

## 1: Best Books of The CPR Awards – Contemporary Poetry Review

*Petrarch is often popularly called the "father of humanism". Based on Petrarch's works, and to a lesser extent those of Dante Alighieri and Giovanni Boccaccio, Pietro Bembo in the 16th century created the model for the modern Italian language, later endorsed by the Accadem Francesco Petrarca, known in English as Petrarch, was an Italian scholar.*

The family eventually moved to Avignon, in the Provence region of southern France, the home of the exiled papal court, at which an Italian lawyer might hope to find employment. From there he returned to Italy with his younger brother Gherardo to continue these studies at Bologna. Meanwhile, his knowledge and love of the Classical authors increasing, he made his acquaintance with the new vernacular poetry that was being written. Returning to Avignon, he took minor ecclesiastical orders and entered the household of the influential cardinal Giovanni Colonna. Petrarch enjoyed life in Avignon, and there is a famous description of him and his brother as dandies in its polished courtly world; but he was also making a name there for his scholarship and the elegance of his culture. As well as a love of literature, Petrarch also had during his early youth a deep religious faith, a love of virtue, and an unusually deep perception of the transitory nature of human affairs. There now followed the reaction—a period of dissipation—which also coincided with the beginning of his famous chaste love for a woman known now only as Laura. Vain attempts have been made to identify her, but Petrarch himself kept silent about everything concerning her civil status, as though he thought it unimportant. He first saw her in the Church of St. Clare at Avignon on April 6, and loved her, although she was outside his reach, almost until his death. From this love there springs the work for which he is most celebrated, the Italian poems *Rime*, which he affected to despise as mere trifles in the vulgar tongue but which he collected and revised throughout his life. Classical studies and career —40 He spent the summer of at Lombez, France, the bishop of which was an old friend from Bologna, Giacomo Colonna. In he received a canonry there but continued to reside at Avignon in the service of the Cardinal, with whom he stayed until Quite apart from his love for Laura, this period was an important one for Petrarch. These were years of ambition and unremitting study notably in the field of Classical Latin. They were also years of travel. In Paris he was given a copy of the *Confessions* of St. Augustine by a friend and spiritual confidant, the Augustinian monk Dionigi of Sansepolcro, and he was to use this more and more as the breviary of his spiritual life. By making a synthesis of the two seemingly conflicting ideals—regarding the one as the rich promise and the other as its divine fulfillment—he can claim to be the founder and great representative of the movement known as European humanism. He rejected the sterile argumentation and endless dialectical subtleties to which medieval Scholasticism had become prey and turned back for values and illumination to the moral weight of the Classical world. In he visited Rome for the first time, to be stirred among its ruins by the evident grandeur of its past. Moral and literary evolution —46 Meanwhile, his reputation as a scholar was spreading; in September he received invitations from Paris and Rome to be crowned as poet. He had perhaps sought out this honour, partly from ambition but mainly in order that the rebirth of the cult of poetry after more than 1, years might be fittingly celebrated. He had no hesitation in choosing Rome, and accordingly he was crowned on the Capitoline Hill on April 8, , afterward placing his laurel wreath on the tomb of the Apostle in St. From Rome he went to Parma and the nearby solitude of Selvapiana, returning to Avignon in the autumn of At any rate, this is a common reading of the *Secretum meum* — It is an autobiographical treatise consisting of three dialogues between Petrarch and St. Augustine in the presence of Truth. In it he maintains hope that, even amidst worldly preoccupations and error, even while absorbed in himself and his own affairs, a man might still find a way to God. It was an evolution in his thinking that led him to break through the barriers of his too-exclusive admiration for antiquity and to admit other authoritative voices. Break with his past —53 The events of the next few years are fundamental to his biography, both as a man and as a writer. Finally, in the jubilee year of he made a pilgrimage to Rome and later assigned to this year his renunciation of sensual pleasures. In Verona in he made his great discovery of the letters of Cicero to Atticus, Brutus, and Quintus, which allowed him to penetrate the surface of the great orator and see the man himself. The letters spurred him on to write epistles to the ancient authors whom he loved and to make a collection of his own letters that he

