

A Brief List of YA Poetry Titles, recommended by Nikki Grimes

Picture Books

I See the Rhythm, Toyomi Igus

My Man Blue, Nikki Grimes

Collections

Behind the Wheel, poems about driving, Janet Wong

Communion, Pat Mora

Dime a Dozen, Nikki Grimes

Fire in My Hands, Gary Soto

Have You Been to the Beach Lately?, Ralph Fletcher

I Am Wings, Ralph Fletcher

My Own True Name, Pat Mora

Slow Dance Heart Break Rules, Arnold Adoff

Something Permanent, Cynthia Rylan

Step Lightly, Poems for the Journey, Nancy Willard, ed.

Novels

Out of the Dust, Karen Hesse

Pretty Omens, A. LaFaye

Soda Jerk, Cynthia Rylant

Spoon River Anthology, Edgar Lee Masters

Stepping Out with Grandma Mac, Nikki Grimes

Testimony, Karen Hesse

Stop Pretending, Sonya Sones

What My Mother Doesn't Know, Sonya Sones

Broken Sky, Mariko Nagai

The Poet X, Elizabeth Acevedo

House Arrest, K.A. Holt

The Moon Within, Aida Salazar

The Surrender Tree, Margarita Engles

Salt, Helen Frost

The Crossover, Kwame Alexander

Finding Baba Yaga, Jane Yolen

White Rose, Kip Wilson

Novels Incorporating Poetry

Bronx Masquerade, Nikki Grimes

Jazmin's Notebook, Nikki Grimes

That Berries Should Grow, Gloria Whelan

Anthologies

I Feel a Little Jumpy Around You, Naomi Shihab Nye and Paul Janeczko, eds.

Space Between Our Footsteps: Poems & Paintings From the Middle East, Naomi Shihab Nye, ed.

What Have You Lost?, Naomi Shihab Nye, ed.

Family

Been to Yesterdays, Lee Bennett Hopkins

Brown Honey & Broomwheat Tea, Joyce Carol Thomas

Daddy Calls Me Man, Angela Johnson

Dime A Dozen, Nikki Grimes

I Am Tall, illus. by Javaka Steptoe

Nathaniel Talking, Eloise Greenfield

Rainbow Hands, Janet Wong

Stepping Out with Grandma Mac, Nikki Grimes