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DURHAM, N.H. - Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Charles Simic has been named a National Book Award finalist for poetry for the third time for his latest anthology, “The Voice at 3:00 A.M.: Selected Late and New Poems.” Simic has been a professor of English at the University of New Hampshire for 30 years.

“The Voice at 3:00 A.M.: Selected Late and New Poems” presents selections from Simic's last eight books as well as 19 new poems. Compiled without section breaks, the collection presents the full scope of the poet's arc, with work spanning two decades.

A National Book Award finalist for poetry in 1978 for “Charon's Cosmology” and in 1996 for “Walking the Black Cat,” Simic is the author of more than 60 books, including “The World Doesn't End: Prose Poems,” which won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry. In addition, he has contributed hundreds of poems and essays to the most widely read literary journals in the country.

Twenty books by American authors were named finalists in four categories: young people's literature, fiction, poetry and nonfiction. The winners will be announced Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003, in New York City.