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### **Anecdotal Evidence** LSU Press

In her first collection of new poetry since 2011's acclaimed *Family Values*, Wendy Cope celebrates 'the half-forgotten stories of our lives' with compassion, wisdom and wit. Cope continues to be the most generous of authors, sharing her experience of childhood and marriage and writing poignantly about the passing of time. In several of the poems she reimagines Shakespeare in unorthodox fashion; in others she offers heartfelt tributes to friends and to public figures including Eric Morecambe and John Cage. *Anecdotal Evidence* demonstrates the formal brilliance and empathetic insight which have delighted readers for years, and shows why Wendy Cope is one of our best-loved poets.

### Twiddling Your Thumbs Faber & Faber

For more than thirty years Wendy Cope has been one of the nation's most popular and respected poets. *Christmas Poems* collects together her best festive poems, including anthology favourites such as 'The Christmas Life', together with new and previously unpublished work. Cope celebrates the joyful aspects of the season but doesn't overlook the

problems and sadness it can bring. With lively illustrations to accompany the words, it is a book to enjoy this Christmas and in years to come.

### **The Montreal Prize Anthology 2020**

Faber & Faber

From a motorway service area to her ambivalent relationship with religion, Wendy Cope covers a wide range of experience in her new collection. Her mordant humour and formal ingenuity are in evidence, even as she remembers the wounds of a damaging childhood; and in poems about love and the inevitable problems of ageing she achieves an intriguing blend of sadness and joy. Two very different sets of commissioned poems round off a remarkable volume, whose opening poem sounds clearly the profound note of compassion which underlies the whole.

### *The Funny Side* HarperCollins UK

There are so many kinds of awful men - One can't avoid them all. She often said She'd never make the same mistake again: She always made a new mistake instead. (from 'Rondeau Redoubleacute;') When *Making Cocoa for Kingsley Amis* was first published, it catapulted its author into the bestseller lists and established her as one of our funniest and most eloquent poets.

*The Pregnant Widow* Faber & Faber  
Pairing 100 famous authors, poets, and playwrights from the Victorian age to today with recipes for their iconic drinks of choice, *How to Drink Like a Writer* is the perfect guide to getting lit(erary) for madcap mixologists, book club bartenders, and cocktail enthusiasts. Do you long to trade notes on postmodernism over whiskey and jazz with Haruki Murakami? Have you dreamed of sharing martinis with Sylvia Plath and Anne Sexton after poetry class? Maybe a mojito—a real one, like they serve at La Bodeguita del Medio in Havana—is all you need to summon the mesmerizing power of Hemingway's prose. Writer's block? Summon the brilliant musings of Truman Capote with a screwdriver—or, “my orange drink,” as he called it—or a magical world like J.K. Rowling's with a perfect gin and tonic. With 100 spirited drink recipes and special sections dedicated to writerly haunts like the Algonquin of the New Yorker set and Kerouac's Vesuvio Cafe, pointers for hosting your own literary salon, and author-approved hangover cures, all accompanied by original illustrations of ingredients, finished cocktails, classic drinks, and favorite food pairings, *How to Drink Like a Writer* is sure to inspire, invoke, and inebriate—whether you are courting the muse, or nursing a hangover. Sure, becoming a famous author takes dedication, innate talent, and sometimes nepotism. But it also takes vodka, gin, tequila, and whiskey.

*Making Cocoa for Kingsley Amis* Orbit Books

Creates a muscular but elegant language of the author's own slangy, youthful, up to the minuet jargon and vernacular of his native Northern England. He combines this with an easily

worn erudition, plenty of nouns and the benefit of blinkered experience.

*Heaven on Earth* Apollo Publishers

One of the Guardian's 100 Best Books of the 21st Century "With language so vibrant it practically has a pulse, Enright makes an exquisitely drawn case for the possibility of growth, love and transformation at any age." —People From internationally acclaimed author Anne Enright comes a shattering novel set in a small town on Ireland's Atlantic coast. *The Green Road* is a tale of family and fracture, compassion and selfishness—a book about the gaps in the human heart and how we strive to fill them. Spanning thirty years, *The Green Road* tells the story of Rosaleen, matriarch of the Madigans, a family on the cusp of either coming together or falling irreparably apart. As they grow up, Rosaleen's four children leave the west of Ireland for lives they could have never imagined in Dublin, New York, and Mali, West Africa. In her early old age their difficult, wonderful mother announces that she's decided to sell the house and divide the proceeds. Her adult children come back for a last Christmas, with the feeling that their childhoods are being erased, their personal history bought and sold. A profoundly moving work about a family's desperate attempt to recover the relationships they've lost and forge the ones they never had, *The Green Road* is Enright's most mature, accomplished, and unforgettable novel to date.

*Making Cocoa for Kingsley Amis* Harvard University Press

When Alan and his girlfriend, Sile, come across a primitive hut on the Rock, they are shocked to find an old man living there. as the drug Euthuol has made old-age a thing of the past. Sonny is deeply attached to the Rock and entrusts Alan

with protecting it when he dies.

