

TAKE YOUR POET TO WORK DAY

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Wisława Szymborska

Wisława Szymborska was born in Poland in 1923. As a poet and essayist, she became very popular in Poland, gaining international popularity when she was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1996.

She has been called the “Mozart of Poetry” for her work, which is notable for its dark wit, irony and contradiction. Szymborska’s poems are often written against the backdrop of the violence of her experience having lived through the second World War and the rise of communism.

As a member of the Communist Party and part of the intellectual class, her early work reflected communist philosophies, which she later denounced.

Szymborska, who lived most of her life in Krakow, published 15 collections of poetry, six of which have been translated into English. She died in 2012.



*Every beginning is only a sequel,
after all, and the book of events
is always open halfway through.*

Want to take your favorite poet to work for Take Your Poet to Work Day?

1. Color your poet
2. Cut out your poet along dotted lines
3. Attach a popsicle stick to the back of your poet with tape or glue
4. Take your poet to work as shown



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