

Danez Smith is a Black American poet who has won the Cave Canem Poetry Prize and the Whiting Award. Their work is known for its exploration of themes such as race, gender, sexuality, and the body, and its use of innovative forms and techniques.



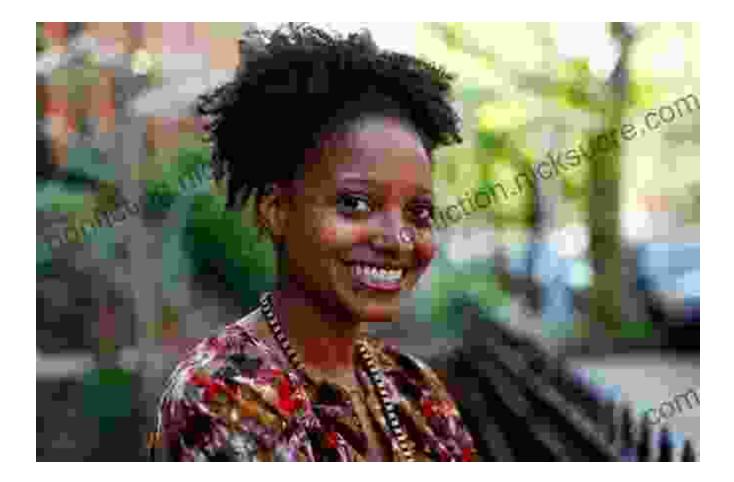
9. Ross Gay

Ross Gay is an American poet who has won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Poetry. His work is known for its lyricism, its exploration of themes such as nature, joy, and the everyday, and its use of humor and wit.



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These are just a few of the many talented new poets who are writing today. If you're looking for new poetry to read, be sure to check out their work. You won't be disappointed.

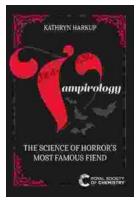


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