*First Rhymes* Faber & Faber

In *The Funny Side* Wendy Cope, herself one of the funniest poets now writing in English, has collected 101 of the poems that have most amused her.

Acknowledged classics of the genre are to be found alongside newer pieces, and the collection as a whole illustrates the great range to be found under the heading of 'humorous poetry'.

*Stone Arabia* Farrar, Straus and Giroux

The best way to experience the poetry of Wendy Cope on your iPad. *Faber Voices* lifts classic poems off the page, bringing together audio recordings of great poets reading their own work with an editor's selection of their poems. A wonderful and intimate experience for poetry lovers, *Faber Voices* are also an invaluable resource for those studying or exploring these works for the first time.

This selection allows you to appreciate the poems as never before, in a beautifully clean design, with options to read and listen to the poet simultaneously. This is how poetry for

iBooks should be. Features: See each poem exactly as it was intended, in a fixed format with no erroneous line breaks. Hear every poem as it should be heard, read by the poet at the tap of a finger. Experience the ultimate Cope selection, made exclusively for this ebook. The full list of

poems: Flowers Defining the

Problem Loss Some More Light

Verse Favourite Another Unfortunate

Choice A Christmas Poem Kindness to

Animals Names The Uncertainty of the

Poet In the Rhine Valley After the

Lunch Valentine Bloody Men The

Christmas Life By The Round Pond Haiku:

Looking out ... Timekeeping Differences of

Opinion (i) He Tells Her On A Train A

Nursery Rhyme as it might have been

written by Wordsworth A Nursery Rhyme as it might have been written by T.S. Eliot Waste Land Limericks A Policeman's Lot An Attempt at Unrhymed Verse Wendy Cope was born in Erith, Kent. After university she worked for fifteen years as a primary-school teacher in London. Her first collection of poems, *Making Cocoa for Kingsley Amis*, was published in 1986. In 1987 she received a Cholmondeley Award for poetry and in 1995 the American Academy of Arts and Letters Michael Braude Award for light verse. *Two Cures for Love: Selected Poems 1979-2006* was published in 2008. Search 'Seamus Heaney', 'Ted Hughes' or 'Philip Larkin' for more *Faber Voices*.

**How to Drink Like a Writer** W. W. Norton & Company

Wendy Cope has long been one of the nation's best-loved poets, with her sharp eye for human foibles and wry sense of humour. For the first time, *Life, Love and the Archers* brings together the best of her prose - recollections, reviews and essays from the light-hearted to the serious, taken from a lifetime of published and unpublished work, and all with Cope's lightness of touch. Here readers can meet the Enid-Blyton-obsessed schoolgirl, the ambivalent daughter, the amused teacher, the sensitive journalist, the cynical romantic and the sardonic television critic, as well as touching on books and writers who have informed a lifetime of reading and writing. Wendy Cope is a master of the one-liner as well as the couplet, the telling review as well as the sonnet, and *Life, Love and the Archers* gives us a wonderfully entertaining and unforgettable portrait of one of England's favourite writers.

**The Kids** Faber & Faber

Wendy Cope's most recent collection,

her first since *Serious Concerns* in 1992, extends her concern with the comedy of the examined life ('the way we have been, the way we sometimes are'), and imagines those adjustments to the ordinary which would fulfil our futures, or allow us to realize the golden age of five minutes ago, or weigh the 'out there' of the present moment, where what is in sight is also out of reach. These are poems of well-tempered yearning, conditional idylls which sing in praise of lying fallow, the creativity of daydream, the yeast of boredom, the truths of intermediacy. Wendy Cope's formal tact is alertly present - in triolets, rondeaux, villanelles, squibs, epigrams - small forms whose power to disarm goes hand in hand with her characteristically tart ripostes to the way things (usually) are. This collection extends the variousness of her occasions.

**Life, Love and The Archers** Signal Editions

Hannah Lowe taught for a decade in an inner-city London sixth form. At the heart of this book of compassionate and energetic sonnets are 'The Kids', her students, the teenagers she nurtured. But the poems go further, meeting her own child self as she comes of age in the riotous 80s and 90s, later bearing witness to her small son learning to negotiate contemporary London. Across these deeply felt poems, Lowe interrogates the acts of teaching and learning with empathy and humour. Social class, gender and race - and their fundamental intersection with education - are investigated with an ever critical and introspective eye. The sonnet is re-energised, becoming a classroom, a memory box and even a mind itself as 'The Kids' learn and negotiate their own unknown futures. These boisterous and musical poems explore and explode the

universal experience of what it is to be taught, and to teach, ultimately reaching out and speaking to the child in all of us. The poems in the first section of the book draw on Hannah Lowe's experiences as a teacher in the 2000s, but the scenarios are largely fictitious, as are the names of the students. *The Kids* is a Poetry Book Society Choice.

