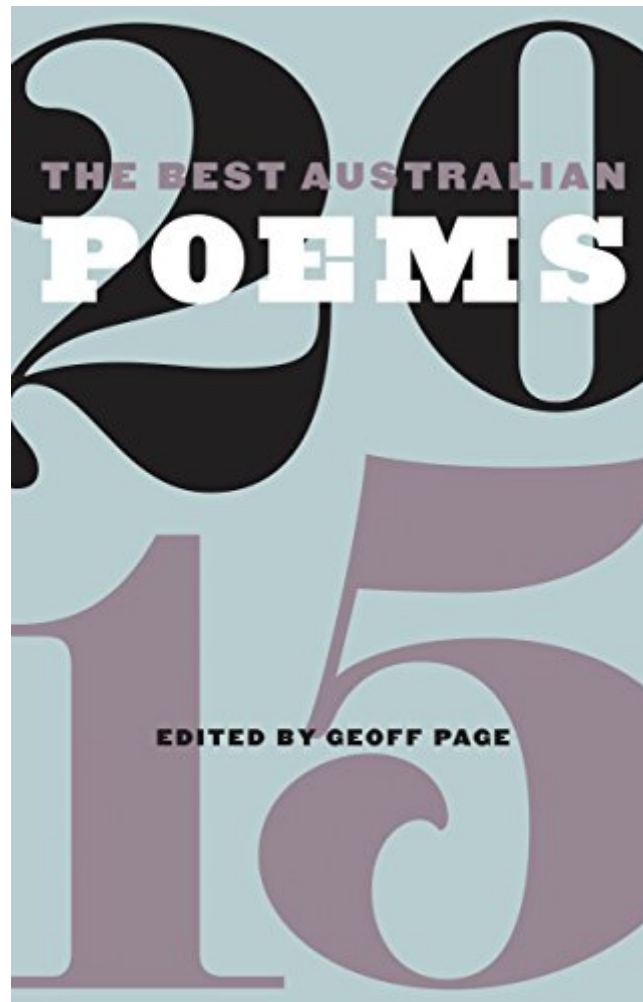


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Sydney Morning Herald
Geoff Page has published nineteen collections of poetry as well as two novels, five verse novels and several other works, including anthologies, translations and a biography of the jazz musician Bernie McGann. He has won several awards, including the ACT Poetry Award, the Grace Leven Prize, the Christopher Brennan Award, the Queensland Premier’s Prize for Poetry and the 2001 Patrick White Literary Award.

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