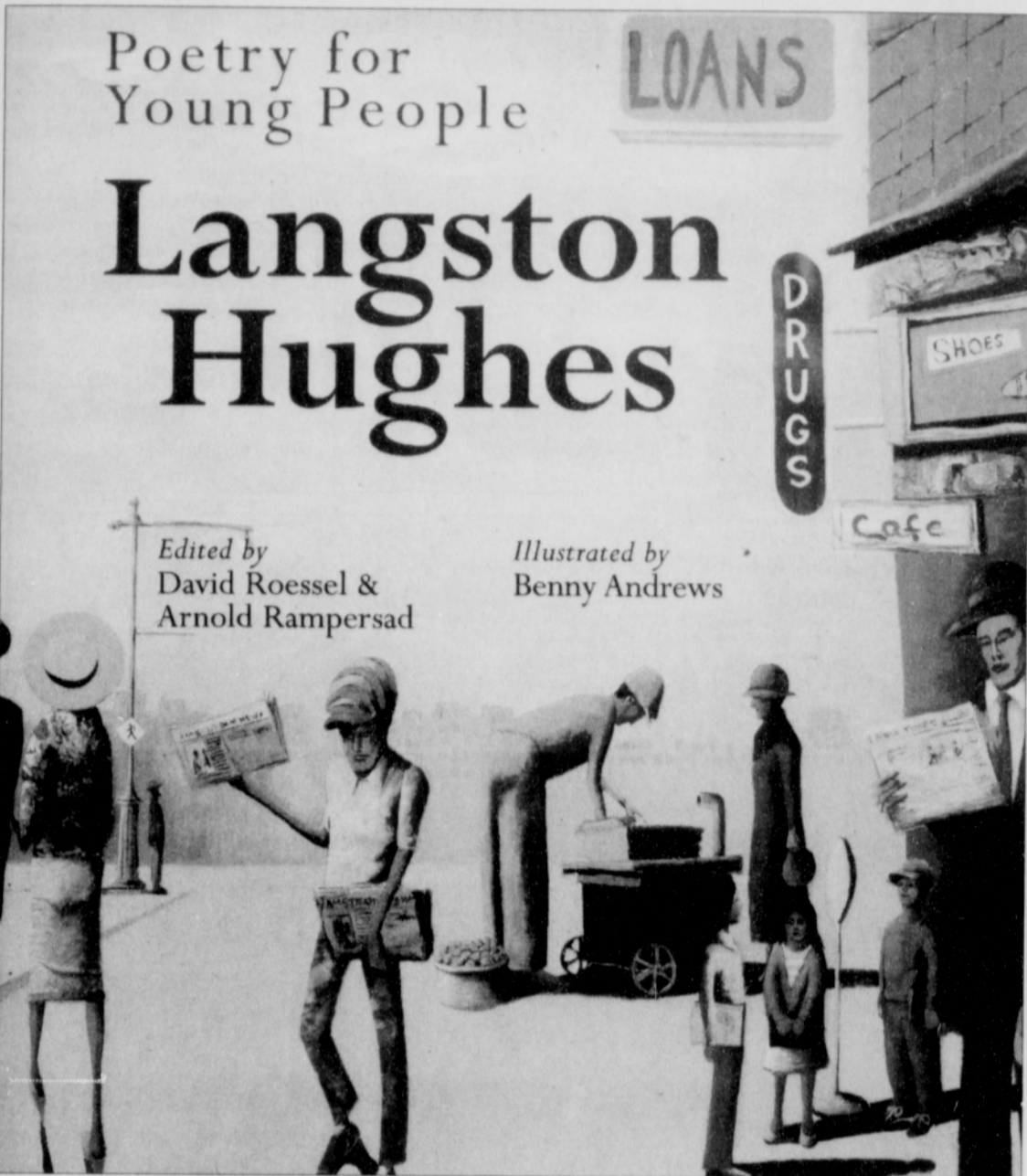


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## Poetry for Young People



### Cultural Glimpse

Langston Hughes, one of the greatest and most beloved African American poets, and Benny Andrews, one of America's most important living artists, celebrate National Poetry Month with the publication of Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes.