had scattered among his friends. Toward the end of he returned again to the peace of Vaucluse and spent two years there, chiefly revising *De vita solitaria* but also developing the theme of solitude in a specifically monastic context, in *De otio religioso*. Much of the time was spent in advancing his career in the church; the manoeuvring and animosities this involved resulted in an intense longing for the peace of Vaucluse; not even a visit from his lifelong friend the poet Boccaccio, who offered him a chair to be established under his guidance in the University of Florence, could deflect him. He left Rome in May for Vaucluse. Here he worked on a new plan for the *Rime*. The project was divided into two parts: The theme of his *Canzoniere* as the poems are usually known therefore goes beyond the apparent subject matter, his love for Laura. For the first time in the history of the new poetry, lyrics are held together in a marvellous new tapestry, possessing its own unity. By selecting all that was most polished and at the same time most vigorous in the lyric tradition of the preceding two centuries and filtering it through his new appreciation of the classics, he not only bequeathed to humanity the most limpid and yet passionate, precise yet suggestive, expression of love and grief, of the ecstasies and sorrows of man, but also created with his marvellous sensibility the form and language of the modern lyric, to provide a common stock for lyric poets of the whole of Europe. Later years

1374 But the death of his closest friends, dislike of the newly elected pope, Innocent VI, increasingly bitter relations with the Avignon court, all finally determined Petrarch to leave Provence. He found rooms in Milan and stayed there for most of the next eight years. During these eight years he also completed the first proper edition of the *Rime*, continued assiduously with the *Familiars*, worked on the *Trionfi*, and set in order many of his earlier writings. Early in he went to Padua, hoping to escape the plague. He remained there until September, when, again a fugitive from the Black Death, he sought shelter in Venice. He was given a house, and in return Petrarch promised to bequeath all his books to the republic. He was joined by his daughter Francesca, and the tranquil happiness of her little family gave him great pleasure. There he wrote the defense of his humanism against the critical attack from Venice, *De sui ipsius et multorum ignorantia*. He was still in great demand as a diplomat; in he was called to Rome by Urban V, and he set off eager to see the fulfillment of his great dream of a new Roman papacy, but at Ferrara he was seized by a stroke. Yet he did not stop working; in addition to revision he composed more minor works and added new sections to his *Posteritati*, an autobiographical letter to posterity that was to have formed the conclusion to his *Seniles*; he also composed the final sections of the *Trionfi*. His abiding achievement was to recognize that, if there is a Providence that guides the world, then it has set man at the centre. But, even more important, the humanist attitudes of the Italian 15th century that led into the Renaissance would not have been possible without him.

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Get Full Essay Get access to this section to get all help you need with your essay and educational issues. Get Access Thoughts on Ruling: Nearly a century later, another philosopher by the name of Niccolo Machiavelli wrote a book about governing, *The Prince*. The two documents show many similarities in content and theme. While the two wrote in similar subject matter, it is clear that these philosophers possess distinctly different viewpoints on how a ruler should govern. In particular Machiavelli pays specific attention to the importance of appearing like a good ruler. There is much evidence to support this in the readings. Niccolo Machiavelli was a humanist philosopher born in Florence, Italy. He spent a good portion of his life working in Florence as a banker. Soon, Machiavelli became an important political figure when he was promoted to the position of chancellor and secretary to the Council of Ten for War. Machiavelli was trusted on many other government councils as well. Machiavelli was very successful in his positions until when the powerful Medici family regained control of Florence. The following year, he was accused of participating in a conspiracy to restore the republic. Machiavelli was thrown in jail, tortured, and eventually exiled from Florence. This was very unfortunate for the philosopher who received much joy from partaking in political matters in Florence. It was in exile that he wrote *The Prince*. Machiavelli desperately wanted to return to politics. The philosopher hoped that by writing this book that he could regain favor with the Medici family and receive his position back in the government. However, his writing was not received as he planned. Machiavelli wrote *The Prince* as a guide to ruling. In this guide, Machiavelli makes many suggestions, but there are two that distinctly differ from the thoughts of Petrarch. In *The Prince*, Machiavelli repeatedly brings up the theme of importance of appearing like a virtuous ruler. In chapter XV Machiavelli discusses how it is important to appear as a virtuous ruler, but to not actually possess these qualities. Machiavelli received much criticism from this suggestion, but he saw nothing wrong with it. To Machiavelli, the definition of virtue was anything that receives praise from others. Portable Machiavelli XV. Machiavelli also warns, that you must watch for flatterers who will try to do the same. While Machiavelli thought these ideas would make a successful ruler, Petrarch would disagree. I said to my self: Petrarch disagrees with Machiavelli and feels that a successful ruler should be honest and virtuous to those he rules, and that they should love him more than fear him. Both rulers have varying opinions on what makes a good ruler. Petrarch sees that a ruler should be loved by his people. Machiavelli sees that a ruler must only appear to be a virtuous leader.

