

# Nan Fry

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**Nancy Mallet Fry** (August 6, 1945 - September 23, 2016) was born in Missouri, and grew up in Connecticut. She earned a bachelor of arts at Wells College and a PhD in Medieval Studies at Yale University before settling in the greater DC area. She taught at The Writer's Center, and in the Academic Studies Program at the Corcoran College of Art + Design from 1983 through 2005.

Fry authored one full-length book of poetry, *Relearning the Dark* (Washington Writers Publishing House, 1991) and a chapbook of riddle poems translated from Anglo-Saxon, *Say What I Am Called* (Sibyl-Child, 1988). Her poems appeared on posters in the transit systems of Washington, DC, Baltimore, and Ft. Collins, CO as part of the Poetry Society of America's "Poetry in Motion" Program, on a Bethesda Poetry Bench Project, and in numerous anthologies, including *Cabin Fever: Poets at Joaquin Miller's Cabin*, *Poetry in Motion from Coast to Coast*, *The Beastly Bride*, *The Year's Best Fantasy and Horror*, *The Faery Reel*, *Rye Bread: Women Poets Rising*, *Hungry As We Are: An Anthology of Washington Area Poets*, and *The Poet's Cookbook: Recipes from Germany*. She also wrote occasional fiction; a story of hers was included in the anthology *Gravity Dancers*. In addition, her work was republished in textbooks, including *The Creative Process* and *Discovering Literature*.

Fry received an EdPress Award for excellence in educational journalism, and an Individual Artist's Award from the Maryland State Arts Council. Individual poems of hers were published in such journals as *Beltway Poetry Quarterly*, *Innisfree Poetry Journal*, *Negative Capability*, *Poet Lore*, *Plainsong*, *The Wallace Stevens Journal*, and *The Journal of Mythic Arts*, and she was featured on a "Poet and the Poem from the Library of Congress" audio podcast. For over ten years, she coordinated a poetry reading series at Westmoreland Church in Bethesda, MD.

**Nan Fry** at Writer's Center (<http://www.writer.org/NanFry>)

Nan Fry at Wikipedia ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nan\\_Fry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nan_Fry))

*Beltway Poetry Quarterly*: <http://washingtonart.com/beltway/fry.html>

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