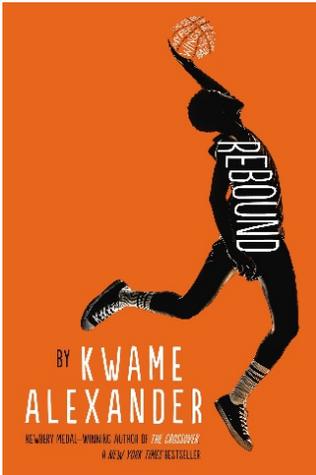


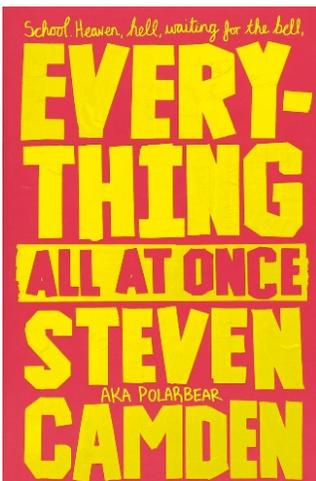
## Shortlisted titles 2019



***Rebound* by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Dawud Anyabwile  
Andersen Press £7.99 9781783447206**

### Shadowing Scheme Resources for Years 6/7

A prequel to Kwame Alexander's successful verse novel *The Crossover*. Here Kwame uses the form to give voice to the feelings of Charlie Bell as he deals with grief following his father's death, alongside Charlie's changing relationships with friends and family. These deep concerns intermingle with his pursuits and desires such as discovering the comics his father read as a boy, reflected in the verses incorporated in comic strips interspersed throughout the novel, and wanting fashionable sneakers in which to play basketball: 'Why can't/my mother/understand/that the shoes/are not just/for my feet/but my heart,/too?'. The rhythm and energy of the poetry often reflects the fast-paced play in basketball which is central to the novel although Kwame Alexander uses a variety of poetic forms to vary the pace of the narrative and express emotion. These include nonets, concrete poetry, dialogues, lists and rhyming couplets.

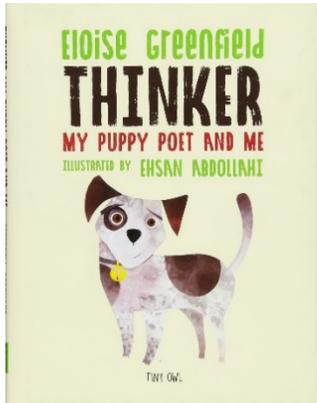


***Everything All At Once* by Steven Camden  
Macmillan Children's Books £6.99 9781509880034**

### Shadowing Scheme Resources for Years 7/8

The masterful way in which Steven Camden weaves words to capture the spirit of secondary school life is what makes this a very special collection. He captures the humour, heart and soul of school cloakrooms, corridors and classrooms with such authenticity that it transports older readers straight back into the space and no doubt serves as a mirror for younger readers.

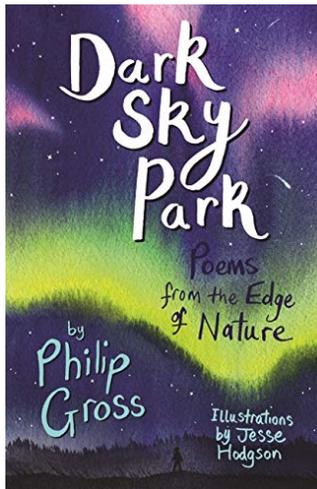
## Poetry Award



***Thinker. My Puppy Poet and Me* by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Ehsan Abdollahi**  
Tiny Owl £9.99 9781910328330

### Shadowing Scheme Resources for Years 1/2

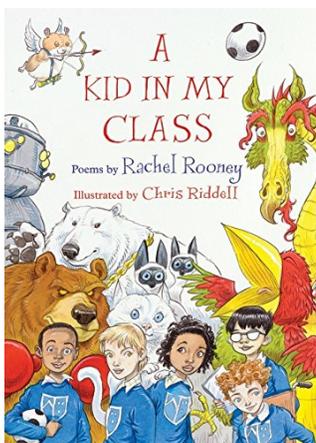
A puppy who is a poet knows he has joined the right human family when they choose to name him Thinker. Seven-year-old Jace is a poet too and these appealing poems detail their dialogue as they share ‘word-music’ through their poetry. Ehsan Abdollahi’s collage illustrations, depicting an African-American family, are an attractive complement to the variety of verse forms which culminate in ‘Thinker’s Rap’.



***Dark Sky Park. Poems from the Edge of Nature* by Philip Gross, illustrated by Jesse Hodgson**  
Otter-Barry Books £6.99 9781910959886

### Shadowing Scheme Resources for Years 5/6

The poetry in this collection reaches deep into the past and wide across the world, burrowing into the earth and the sea to discover those creatures less observed rather than those that have more often captured the imaginations of our ‘invasive species, Homo Sapiens’. Philip Gross keeps returning to the tardigrade, giving this tiny creature voice: ‘I was there from the off – the sound of life revving up all over.’ Other small creatures emerge, such as the worms that eat the sunken bones of whale. The first plant on dry land comes ‘shuffling out of the cool, the all-providing sea.’ Jesse Hodgson’s black and white illustrations complement the elemental voices while leaving plenty of room for the imagination to soar.



***A Kid in My Class* by Rachel Rooney, illustrated by Chris Riddell**  
Otter-Barry Books £10.99 9781910959879

### Shadowing Scheme Resources for Years 3/4

Open this book and meet your new class in this collaboration where words and pictures work beautifully together. Maybe you’ll find a child you already know or someone who reflects the child in yourself. A variety of poetic forms abound. There are list poems that rhythmically describe a ‘Fidget’ or enumerate the qualities that guarantee eligibility for a ‘Drama Queen Award’. There are conversation poems such as ‘Copycat’ in which that annoying kid repeats everything you say in exactly the same tone, and the seemingly one sided conversation from the respondent in ‘The Questioner’. We can share the ‘Friendship Bench’ haunted by a shadowy figure and enjoy the bouncy beat pounded out by ‘The Keepy-Uppy Kid’.