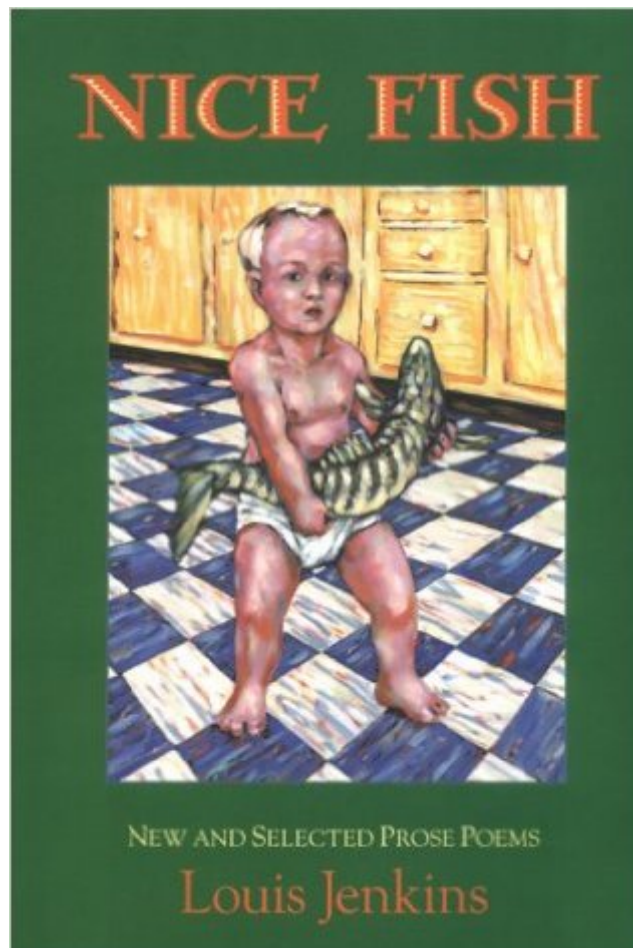


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Louis Jenkins is a magician with words and sentences. "Nice Fish" is my favourite collection of his poems. Reading his poems makes your mind create images and movies in your head. Jenkins do what few others do, so just get one of his books. Read and enjoy.

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