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## Poetry by Heart: Poems for Learning and Reciting

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Penguin Books Ltd. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Poetry by Heart: Poems for Learning and Reciting, Julie Blake, Jean Sprackland, Andrew Motion, Mike Dixon, Poetry by Heart - based on the hugely successful nationwide schools competition, 200 magical poems to learn by heart. "The poems we learn stay with us for the rest of our lives. They become personal and invaluable, and what's more they are free gifts - there for the taking". (Simon Armitage). Two years ago former Poet Laureate Andrew Motion had the idea of setting up Poetry by Heart - a nationwide annual competition for secondary schools which asked contestants to learn two or three poems and be judged on their recitations, first at school level, then regional, then in a national final held at London's National Portrait Gallery. It's proved a huge success, with hundreds of schools participating in the first year, and numbers up by 20 per cent in the second. Coinciding with the start of the third year of competition, and published on National Poetry Day whose theme coincidentally in 2014 is Recitation, this Poetry by Heart anthology brings together the pool of poems - 200 altogether - from which contestants make their...



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