### 4: Penguin Literature - Catalog

*Francesco Petrarch, () simply known as Petrarch, a Latin scholar, poet, and the first sonneteer who has profoundly influenced European poetry of the Renaissance; including Shakespeare, Boccaccio, Spencer, and some of the principle poets of American literature.*

Few names in literature have been more widely and permanently distinguished than that of Petrarch. He was one of the great poets, and yet, except to those who are conversant with the Italian language, Petrarch is little more than a bright name. Few have read his works. Doubtless, much of his fame is due, not to his writings, but to the fact that he was foremost among the great scholars who awakened the world to the knowledge and the literature of antiquity after the long sleep of the Middle Ages. He loved the Roman poets, orators, and philosophers—Virgil, Cicero, Seneca—with a perfect love. He was indefatigable in his search for manuscripts, rummaging in libraries and archives and copying the texts with his own hand, and he discovered among other works the Institutes of Quintilian and some of the letters and orations of Cicero. Of his voluminous writings all except the Canzoniere or Song Book are in Latin, but although these constituted, during his lifetime, his chief title to distinction in scholarship and literature, they are now, with the exception of his personal letters, mostly forgotten. It is those poems in the Italian tongue, which he at one time depreciated, that are still read and admired wherever that tongue is spoken. What is there in this collection of poems which gave to their author such widespread and lasting renown? Macaulay insists that their popularity is largely due to a curious tendency of human nature to enjoy in literature that egotism and revelation of personal characteristics and sufferings which we detest in conversation and of which the popularity of Rousseau, Wordsworth, and Lord Byron are such obvious illustrations. The poems of Petrarch are little more than the expression of his feelings upon a subject in which the world is greatly interested—the love of a woman. He was, moreover, if we except Dante, the first distinguished writer of amatory verse in modern times, after woman had assumed that new claim to veneration and respect which had been allowed to her by Christianity, by chivalry, by the tourney, and by the courts of love. He imitates in many places the formal and artificial style of the troubadours as well as the more natural methods of some of his Italian predecessors, and he engrafts upon this modern poetry much that he has drawn from his rich classical resources. But at their best, the lyrics of Petrarch are indescribably beautiful and entitle him to a high place among the immortals. Petrarch lived, moreover, close to the dawn of Italian literature; he had much to do with giving to the Italian language its present poetical and polished character. He had also the good fortune, which even Dante did not possess, to have such distinguished commentators and critics as Muratori, the creator of critical and diplomatic history in Italy, and four poets of distinction, Tassoni, Foscolo, Leopardi, and Carducci. Samuel Johnson, that the interest which attaches to the man has greatly enhanced the reputation earned by the merit of his writings. It seems singular, considering this reputation, that except among those who are acquainted with the Italian language, there are comparatively few to-day who have any considerable personal acquaintance with his works. The knowledge of Homer and the Greek dramatists, of Virgil and Horace, of Dante and Boccaccio, of Cervantes and Goethe, is widely disseminated in every civilized country, but the poems of Petrarch are still largely unknown in other lands than his own. The main reason undoubtedly is that the beauty of these poems has not been and perhaps cannot be adequately communicated by any translation. No kind of literature is more difficult to translate than lyric poetry, and this is because its beauty depends so largely upon its form, including the metre and the rhyme employed. In epic and dramatic poetry as well as in all prose other things predominate—the story to be told, the thing to be described, the character to be delineated. The translation of Homer may be almost equally good whether made in rhyme, in blank verse, or in rhythmical prose, and if made in verse, the particular kind of metre is not very essential. But lyric poetry cannot be well rendered in a prose translation nor even in verse which differs very greatly from that of the original. This is no doubt one of the reasons why Pindar, one of the greatest of the Greek poets, is not so widely known as the dramatists. The difficulty of adequate translation is especially great in the case of lyrics in rhyme, and most of all in the case of those where the system of rhyme employed is complex and artificial. Unless the translation reproduces

