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More than once a national literary prize holder and also adorned with the prestigious poetry prize, *Goranov vijenac* (1996). Petrak is member of the Croatian Academy of Science and Arts (HAZU).

### **Books:**

*Sve ove stvari* (All those Things), poetry, Zagreb, 1963  
*Razgovor s duhovima* (Talking With Ghosts), poetry, Zagreb, 1968  
*Suho slovo* (Dry Letter), poetry, Zagreb, 1971  
*Tiha knjiga* (Silent Book), poetry, Zagreb, 1980  
*Izjava o namjerama* (Statement On Intentions), poetry, Zagreb, 1989  
*Izabrane pjesme* (Selected Poems), Zagreb, 1991  
*Ispadanje iz povijesti* (Falling Out From History), poetry, Zagreb, 1996  
*Razmicanje paučine* (Moving the Cobweb Apart), poetry, Zagreb, 1999  
*Neizgovoreni govor* (Untold Speech), essays, Zagreb, 2003  
*Arka* (Ark), poetry, Zagreb, 2005.