

## **Nikki Grimes Poetry Selections 2020**

### **African American**

*All the Colors of the Race*, Arnold Adoff

*Sing to the Sun*, Ashley Bryan

*Pass It On*, Wade Hudson, ed.

*Gingerbread Days*, Joyce Carol Thomas

*Daydreamers*, Eloise Greenfield

*Piecing Me Together*, Renee Watson

*Radiant Child*, Javaka Steptoe

*New Kid*, Jerry Craft

*Ghost*, Jason Reynolds

*Dream Builder*, Kelly Starling Lyons

*Crossing Ebenezer Creek*, Tonya Bolden

*Poet*, Don Tate

*Nelson Mandela*, Kadir Nelson

*American Street*, Ibi Zoboi

*One Shadow on the Wall*, Leah Henderson

### **Animals**

*The Originals*, Jane Yolen

*Advice for a Frog*, Alice Schertle

*The Beauty of the Beast*, ed. by Jack Prelutsky

*Bird Watch*, Jane Yolen

*On the Wing*, Douglas Florian

*Antarctic Antics*, Judy Sierra

*Joyful Noise, Poems for Two Voices*, Paul Fleischman

*Zoo Doings and Tyrannosaurus Was a Beast*, Jack Prelutsky

### **Asian/Asian-American**

*Maples in the Mist*, Minfong Ho, translator

*This Same Sky*, Naomi Shihab Nye, ed.

*Good Luck Gold and A Suitcase of Seaweed*, Janet Wong

*A Long Walk to Water*, Linda Sue Park

*Project Mulberry*, Linda Sue Park

*Jasmine Toguchi*, Debbi Michiko Florence

*Hello, Universe*, Erin Entrada Kelly  
*Dust of Eden*, Mariko Nagai  
*To All the Boys I've Loved Before*, Jenny Han  
*All Thirteen*, Christine Soontornvat

### **Earth & General Science**

*Old Elm Speaks*, Kristine O'Connell George  
*Cactus Poems*, Frank Asch  
*Star Walk*, Seymour Simon  
*A Circle of Seasons*, Myra Cohn Livingston  
*Echoes for the Eye*, Barbara Juster Esbensen

### **Environment**

*Sawgrass Poems: A View of the Everglades*, Frank Asch  
*Pond Seasons*, Sue Anderson  
*The Big Sky*, Pat Mora  
*Water Music*, Jane Yolen  
*Over and Under the Pond*, Kate Messner  
*Counting Birds*, Heidi Stemple

### **Family**

*Brown Honey & Broomwheat Tea*, Joyce Carol Thomas  
*Been to Yesterdays*, Lee Bennett Hopkins  
*Nathaniel Talking*, Eloise Greenfield  
*Rainbow Hands*, Janet Wong  
*Daddy Calls Me Man*, Angela Johnson  
*I Am Tall*, illus., Javaka Steptoe  
*Stepping Out with Grandma Mac*, Nikki Grimes  
*A Dime A Dozen*, Nikki Grimes

### **Fantasy**

*The Dragons Are Singing Tonight*, Jack Prelutsky  
*The Gargoyles on the Roof*, Jack Prelutsky  
*The Jumbies*, Tracie Baptiste

## **Food**

*Food Fight*, Michael Rosen, ed.

*Eats*, Arnold Adoff

## **Friendship**

*Very Best (Almost) Friends*, Paul B. Janeczko, ed.

*Meet Danitra Brown, Danitra Brown Leaves Town*, Nikki Grimes

*My Man Blue*, Nikki Grimes

## **General**

*Book*, Kristine O'Connell George

*Salting the Ocean and Come with Me*, Naomi Shihab Nye

*Pieces*, Anna Grossnickle Hines

## **Holidays (General)**

*Wild, Wild Bells*, Lee Bennett Hopkins, ed.

## **Holocaust**

*Mapping the Bones*, Jane Yolen (MG/YA)

*It Rained Warm Braid*, Hope Anita Smith

## **Latinx**

*Confetti*, Pat Mora

*A Fire in My Hands*, Gary Soto

*Sol a Sol*, Lori Marie Carlson, ed.

*Cool Salsa: Bilingual Poems On Growing Up in the United States*, Lori M. Carlson, ed

*Tight*, Torrey Maldonado

*The Moon Within*, Aida Salazar

*With the Fire on High*, Elizabeth Acevedo

*The Quiet We Carry*, Nikki Barthelmess

*Dancing Home*, Alma Flor Ada

*Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away*, Meg Medina

## **Loss**

*Stopping for Death*, Carol Ann Duffy, ed.

## **Math**

*Marvelous Math*, Lee Bennett Hopkins, ed  
*Counting on the Woods*, George Ella Lyon

## **Music and Dance**

*Call Down the Moon*, Myra Cohn Livingston, ed  
*I Live in Music*, Ntozake Shange  
*Song and Dance*, Lee Bennett Hopkins, ed.

## **Muslim**

*Amina's Voice*, Hena Khan  
*Meet Yasmin*, Saadia Faruqi

## **Native American**

*Shaman's Circle*, Nancy Wood  
*Songs Are Thoughts: Poems of the Inuit*, Neil Philip, ed.  
*We Are Grateful*, Traci Sorrell  
*At the Mountain's Base*, Traci Sorrell  
*Hearts Unbroken*, Cynthia Leitich Smith  
*Fry Bread*, Kevin Noble Maillard

## **Pets**

*Cat Up a Tree*, Anne Isaacs  
*I Am the Cat*, Alice Schertle  
*Little Dog Poems*, Kristine O'Connell George  
*Weird Pet Poems*, Dilys Evans, ed.

## **Prayer and Church Life**

*All God's Children*, Lee Bennett Hopkins, ed.  
*When Daddy Prays*, Nikki Grimes  
*From a Child's Heart*, Nikki Grimes  
*Come Sunday*, Nikki Grimes

## **Science**

*Finding Wonders*, Jeannine Adkins  
*The Poetry of Science*, edited, Sylvia Vardell & Janet Wong  
*The Girl Who Drew Butterflies*, Joyce Sidman

## **The Sea**

*Sea Watch*, Jane Yolen

*Until I Saw the Sea*, ed., Alison Shaw

*Out of the Ocean*, Debra Frasier

*In the Swim*, Douglas Florian

## **Sports**

*Extra Innings: Baseball Poems*, Lee Bennett Hopkins, ed.

*Red Dog Blue Fly: Football Poems*, Sharon Bell Mathis

*Dreams of Glory: Poems Starring Girls*, Isabel J. Glaser, ed.

*Slam Dunk: Basketball Poems*, Lillian Morrison, editor

## **Urban Life**

*Street Music*, Arnold Adoff

*Inner City Mother Goose*, Eve Merriam

*Sky Scrape/City Scape*, Jane Yolen, ed.

*Good Rhymes, Good Times*, Lee Bennett Hopkins, ed.

*Night on Neighborhood Street*, Eloise Greenfield

*Neighborhood Odes*, Gary Soto

## **Valentine's Day**

*Love Letters*, Arnold Adoff

*Honey I Love*, Eloise Greenfield

*Hopscotch Love*, Nikki Grimes