# Sections Poems: Pulitzer Prize Winners in Poetry

The Pulitzer Prize is one of the most prestigious awards in American literature, and the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry is one of its most coveted categories. The prize is awarded annually to a book of poetry that is "distinguished by originality, craftsmanship, and power of expression."

Over the years, the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry has been awarded to some of the most celebrated poets in American history, including Wallace Stevens, Robert Frost, and Elizabeth Bishop. In this article, we will take a closer look at three of the most recent winners of the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry: Jorie Graham, Tracy K. Smith, and Frank Bidart.



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### Jorie Graham

Jorie Graham is an American poet who has won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry twice, in 1996 for The Dream of the Unified Field and in 2006 for Never. Graham's poetry is characterized by its intellectual rigor and its exploration of complex themes such as time, space, and identity.

In her poem "The Dream of the Unified Field," Graham writes about the search for a unified theory of everything, a theory that would explain the fundamental laws of the universe. The poem is a meditation on the nature of reality and the limits of human knowledge.

In her poem "Never," Graham explores the themes of loss and grief. The poem is a series of elegies for Graham's father, who died when she was a young girl. The poem is a moving and powerful exploration of the emotions that accompany loss.

### Tracy K. Smith

Tracy K. Smith is an American poet who won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 2012 for Life on Mars. Smith's poetry is characterized by its lyricism and its exploration of themes such as race, gender, and identity.

In her poem "Life on Mars," Smith writes about the experience of being a black woman in America. The poem is a meditation on the challenges and triumphs of living in a society that is often hostile to people of color.

In her poem "Incantatory," Smith explores the power of language to heal and transform. The poem is a meditation on the ways in which words can be used to create beauty and meaning in the face of adversity.

## Frank Bidart

Frank Bidart is an American poet who won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 2014 for Metaphysical Dog. Bidart's poetry is characterized by its

confessional nature and its exploration of complex psychological themes such as trauma, loss, and desire.

In his poem "Metaphysical Dog," Bidart writes about the death of his beloved dog. The poem is a meditation on the nature of grief and the ways in which we cope with loss.

In his poem "Queer," Bidart explores the themes of sexuality and identity. The poem is a meditation on the ways in which we define ourselves and the ways in which we are defined by others.

The Pulitzer Prize for Poetry is one of the most prestigious awards in American literature, and the winners of the prize are some of the most celebrated poets in American history. Jorie Graham, Tracy K. Smith, and Frank Bidart are three of the most recent winners of the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, and their work is a testament to the power and beauty of poetry.



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