*The Death of King Arthur* Faber & Faber Founded in 2010, the Montreal International Poetry Prize has established itself as a major event in contemporary poetry, both in Canada and around the world. The Montreal Prize Anthology 2020 explodes with talent, combining radiant vision with striking invention in form. The loss of a father finds equivalence in a tornado's blowing an apartment open to the night sky. Sacred and profane images of a mother pile up in couplets, making a heap of gold. Family memory stirs in the dreamy measures of a sestina. Racial injustice is defied and reversed in the unflinching mirror of a palindromic poem. A doctor confesses her life work to be a striving to right the wrong done her father. These poems, a handful of the thousands submitted to the 2020 competition, were chosen for the lone virtue of their speaking directly to the reader, with conviction and with art. In 2019, the founder of the Montreal Prize, Asa Boxer, transferred it to the Department of English at McGill University. A team of dedicated faculty and graduate students recruited a distinguished international jury, headed by Pulitzer-prize-winner Yusef Komunyakaa, to judge the entries. This book is the result.

**Christmas Poems** Faber & Faber Seamus Heaney, Denis Donoghue, William Pritchard, Marilyn Butler, Harold Bloom, and many others have praised Helen Vendler as one of the most

attentive readers of poetry. Here, Vendler turns her illuminating skills as a critic to 150 selected poems of Emily Dickinson. As she did in *The Art of Shakespeare's Sonnets*, she serves as an incomparable guide, considering both stylistic and imaginative features of the poems. In selecting these poems for commentary Vendler chooses to exhibit many aspects of Dickinson's work as a poet, "from her first-person poems to the poems of grand abstraction, from her ecstatic verses to her unparalleled depictions of emotional numbness, from her comic anecdotes to her painful poems of aftermath." Included here are many expected favorites as well as more complex and less often anthologized poems. Taken together, Vendler's selection reveals Emily Dickinson's development as a poet, her astonishing range, and her revelation of what Wordsworth called "the history and science of feeling." In accompanying commentaries Vendler offers a deeper acquaintance with Dickinson the writer, "the inventive conceiver and linguistic shaper of her perennial themes." All of Dickinson's preoccupations—death, religion, love, the natural world, the nature of thought—are explored here in detail, but Vendler always takes care to emphasize the poet's startling imagination and the ingenuity of her linguistic invention. Whether exploring less familiar poems or favorites we thought we knew, Vendler reveals Dickinson as "a master" of a revolutionary verse-language of immediacy and power. *Dickinson: Selected Poems and Commentaries* will be an indispensable reference work for students of Dickinson and readers of lyric poetry.

#### Anecdotal Evidence Two Roads

Wendy Cope is a national treasure of the

poetry world. This edition will be a highlight of the Christmas gift market, collecting together Cope's twelve best festive poems - jewels from decades of glittering verse - including anthology favourites such as 'The Christmas Life'. With lively illustrations to accompany the heart-warming words, this little hardback delightfully captures the spirit of the season.

#### The River Girl Orchard

One of a series of titles first published by Faber between 1930 and 1990, and in a style and format planned with a view to the appearance of the volumes on the bookshelf. These poems by Wendy Cope include parodies by Jason Strugnell of Radio 3's *Shall I Call Thee Bard?*, and lyrical poems.

#### **Lost for Words** Faber & Faber

Wendy Cope's first book of poems and parodies, *Making Cocoa for Kingsley Amis*, went straight into the bestseller lists. Its successor, *Serious Concerns* has proved even more popular, addressing such topics as "Bloody Men," "Men and Their Boring Arguments," "Two Cures for Love," "Kindness to Animals" and "Tumps" (Typically Useless Male Poets). This beautifully designed edition forms part of a series of ten titles celebrating Faber's publishing over the decades.

#### *The Café Brûlot* Vintage Canada

Edward St. Aubyn is "great at dissecting an entire social world" (Michael Chabon, *Los Angeles Times*) Edward St. Aubyn's Patrick Melrose novels were some of the most celebrated works of fiction of the past decade. Ecstatic praise came from a wide range of admirers, from literary superstars such as Zadie Smith, Francine Prose, Jeffrey Eugenides, and Michael Chabon to pop-culture icons such as Anthony Bourdain and January Jones. Now St. Aubyn returns with a hilariously smart send-up of a certain major British

literary award. The judges on the panel of the Elysian Prize for Literature must get through hundreds of submissions to find the best book of the year.

Meanwhile, a host of writers are desperate for Elysian attention: the brilliant writer and serial heartbreaker Katherine Burns; the lovelorn debut novelist Sam Black; and Bunjee, convinced that his magnum opus, *The Mulberry Elephant*, will take the literary world by storm. Things go terribly wrong when Katherine's publisher accidentally submits a cookery book in place of her

novel; one of the judges finds himself in the middle of a scandal; and Bunjee, aghast to learn his book isn't on the short list, seeks revenge. *Lost for Words* is a witty, fabulously entertaining satire that cuts to the quick of some of the deepest questions about the place of art in our celebrity-obsessed culture, and asks how we can ever hope to recognize real talent when everyone has an agenda.

*Twiddling Your Thumbs* Faber & Faber  
An illustrated collection of finger play rhymes arranged in increasing order of difficulty.