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Poems from a Witch's Pocket

Laura Theis, illustrated by Kate Lucy Foster

A witchy poetry book for older children from the Caterpillar Poetry Prize winner.

- Lyrical and empowering poems for older readers – particularly relevant to pre-teens and teenagers, but suitable for all ages and with crossover appeal
- Themes of identity, self-care, friendship and family interwoven with emphasis on environmental awareness
- For fans of Kiran Millwood Hargrave and Nikita McGill
- Publishing 18 September to tie in with Hallowe'en
- Includes the 2025 Caterpillar Poetry Prize winning poem

About the book

A witchy poetry collection for older children.

A hard-working junior witch strides around a magical landscape, learning her craft. Her cloak is stuffed with scraps of paper – letters, notes and lists – some of which have tumbled out and been collected into this book.

Nature blends with magic and sometimes more everyday concerns in these soothing, playful, empowering poems. A to-do list for planning a pumpkin party. A blessing for a tiny tree. An identification spell for a bird curse.

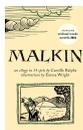
Poems from a Witch's Pocket is an eerily enchanting collection aimed at pre-teens but suitable for all ages. Perfect for all aspiring hovel witches!

Reviews

'A mix of tenderness and teeth, *Poems from a Witch's Pocket* is a book of spells, incantations, wisdom and fun, perfect for sharing or keeping all to yourself.' - Kiran Millwood Hargrave, author of *The Girl of Ink & Stars*

'For me, this is the sort of magic that only a poem can accomplish... There is depth and complexity here – about ecology, about friendship – but this is all worn lightly and the tone is sustained with great skill and beauty from start to finish.' - Kate Wakeling, *CLiPPA* & *The Week Jnr* Prize-winning poet

Kate Wakeling, Judge of the 2025 Caterpillar Poetry Prize, *Caterpillar Poetry Prize*



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