My Own Invention - Ten Years of Excellence in Poetry for Children

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Abstract

Daniel Hade surveys 10 years of the Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award which aims to recognize annually the most outstanding new book of poetry for young people and generally to promote the reading enjoyment of poetry for children.

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Sidney began writing poetry in 1578, and his writing career only lasted 7-8 years. His "The Defence of Poesy" was originally published under two different titles, The Defence of Poesie and An Apologie for Poetrie. It is a thorough and vigorous argument written by a practitioner of the art, who also had a strong education in the classics. Early in "The Defence of Poesy," Sidney states, "having slipped into the title of a poet, [I] am provoked to say something unto you in the defense of that my unelected vocation." In the piece he defends "poor poetry" and argues that poetry, whose "final end is