something of this, it cannot faithfully represent the original. Now no lyric poems ever depended more for their beauty upon their form and the metre and the rhymes employed than those of Petrarch. He was not so much distinguished for originality of conception, liveliness of narrative, wealth of imagery or faithful portraiture of character, as for his delicate taste and the exquisite form in which his thoughts are embodied. It is said of him that each of his poems is like an enamel. The translator of Petrarch, therefore, if he would seek to give a true notion of these lyrics, should employ forms of verse and rhyme similar to the original, yet the restrictions which this involves are often fatal to an adequate rendering of the poetry itself. Too many repetitions of the same rhyme are required. The Italian language lends itself to the rhymes demanded by the Petrarch sonnet in a way that English does not, and certain licences are permitted in Italian and forbidden to us; for instance, the so-called equivocal rhymes or the use of identical words with different meanings for rhyming purposes. These were often employed in the Canzoniere. Petrarch himself occasionally varies the form of his sonnets, but all the forms he employs are usually difficult to reproduce exactly in English, and the effect in most cases seems to be quite well retained in the Shakespearean sonnet. I have therefore generally used the latter. In the one sestina translated, the form of the original has been exactly reproduced, although it is extremely artificial and not at all adapted to modern poetry. In two of the madrigals I have followed the original metre exactly. In the canzoni the original form has in some cases been closely, and in one or two instances exactly imitated. There seemed no object in giving this double assonance, and the stanza is quite as harmonious in English without it. The same is true of some of the other canzoni. In the original those vary considerably in form, but the following rules are observed. The lines are either of eleven or seven syllables each rendered in English by the iambic pentameter or trimeter, and each stanza corresponds with the others in rhymes, measures, and pauses.

Francesco Petrarca was born at Arezzo, Italy, July 20, 1304. Among these were the poet Dante and the notary Petracco. Among the latter were the notary Petracco and his wife. It was on the very day of this attack, in which his father took part, that Petrarch was born. Early life at Incisa. But the child did not remain long at Arezzo. In the little city of Incisa, south-east of Florence, the notary possessed a piece of property which had escaped confiscation. His wife was not included in the decree of banishment, and seven months after his birth, the boy was taken thither by his mother, and was almost drowned in the Arno on the way. Despite the decree of banishment, the husband and wife were sometimes together, for two other children were born to them at that place, one who died in infancy and one Gherardo, born in 1311. The family were reunited in Pisa, where the father was then established in business. In the following year, however, the notary determined to leave Italy and seek his fortune beyond the Alps, at Avignon. Pope Clement V, who had wandered from place to place, was then at that city, although it had not yet been established as the permanent seat of the papal court. On the way thither the vessel which carried the notary and his little family narrowly escaped shipwreck near Marseilles, and Petrarch was filled with an aversion and terror of the sea from which he never recovered. Avignon at this time was a constituent part of the earldom of Provence, and King Robert of Naples was its hereditary lord. Our elders determined that the women and children should move to a neighbouring spot. We two, then boys, went with the others, but were sent to a different destination, namely, to the schools of Latin. Carpentras was the name of the place, a small city, but the capital of a little province. Do you remember those four years? What happiness we had there; what safety, what peace at home, what liberty abroad, what leisure, and what silence in the fields! But I, albeit little able, feeling myself nevertheless bound by faith and duty, helped him to the utmost of my resources, so that, when money fell short as was frequent I succoured his poverty among my friends by standing surety, or by prayers, and with the usurers, by pledges. Thousands of times he took from me for this purpose books and other things, which he always brought back to me until poverty drove out fidelity. For he used daily to be beginning some book, and he would make a magnificent frontispiece and a consummate preface which, although it stands first in the book, is wont to be composed last, and then he would transfer his unstable imagination to some other work. But why do I thus prolong the tale? When the delay began to arouse my suspicions for I had lent him the books for study, not to relieve his indigence, I asked him point blank what had happened to them, and on hearing that they had been put in pawn, I besought him to tell me who it was who had them, that I might redeem them. Tearful and full of shame, he refused to do this, protesting that it would be too disgraceful to him if another should do what was

