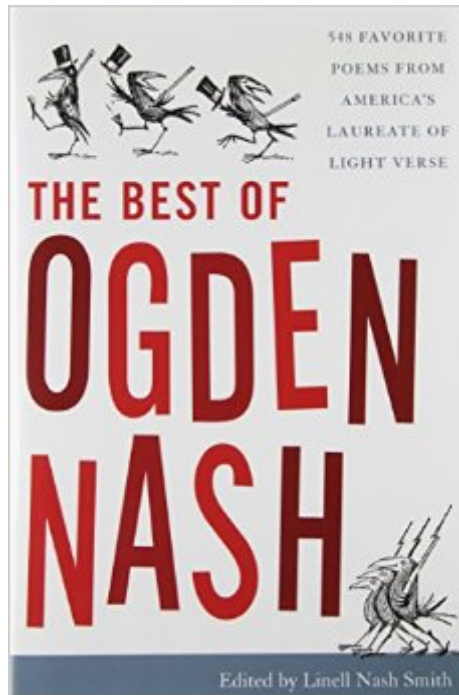


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# The Best Of Ogden Nash



## Synopsis

It's been more than thirty years since the appearance of a collection from America's laureate of light verse. Ogden Nash first gathered together an anthology of thirty years of his published works in 1959. In 1973 his daughters gathered more than four hundred of his poems and called it *I Wouldn't Have Missed It*, a quote from one of his verses. Now more poems have come to light, so his daughters have once again produced *The Best of Ogden Nash*, the definitive Nash anthology. The poems display the talent of the man whose verse entranced America from the time of the Great Depression until his death in 1971. *The Best of Ogden Nash* should delight old fans and introduce new readers to a unique talent.

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Over five hundred verses gathered from a wide collection of Nash's poems results in this, a definitive Nash anthology suitable not just for college-level poetry libraries, but for general-interest lending collections. While published works comprise the bulk of this anthology, some are lesser-known works which came to light in the Nash collection at the University of Texas at Austin, and from family letters and papers, making for an outstanding, rare collection of works essential for any definitive poetry library.

The writings of Ogden Nash have a unique rhythm and tempo. The humor, and style, coupled with subtle sagacity makes for a wonderful read, both aloud and to oneself. This should be required

reading at all levels of education, so that students can see and hear what can really be done with words. TONY HOROWITZ

This is a great selection of Nash's stuff, including a any number of items that were completely new to me. However, the formatting is awful. The book has been done as a series of images, which means that the Kindle type size adjustment key does nothing. Many pages are in such small type that a lot of people will find them unreadable or very burdensome to read. Being well into middle age and myopic from childhood, I had to take off my glasses and hold the Kindle about 6 inches from my nose. Not a pleasant reading experience.

One of the best Nash books in my collection. Always entertaining stuff and brightens my mood every time I read it. I send a copy of this book to friends who are recovering from an illness - it's always appreciated. My leanings are always unabashedly Nashedly!

I had encountered Nash's poetry some years back and had an LP of The Carnival of the Animals poem read by Noel Coward with his special enunciation of all the words. Since then, I have been searching for a printed copy and this book does it for me. Nash's menagerie of animals is fun.

I absolutely love Ogden Nash and was delighted to see a Kindle edition so I could carry it around easily. The content is as great as is to be expected from Ogden Nash, but the text formatting is so awful it is hard to read. In one poem I had to change the text size three different times to be able to read it. One paragraph would be normal, then it would switch to tiny text so I had to enlarge it, then the next stanza would be enormous. It was so bad I tried to return the book but kept giving me errors about reaching info on electronic orders. I am deeply disappointed - a much anticipated treat has turned into an ordeal I can't even get a refund on.

I enjoy Ogden Nash's poetry. It is written with a sense of humor (though often, it seems, his lines are not very metrical). I also like to write humorous poems and, considering the "artsy" poetry that gets into the journals, I am glad to see that there is yet a market for what we do. Poetry shouldn't be something to "figure out," it needs to touch you.

"Here's a good rule of thumb, Too clever is dumb." â ” Ogden Nash as you can surmise from this wise tidbit, few if any readers young or old trash Ogden Nash. He has been delighting and

deepening me for many decades; my children and their children too are fans;we all grin to recommend this 2007 hardcover edition.

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