Since Nancy thinks that poetry is pretty sensational, she decides in *Fancy Nancy: Poet Extraordinaire!* to collect her favorite pieces in one place. Borrow her idea and make your own proper anthology of poems, using the suggestions provided below.

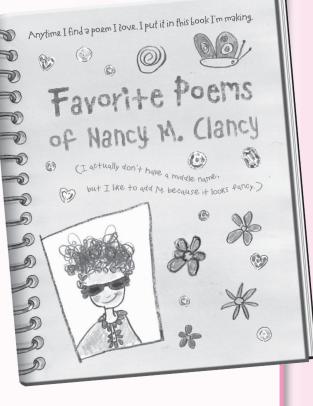
Suggested Materials:

- Ten sheets of plain letter-size paper
- Two pieces of thick colored paper (card stock)
- Stapler
- Stickers
- Crayons, markers, or color pencils
- Best pen with plume

Instructions:

- Stack plain paper and line up edges.
- To create a sturdy cover, add card stock to both the top and bottom of the pile.
- Staple the left border of the book in three places to fasten pages together.
- Decorate the front cover with stickers and artwork. Then create a title for your anthology and insert it in fancy lettering. For example, "Favorite Poems of Nancy M. Clancy."
- To gather entries for your tome (that's fancy for book), survey your parents, friends, classmates, and neighbors. Ask them to name their favorite poem and its author.
- Using your best pen with plume, write out each poem by hand. Add your own illustrations and notes to the page, to keep track of your thoughts and feelings about each piece.
- Explore and include all styles of poetry: nursery rhymes; songs and their lyrics; limericks; classical poetry; romantic poetry; nature poetry; odes; puns; diamantes; haiku; and more!
- As your anthology expands, so too will your knowledge of poetry. Share your collection with others and spread the love of language!





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