

## **A Brief List of K-6 Poetry Titles**

Recommended by Nikki Grimes

### **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* by Renee Watson  
*Radiant Child* by Javaka Steptoe  
*New Kid* by Jerry Craft  
*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds  
*Dream Builder* by Kelly Starling Lyons  
*Crossing Ebenezer Creek* by Tonya Bolden  
*Poet* by Don Tate  
*Nelson Mandela* by Kadir Nelson  
*American Street* by Ibi Zoboi  
*One Shadow on the Wall* by 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* by Linda Sue Park  
*Project Mulberry* by Linda Sue Park  
*Jasmine Toguchi* by Debbi Michiko Florence  
*Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly  
*Dust of Eden* by Mariko Nagai  
*To All the Boys I've Loved Before* by Jenny Han  
*All Thirteen* by 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

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### **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* by Kate Messner  
*Counting Birds* by 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. by Javaka Steptoe  
*Stepping Out with Grandma Mac*, Nikki Grimes  
*A Dime A Dozen*, Nikki Grimes

### **Fantasy**

*The Dragons Are Singing Tonight*  
*The Gargoyles on the Roof*, Jack Prelutsky  
*The Jumbies* by 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* by Nikki Grimes

### **General**

*Book*, Kristine O'Connell George  
*Salting the Ocean* and *Come With Me* by Naomi Shihab Nye  
*Pieces*, Anna Grossnickle Hines

### **Holidays (General)**

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

### **Holocaust**

*Mapping the Bones* by Jane Yolen (MG/YA)  
*It Rained Warm Braid* by 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* by Torrey Maldonado  
*The Moon Within* by Aida Salazar  
*With the Fire on High* by Elizabeth Acevedo  
*The Quiet We Carry* by Nikki Barthelmess  
*Dancing Home* by Alma Flor Ada  
*Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away* by Meg Medina

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<b>Loss</b>	<i>Stopping for Death</i> , Carol Ann Duffy, ed.
<b>Math</b>	<i>Marvelous Math</i> , Lee Bennett Hopkins, ed <i>Counting on the Woods</i> , George Ella Lyon
<b>Music and Dance</b>	<i>Call Down the Moon</i> , Myra Cohn Livingston, ed <i>I Live in Music</i> , Ntozake Shange <i>Song and Dance</i> , Lee Bennett Hopkins, ed.
<b>Muslim</b>	<i>Amina's Voice</i> by Hena Khan <i>Meet Yasmin</i> by Saadia Faruqi
<b>Native American</b>	<i>Shaman's Circle</i> , Nancy Wood <i>Songs Are Thoughts: Poems of the Inuit</i> , Neil Philip, ed. <i>We Are Grateful</i> by Traci Sorrell <i>At the Mountain's Base</i> by Traci Sorrell <i>Hearts Unbroken</i> by Cynthia Leitich Smith <i>Fry Bread</i> by Kevin Noble Maillard
<b>Pets</b>	<i>Cat Up a Tree</i> , Anne Isaacs <i>I Am the Cat</i> , Alice Schertle <i>Little Dog Poems</i> , Kristine O'Connell George <i>Weird Pet Poems</i> , Dilys Evans, ed.
<b>Prayer and Church Life</b>	<i>All God's Children</i> , Lee Bennett Hopkins, ed. <i>When Daddy Prays, From a Child's Heart</i> <i>Come Sunday</i> , Nikki Grimes
<b>Science</b>	<i>Finding Wonders</i> by Jeannine Adkins <i>The Poetry of Science</i> , edited by Sylvia Vardell & Janet Wong <i>The Girl Who Drew Butterflies</i> by Joyce Sidman
<b>The Sea</b>	<i>Sea Watch</i> , Jane Yolen <i>Until I Saw the Sea</i> , ed. by Alison Shaw <i>Out of the Ocean</i> , Debra Frasier <i>In the Swim</i> , Douglas Florian
<b>Sports</b>	<i>Extra Innings: Baseball Poems</i> , Lee Bennett Hopkins, ed. <i>Red Dog Blue Fly: Football Poems</i> , Sharon Bell Mathis <i>Dreams of Glory: Poems Starring Girls</i> , Isabel J. Glaser, ed. <i>Slam Dunk: Basketball Poems</i> , Lillian Morrison, editor

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### **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.