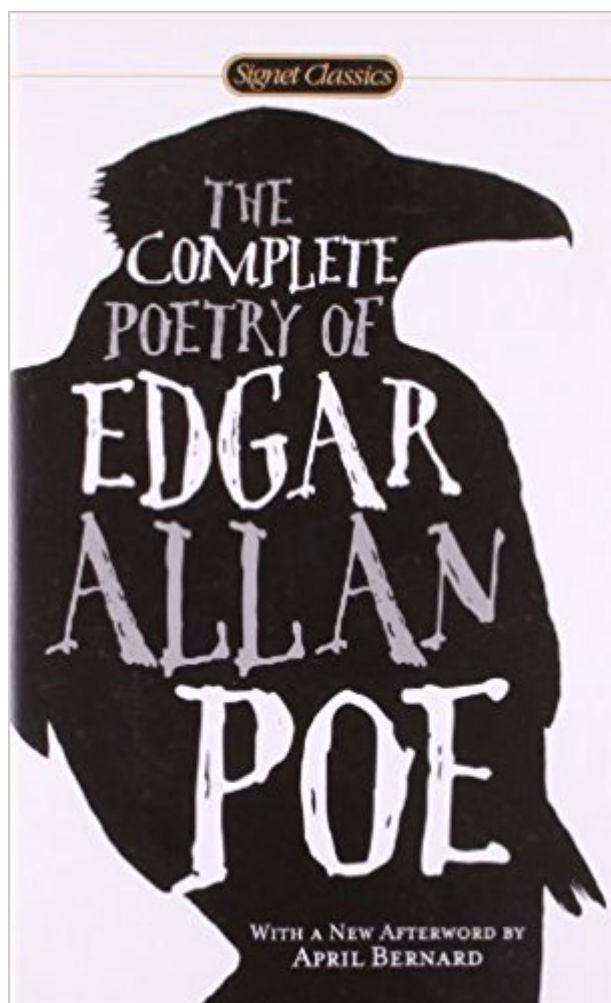


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Customer Reviews

Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston in 1809, but was orphaned in 1811 and went to live with a foster family in Virginia. The relationship was conflicted, and the Allans withdrew their financial support after Poe had completed only one semester at the University of Virginia. He enlisted in the Army, then enrolled briefly in West Point, meanwhile publishing three volumes of poetry: Tamerlane

(1827), *Al Aaraaf* (1829), and *Poems* (1831). From 1831 to 1835, he lived in Baltimore with his aunt, where despite his increasing literary success, he began a lifelong struggle with poverty and addiction to alcohol. In May 1836, he married his first cousin, Virginia Clemm, a child of thirteen. In April 1844, he moved his family to New York, and in January of the following year, his literary fortunes turned when his poem "The Raven" appeared in the *New York Evening News*. Overnight, he became the most talked-about man of letters in America. Early in 1847 his wife died of tuberculosis and he sank further into alcoholism. On October 3, 1849 he was found wandering the streets of Baltimore, delirious, and died four days later from an unknown cause.

Alone
From childhood's hour I have not been
As others were; I have not seen
As others saw; I could
not bring
My passions from a common spring.
From the same source I have not taken
My sorrow; I
could not awaken
My heart to joy at the same tone;
And all I loved, I loved alone.
Then- in my
childhood, in the dawn
Of a most stormy life- was drawn
From every depth of good and ill
The
mystery which binds me still:
From the torrent, or the fountain,
From the red cliff of the mountain,
From the sun that round me rolled
In its autumn tint of gold,
From the lightning in the sky
As it
passed me flying by,
From the thunder and the storm,
And the cloud that took the form
(When the
rest of Heaven was blue)
Of a demon in my view.

All the classics come in this book. It's a quick read and I like that the book is small enough to toss in my purse so I have something to read while I'm waiting for an appointment or over my lunch break. Arrived quickly in the mail.

Hard not to love Poe's poems! and to have it in a nice small book that is easy to carry is also nice.

Together and it is in affordable option for some of his more famous pieces I'm glad that I purchased and it was a nice addition to my little library

This is a great collection of Poe classics. In my opinion, it is the single best compilation. I love the small format as it makes for easy travel or to place within easy reach for reading. Absolutely love this edition.

Who doesn't love Poe? I wanted a collection of his poems to have on hand and chose this one because the cover reminded me of something you might see in the 70's. Love it.

This book is a must have for any E.A.P fan. I have been a fan of his since I was a kid with such poems as "Annabel lee" It's a shame he's known for the Raven when he has so many wonderful stories and poems, both dark and beautiful. Edgar Allan Poe was so ahead of his time its amazing!!.

I bought this as a gift for my daughter who is finding her interests in genres. I always find Edgar Allen Poe a good way to ease into horror and suspense. She absolutely loves him! She keeps this book in her purse.

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