

KAY RYAN

Kay Ryan (born September 21, 1945) is an American poet and educator. She has published seven volumes of poetry and an anthology of selected and new poems. From 2008 to 2010 she was the sixteenth [United States Poet Laureate](#). Since 2006, Ryan has served as one of fourteen Chancellors of [The Academy of American Poets](#).

Ryan's awards include a 1995 award from the [Ingram Merrill Foundation](#), the 2000 Union League Poetry Prize, the 2001 [Maurice English Poetry Award](#) for her collection *Say Uncle*, a fellowship in 2001 from the [National Endowment for the Arts](#), a 2004 [Guggenheim Fellowship](#), and the 2004 [Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize](#). On January 22, 2011, Ryan was listed as a finalist for a 2011 [National Book Critics Circle Award](#). On April 18, 2011, she won the annual [Pulitzer Prize for Poetry](#). On September 20, 2011, Ryan was awarded a [John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellowship](#), or "genius grant". In 2013, she received a 2012 [National Humanities Medal](#) from President [Barack Obama](#).