

Wham! It's A Poetry Jam by Sara Holbrook

Learn to strut your stuff in this informative and fun guide complete with ready-to-perform poems and hints for setting up a poetry contest.

Seeing the Blue Between: Advice and Inspiration for Young Poets compiled by Paul B. Janeczko

Personal, friendly, and supportive letters of advice from 32 of today's best poets for teens are accompanied by their poems.

The Norton Anthology of Poetry

An extensive sampling of the best poetry in English from early medieval times to the present day.

I Feel a Little Jumpy Around You: A Book of Her Poems and His Poems Collected in Pairs edited by Naomi Shihab Nye and Paul B. Janeczko

A collection of poems, by male and female authors, presented in pairings that offer insight into how men and women look at the world.

19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East

by Naomi Shihab Nye

Beginning with a work inspired by the events of 9-11-01, the author brings together her poems about the Middle East and being an Arab American.

Poetry Speaks: Hear Great Poets Read Their Work from Tennyson to Plath

edited by Elise Paschen and Rebekah Presson Mosby

This book and CD compilation feature the work and voices of the most influential writers in modern poetry.

The 100 Best Love Poems of All Time

edited by Leslie Pockell

A greatest hits collection of the best love poems ever written, featuring details of the poet's life and the significance of the poem.

Earth-Shattering Poems edited by Liz Rosenberg

A collection of poems that capture intense experiences and emotions.

World According to Dog: Poems and Teen Voices by Joyce Sidman

These poems about dogs are accompanied by young people's essays about the dogs in their lives.

The Body Eclectic: An Anthology of Poems edited by Patrice Vecchione

Drawing on both the serious and the silly, this collection looks at what our bodies are and are not, how we love them and taunt them, what they give us and what they take away.

Behind the Wheel by Janet Wong

Thirty-six poems look at various aspects of driving, including passing the driver's test, being pulled over by a cop, and having an accident.

Paint Me Like I Am: Teen Poems from WritersCorps

Young writers have a lot to say about race, drugs, abuse, and self-image in this collection of honest and sometimes raw poems.

*Poetry Cafe*

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## Novels in Verse

Who Will Tell My Brother? By Marlene Carvell

During his lonely crusade to remove offensive mascots from his high school, a Native American teenager learns more about his heritage and his place in the world.

You Remind Me of You by Eireann Corrigan

Autobiographical poems recount events in a teenager's life, including her battles with eating disorders and her boyfriend's suicide.

After the Death of Anna Gonzales by Terri Fields

Poems written in the voices of 47 people, including students and teachers, record the aftermath of a high school student's suicide and the preoccupations of teen life.

Foreign Exchange: A Mystery in Poems by Mel Glenn

A series of poems reflect the thoughts of various people caught up in the events surrounding the murder of a beautiful high school student. *Read other books by Mel Glenn.*

Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes

While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they've written, revealing their innermost thoughts to their formerly clueless classmates.

CrashBoomLove: A Novel in Verse by Juan Felipe Herrera

Sixteen-year-old Cesar Garcia struggles through the painful experiences of growing up as a Mexican American high school student.

The Brimstone Journals by Ron Koertge  
In a series of short interconnected poems, students at a high school reveal the violence in their lives.

Shakespeare Bats Cleanup by Ron Koertge  
When a fourteen-year-old baseball player catches mononucleosis, he discovers that poetry helps fill the time and helps him deal with life.

Swimming Upstream: Middle School Poems by Kristine O'Connell George

A collection of poems capture the feelings and experiences of a girl in her first year of middle school.

Seventeen: A Novel in Prose Poems by Liz Rosenberg

Stephanie journeys from fall to spring and from childhood to womanhood as she experiences first love and deals with the fear of inheriting her mother's mental illness.

God Went To Beauty School by Cynthia Rylant

A novel in poems that reveal God's discovery of the wonders and pains in the world he has created.

Stop Pretending: What Happened When My Big Sister Went Crazy by Sonya Sones

A younger sister has a difficult time adjusting to life after her older sister has a mental breakdown.

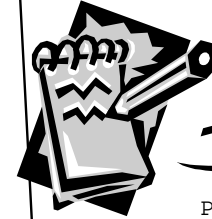
Learning to Swim: A Memoir by Ann Warren Turner

A series of poems convey a young girl's feelings when an older boy who lives nearby sexually abuses her.

Girl Coming in for a Landing: A Novel in Poems by April Halprin Wayland

A collection of over 100 poems recounting the ups and downs of one adolescent girl's school year.

True Believer by Virginia Euwer Wolff  
Living in the inner city, fifteen-year-old LaVaughn learns from friends and mentors, that life is what you make it--an occasion to rise to. *Sequel to Make Lemonade.*



## Poetry Books

Poems from Homeroom: A Writer's Place to Start by Kathi Appelt

A collection of poems with information about how each poem was written.

Foolish/Unfoolish: Reflections on Love by Ashanti

Poems that are "reflections on love" by the popular singer Ashanti.

Cool Salsa: Bilingual Poems on Growing Up Latino in the United States edited by Lori M. Carlson

Poems celebrate Hispanic-American teenage life, from the passion of learning English to the pain of ethnic prejudice.

Shimmy Shimmy Shimmy Like My Sister Kate: Looking at the Harlem Renaissance Through Poems

edited by Nikki Giovanni  
Includes poems by such authors as Paul Laurence Dunbar, Langston Hughes, and Gwendolyn Brooks.

Heart to Heart: New Poems Inspired by Twentieth-Century American Art edited by Jan Greenberg

A compilation of poems by Americans writing about American art in the twentieth century.