his bounden duty. If I would wait a little longer he would fulfil his duty quickly. Then I offered him all the money which the transaction required, and this also he refused, begging me to spare him such a disgrace. Though trusting little to his promise, I held my tongue, being unwilling to give sorrow to him whom I loved. In the meanwhile, driven by his poverty, he returned to Tuscany, whence he had come, and I, remaining in my transalpine solitude near the source of the Sorgue, as I was wont to do, did not know that he had gone away, until I knew of his death by the request of his fellow citizens that I would write an epitaph to be placed on the tomb of him whom they had tardily honoured by bearing him to the grave crowned with laurel. Nor afterwards, in spite of every diligence, could I ever find the least trace of the lost Cicero, for the other books mattered to me much less, and thus I lost books and master together. Under Convenevole, Petrarch learned to admire that author very greatly. Early visit to Vaucluse. The boys begged to accompany them, and were put on horseback with a trusty servant who rode behind to protect them. Here, however, Francesco devoted himself not so much to the law as to the great writers of ancient Rome. He had indeed managed to collect a small library of classical authors. His father once visited him unexpectedly, and the poet thus describes what happened. His father burns his books. After remaining four years at Montpellier, Petrarch, at the command of his father, went with his brother Gherardo to the University of Bologna which was then, next to Paris, the most celebrated in the world in order to continue his studies. Here, too, he attended lectures upon the civil law. While he was at this university he made an excursion with one of his instructors to Venice and saw the pride and prosperity of the republic of the lagoons at its highest point before it became weakened by the destructive wars with Genoa. Their mother survived her husband only a short time and died at the age of thirty-eight years. Petrarch wrote her eulogy in a poem of thirty-eight hexameters, one for each year of her life. The slender estate left by Petracco was dissipated by the dishonesty of his trustees, and the two brothers, now in straitened circumstances, appear to have taken holy orders, because it opened to them the best path to a livelihood. In such a city as Avignon, however, this did not involve the renunciation of worldly pleasures, and the poet, writing long afterwards to his brother, thus speaks of their habits and their personal vanity: That trouble over putting on and putting off, a labour repeated morning and evening; that dread lest when, once arranged, our hair should get loose, or a light breeze should ruffle the elaborate arrangement of our locks; how we fled from advancing or retreating horses lest our perfumed and brilliant raiment should receive any adventitious dirt! Truly how vain are the cares of men, but especially of youths! What shall I say of our shoes? See with how grievous and continuous a war they pressed that which they seemed to protect! What shall I say of the curling irons and the business of our hair-dressing? How often did that labour put off our sleep, and then disturb it! What slave-driver would inflict more cruel tortures than we inflicted with our own hands? What nocturnal scars did we see in the morning in our mirror burned across our red foreheads, so that we, who wished to make a show of our hair, were compelled to cover our faces! On April 6, , he first saw the lady Laura in the church of Santa Clara at Avignon, and became enamoured of the beautiful vision. His passion was the inspiration of nearly all his poetry, both during the twenty-one years she lived and more than ten years afterwards. There is much controversy among his commentators upon the question who this lady Laura really was. The matter is carefully considered in Appendix I.

