

Julian Rothenstein got in touch with me as he wanted to include some young poets from Poetry Box in a new anthology he was editing. I tracked down the children, got permission, and now the book is out in the world. It is simply gorgeous. It is called **A Gift** (Redstone Press, 2022), and indeed, it is a gift of a book. It shines and it gleams and it inspires.

A Gift is divided into five sections: wondering, feeling, messaging, playing, looking. It includes children's poems from various countries, with a strong representation from Aotearoa New Zealand. As it says on the back, the book is '**an invitation to wonder, creativity and play**'.

Also included is a fabulous range of artwork by both children and adults: photographs, drawings, paintings, doodles, collages. And some fascinating found messages – a bit like found poetry.

It is the kind of book that belongs in every school library and on the bookshelf of keen young writers.