

POETRY BOOKLIST 2023:

Abbreviated List of Recommended Collections of, and Books about, Children's Poetry

Note: What follows is a very, very tiny list of poetry collections, and books on teaching poetry. It's simply a place to get you started.

Sports

Soccerverse by Elizabeth Steinglass

Poem Runs: Baseball Poems by Douglas Florian

Hoop Kings, basketball poems by Charles R. Smith, Jr.

Sports, Sports, Sports, ed. Lee Bennett Hopkins

Science

Science Verse by Jon Scieszka

Aani and The Tree Hugger

Robin's Home by Jeannine Atkins.

Spectacular Science, ed. by Lee Bennett Hopkins

Math

Hungry for Math by Kari-Lynn Winters and Lori Sherritt-Fleming

Arithme-tickle by J. Patrick Lewis

Counting Caterpillars by Betsy Franco

Marvelous Math, ed. by Lee Bennett Hopkins

Biographies

Have You Heard About Lady Bird? poems about American First Ladies by Marilyn Singer

Voice of Freedom:Fannie Lou Hammer by Carole Boston Weatherford.

Biographies by Nikki Grimes

Talkin' About Bessie

Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope

Kamala Harris: Rooted in Justice

Poetry about Poetry

Love That Dog by Sharon Creech.

Nature

Creatures of Earth, Sea and Sky by Georgia Heard

Nasty Bugs, ed. Lee Bennett Hopkins

Swirl by Swirl, Dark Emperor & Other Poems, Winter Bees & Other Poems, and We Are Branches, by Joyce Sidmon

Wild Wings, Water Music, Color Me a Rhyme, An Egret's Day, and A Mirror to Nature by Jane Yolen

Teaching Books

Heart Maps, Awakening the Heart, For the Good of the Earth and Sun, Climb Inside a Poem by Georgia Heard

Pyrotechnics on the Page, and Poetry Matters: Writing a Poem from the Inside Out, and A Writing Kind of Day by Ralph Fletcher

Making by Myra Cohn Livingston

Wishes, Lies and Dreams: Teaching Children to Write Poetry by Kenneth Koch

Wham! It's a Poetry Jam, and Outspoken: How to Improve Writing and Speaking Skills Through Performance Poetry by Sara Holbrook

Anthology Series

The Poetry Friday Anthology series by Dr. Sylvia Vardell and Janet Wong:

The Poetry Friday Anthology

The Poetry Friday Anthology for Celebrations

The Poetry of Science: The Poetry Friday Anthology

The Poetry Friday Anthology for Middle School

You Just Wait: A Poetry Friday Anthology

Here We Go: A Poetry Friday Anthology

Hop to It: Poems to Get You Moving

Things We Do

Things We Wear

Great Morning: Poems for School Leaders to Read-Aloud

Each anthology is specifically designed for school use, and is complete with tips and strategies for teachers to use in the classroom, taking the entire curriculum into consideration. This is a basic go-to poetry series for everyone. Dr. Vardell also hosts a poetry blog which will help you stay up-to-date on all things concerning children's poetry. poetryforchildren.blogspot.com

Etc. (A Few Favorite Poetry Titles – but there are so many more!)

Cast Away, Come With Me, Honey Bee, and A Maze Me: Poems for Girls by Naomi Shihab Nye

The One Thing You'd Save, by Linda Sue Park

Neighborhood Odes by Gary Soto

Rainbow Hand, Night Garden, Knock on Wood, A Suitcase of Seaweed, and Good Luck Gold by Janet Wong

Rez Dogs by Joseph Bruchac

Maya's Song by Renee Watson

Old Elm Speaks, Hummingbird Nest, and Fold Me a Poem by Kristine O'Connell George

The Big Sky, Adobe Odes, and Bookjoy, Wordjoy by Pat Mora