

## 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* by Mariko Nagai  
*The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo  
*House Arrest* by K.A. Holt  
*The Moon Within* by Aida Salazar  
*The Surrender Tree* by Margarita Engles  
*Salt* by Helen Frost  
*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander  
*Finding Baba Yaga* by Jane Yolen  
*White Rose* by 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

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