The book is a perfect introduction into Hughes' rhythmic, socially conscious and deceptively simple verse and Andrews' dynamic and colorful paintings.

Together the poetry and pictures offer a stunning glimpse into the racial and social history of American culture.

Filled with music and laughter as well as sorrow and suffering, Hughes' poems reflect the language and culture of his people and their struggle for civil rights. His words ring out with power that transcends race and time.

Living in pre-civil rights America, Hughes faced many obstacles. His words in poetry speak out against social injustice: "Where is the Jim Crow section on this merry-go-round, Mister, cause I want to ride? Down South where I come from white and colored can't sit side by side."

But as Hughes imagines a future in which everyone would share in "Sweet Freedom's Way" he writes:

"A world I dream where black or white, whatever race you be, will share the bounties of the earth and every man is free."

Benny Andrews' illustrations capture the rich portrayals of black life in America in 'Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes.'

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All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope that clearly identifies the item(s) as stated in the RFB. Bidding documents, (including specifications) may be examined and are available at Guest Services Division, Oregon Zoo, 4001 S.W. Canyon Rd, Portland, OR 97221 or from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by calling (503) 525-4232.

All bids must conform to the RFB format and be complete including the use of any required forms. Metro may accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, or waive irregularities not affecting substantial rights if such action is deemed in the public interest.

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Any requests for information and/or relevant questions should be directed to Ivan Ratcliff at 503-525-4232; FAX at 503-525-4235.

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## 'Idol' Moves Kids Into Music

### Ruben Studdard tackles gang prevention

(AP) — "American Idol" winner Ruben Studdard has a plan to get teenagers off the streets and into the music industry, even if they can't follow his steps into stardom.

Studdard is launching an after-school program, called "The Music Alternative Project," aimed at keeping young people away from gangs by teaching them the different behind-the-scenes aspects of music production, including song-writing, marketing, accounting and mixing.

"I am a product of the public school system... and I had a lot of friends involved in gang activity," Studdard recently told



"American Idol" winner Ruben Studdard signs autographs after launching an after-school program, called "The Music Alternative Project." (AP photo)

a state government panel in his home state of Alabama.

He said many of those same friends were talented singers and rappers, "but they didn't have a vehicle to push them."

The Birmingham-based pro-

gram would enroll about 100 students each year from all over Alabama for music courses after school, on weekends and over the summer. Studdard said he would teach a few of the courses and participants would get a chance to see him work in the recording studio.

Since winning "American Idol" in season two, Studdard has released two successful albums, "Soulful," which sold 1.8 million copies and "I Need an Angel," which hit No. 1 with 436,000 copies sold. He is currently working on a third album.

A wish changes nothing. A decision changes everything!

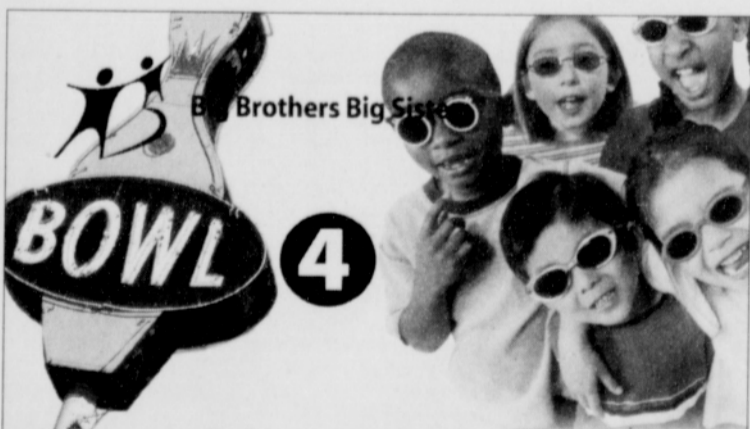


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