



Scallywag Poetry

Scallywag Press is delighted to announce the launch of their new poetry list, Scallywag Poetry, with *A Passing On of Shells* by Simon Lamb, illustrated by Chris Riddell.

A dazzling debut exquisitely illustrated by a former Children's Laureate, this is a collection of fifty poems of fifty words each, whose subjects range from family, identity, and growing up, to the need for hope, the wonder of nature, and the very concept of poetry itself.

Simon Lamb offers his poems as small nuggets of wisdom, warmth and wit to help readers of all ages navigate their lives. Chris Riddell interprets each poem adding extra layers of meaning and humour. The hardback edition is printed on thick paper with a textured cover and de-bossing - a timeless and beautiful book.

We at Scallywag believe that 'no poetry is good for children that isn't equally good for their elders' (Robert Frost's dedication to his mother in *You Come Too*, his collection of his own poems for young readers). We love books that reflect on our lives and provide valuable perspectives which could be useful to readers of any age. We love books where words and pictures both play their different parts to convey moments of drama, emotion and humour. We love books as beautiful objects. We hope that all our enthusiasms will be reflected in our new poetry list.

Watch out for *A Zoo* by Christopher Reid, illustrated by Elliot Elam, publishing in October 2023, and as a starter for 2024, work from Brian Moses, illustrated by Mark Elvins.