### 5: Penguin Literature

*Petrarch had in Avignon a number of learned and estimable friends—among others, one Soranzio, a celebrated lawyer and the owner of an excellent library, who placed his books at Petrarch's disposal and lent him a number of valuable works, including some by Varro and Cicero.*

We are given a Petrarch in our own vernacular, with echoes of Wyatt, Shakespeare, and many who come after. He lived his life in the service of the church, traveled widely, and during his lifetime was a revered, model man of letters. In the centuries after it was designed, the "Petrarchan sonnet," as it would be known, inspired the greatest love poets of the English language—from the times of Spenser and Shakespeare to our own. In his skillful hands, Petrarch almost sounds like a poet out of our own tradition bringing the wheel of influence full circle. And any fans of Petrarch, the great 14th-century Italian sonneteer, would probably agree that there has been a distinct absence of decent English Petrarch translations. It does what all the best translations have always done: It re-creates the immediacy and living beauty of another culture, literally breathing new life into words that might otherwise be inaccessible, for whatever reasons. This book is a major achievement by one of the best translators, and poets, that we have in America. If you are not familiar with Petrarch, or David Young, a wonderful treat awaits you! Pound, Eliot, Joyce, and Beckett. In describing the journey of a soul the great Italian poet created a coherent universe of beauty and meaning. Heirs to the French symbolists, the 20th century writers embraced the allegorical symbolism of The Divine Comedy with easy familiarity. The soul as envisioned by Dante was engaged in a journey of single motion: As they lauded Dante they repudiated Petrarch, unable to discover a means to adequately value him. Petrarch is a poet of ambiguity. Above all, he portrays the double motion of the soul, its coincident attraction to the earthly and the heavenly. The English playwright is equally ambiguous in his sonnets, unafraid to depict love as a learning process filled with frustration and failure. Petrarch spent 47 years rebuilding the labyrinth of his love for Laura, the unrequited object of his desire who died of the plague in 1374. The Laura Petrarch creates becomes, like Mary, an object of adoration. The cycle of poems popularly known as the songbook or Canzoniere contains lyrics of beauty, subtlety and freshness. There are several good translations, each with their own special excellence. His imagery is the most muted amongst recent translations, the poetry down-to-earth and sensual. His annotations for each poem are copious and thoughtful, making them a helpful teaching tool. It conveys a superb understanding of the poetry, with the original Italian on facing pages making this experience of reading Petrarch probably the closest to the original. Its immediacy of expression, its elegance and radiant imagery are quite contemporary in feeling, making the poet seem less remote and more understandable to a modern audience. Its modernity is its greatest asset. Where the collection falls short is in the paucity of annotations and the complete lack of the original Italian lyrics. Other more complete translations are massive tomes. If all you need is Petrarch revisited in exquisite English verses this is the volume to get. If you need a more in-depth experience, either of the other translations will fill the bill. Francesco Petrarch, simply known as Petrarch, a Latin scholar, poet, and the first sonneteer who has profoundly influenced European poetry of the Renaissance; including Shakespeare, Boccaccio, Spenser, and some of the principle poets of American literature. It is no hyperbole to say that he has influenced some of the foremost love poets in literary history. It is evident that the poet composed his sonnets only to mirror his altruism, and paradigms of affection for Laura; who he devotedly fell in love with when he first met her at the church of S. Claire, in Avignon, the 6th of April in 1327. He would define her as lovely to look upon with sunny tresses, eyes of pearl, and lips of rose. Therefore, Petrarch would commit his life into writing love poems to his beloved "Laura. He continued to write about Laura with an enthusiastic passion even after her death on Good Friday, 22 years after he first saw her in 1327. Petrarch wrote sonnets about Laura in a period of 47 years, although her death was as heavy on his heart, as it was to attain her love. On July 19th Petrarch was found dead with his body resting over his desk with a pen in his hand. Perhaps the true cause of his death will remain unanswered; I believe he died from a broken heart. By Brett Mcknight on Jan 04, Who can not love Petrarch rich expressions, symbolic complexity, and his daring originality. The poetry of Petrarch is even beyond soul speak. The Tenth Muse Another

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### 7: Thoughts on Ruling: Machiavelli VS. Petrarch | Essay Example

*Petrarch, an Italian poet in the early 's, had a major influence on English literature in the 16th and 17th centuries. In a series of sonnets that became known as Canzoniere, Petrarch focused on his idea of love based on the sighting of a woman named Laura in a church.*

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### 9: The Poetry of Petrarch by Petrarch, David Young ()

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