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## **Open Wide a Wilderness: Canadian Nature Poems**

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Too often, American readers and writers are unfamiliar with the work of writers from other English-speaking traditions. The anthology *Open Wide A Wilderness: Canadian Nature Poems* (978-1-55458-033-0), from Wilfrid Laurier University Press, edited by Nancy Holmes and introduced by Don McKay, surveys 200 years of Canadian English nature poetry. While it does not include poetry written in First Nation languages or French, it is otherwise a comprehensive and well-organized volume, including formal, free-verse, late eighteenth-century and contemporary work.

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