

Poetry

[Birds on a Wire: a Renga 'Round Town](#) by Patrick Lewis & Paul B. Janeczko 27 pages (J811.54 LEW) Told in an ancient poetic form known as the renga, which means "linked verse," this visually stunning picture book paints a vivid portrait of a day in the life of an American village.

[Hip Hop Speaks to Children: a Celebration of Poetry With a Beat](#) edited by Nikki Giovanni 72 pages (J811.008 HIP)
A collection of fifty-one children's poems that features selections from Nikki Giovanni, Queen Latifah, and the Sugarhill Gang; and contains an audio Cd with thirty performances.

[Bronzeville Boys and Girls](#) by Gwendolyn Brooks 41 pages (J811.54 BRO)
A collection of poems that celebrate the joy, beauty, imagination, and freedom of childhood.

[Good Sports: Rhymes About Running, Jumping, Throwing, and More](#) by Jack Prelutsky 31 pages (J 811.54 PRE)
Exhilarating, all-new, kid-friendly rhymes capture the range of emotions, from wining to losing to the sheer joy of participating that children experience. Raschka's stylish watercolors make each page a blaze of color and motion.

[Here's a Little Poem: a Very First Book of Poetry](#) collected by Jane Yolen and Andrew Fusek Peters 104 pages (J811.008 HER)
A collection of poems for children with the various themes of self, family, going outside, and when it is time for bed. This exuberant celebration of poetry is an essential book for every young one's library and a gorgeous gift to be both shared and treasured. Sit back and savor a superb collection of more than sixty poems by a wide range of talented writers, from Margaret Wise Brown to Gertrude Stein, Langston Hughes to A. A. Milne. Greeting the morning, enjoying the adventures of the day, cuddling up to a cozy bedtime - these are poems that highlight the moments of a toddler's world from dawn to dusk. Carefully gathered by Jane Yolen and Andrew Fusek Peters and delightfully illustrated by Polly Dunbar, HERE'S A LITTLE POEM offers a comprehensive introduction to some remarkable poets, even as it captures a very young child's intense delight in the experiences and rituals of every new day.

[Toad by the Road: a Year in the Life of These Amazing Amphibians](#) 37 pages (J811.54 RYD)
Poems and illustrations trace the yearly life cycle of toads from tadoles in the spring to adults which hibernate in the winter.

[Animal Poems](#) by Valerie Worth 45 pages (J811.54 WOR)

Each of the exquisite twenty-three poems in this posthumous collection by Valerie Worth carefully distinguishes one animal from all other creatures and captures it in all of its wonderful singularity - from wasp to snake to wren. The way Worth perfectly illuminates the uniqueness of each animal in her precise and elegant free verse will delight both fans of her celebrated Small Poems and readers encountering her poetry for the first time. Breathtakingly rich cut-paper illustrations by Steve Jenkins provide a perfect counterpoint to Worth's spare style, and together poetry and picture bring every animal vividly to life.

[Yum! Mmmm! Que Rico!: Americas' Sproutings](#) Haiku by Pat Mora 29 pages (J 811.54 MOR)

"From blueberries to vanilla, indigenous foods of the Americas are celebrated in this collection of haiku, which also includes information about each food's origins"-- Provided by publisher.

[Langston Hughes](#) edited by Arnold Rampersad & David Roessel 48 pages (J 811.54 HUG)

A brief profile of African American poet Langston Hughes accompanies some of his better known poems for children.

[Yellow Elephant: a Bright Bestiary](#) poems by Julie Larios 31 pages (J811.54 LAR)

In this bright bestiary, poet Julie Larios and painter Julie Paschkis cast a menagerie of animals in brilliantly unexpected hues--encouraging us to see the familiar in surprising new ways.

[Meow Ruff: a Story in Concrete Poetry](#) written by Joyce Sidman 29 pages (J811.54 SID)

A story in concrete poetry in which a dog slips out of his house and meets a white cat left alone on the street. Together their adventure begins.

[Carnival of the Animals: Poems Inspired by Saint-Saens' Music](#) by James Berry ... [et al.]; edited by Judith Chernaik 28 pages (J811.008 CAR)

Accompanied by a CD with music performed by the Apollo Chamber Orchestra, fourteen poems evoke for young listeners each of the animals in Saint Saens' famous 1886 fantasy for two pianos and orchestra.

[The Moon](#) by Robert Louis Stevenson 30 pages (J821.8 STE)

Illustrations portray a father and daughter going fishing against a background of Stevenson's poem about nightly happenings in the light of the moon.

[A Kick in the Head: An Everyday Guide to Poetic Forms](#) [selected by] Paul B. Janeczko 61 pages (J811.00809282 KIC)

An illustrated collection of poetry in a variety of forms, which demonstrate the rules of poetry.

[Song of the Water Boatman: And Other Pond Poems](#) written by Joyce Sidman 29 pages (J811.54 SID)

A collection of poems that provide a look at some of the animals, insects, and plants that are found in ponds, with accompanying information about each.

[Hummingbird Nest: a Journal of Poems](#) by Kristine O'Connell George 48 pages (J811.54 GEO)

When a mother hummingbird builds a nest on a family's porch, they watch and record her actions and the birth and development of her fledglings.

[America the Beautiful](#) by Katharine Lee Bates 30 pages (J811.4 BAT)

Four verses of the nineteenth-century poem, illustrated by the author's great-great-grandnephew.

[Bow Wow Meow Meow: It's Rhyming Cats and Dogs](#) poems and paintings by Douglas Florian 47 pages (J811.54 FLO)

A collection of short poems about dogs and cats.

[The Stone Lamp: Eight Stories of Hanukkah Through History](#) by Karen Hesse 32 pages (J811.54 HES)

Relates eight incidents from throughout the history of Judaism, each followed by a free-verse poem, told in the voice of a child from that time, who is celebrating one night of Hanukkah and the resilience of the Jewish people.

[Corn Chowder](#) by James Stevenson 48 pages (J811.54 STE)

A collection of short poems with titles such as "In the Morning at the National Zoo," "Cell Phone," and "Backpack Mystery."

[Animal Sense](#) by Diane Ackerman 42 pages (J811.54 ACK)

A collection of poems that tells how such animals as alligators, bats, penguins, bumble bees, and skunks use their different senses.

[The Kingfisher Book of Family Poems](#) selected by Belinda Hollyer 223 pages (J821.008 HOL)

A collection of poetry that captures many aspects of family relationships and interactions.

[Perfect Harmony: a Musical Journey with the Boy's Choir of Harlem](#): poems and photographs by Charles R. Smith, Jr. 32 pages (J811.6 SMI)

A collection of poems that capture the feelings and expression of music in some of its forms.

[Becoming Joe DiMaggio](#) by Maria Testa 51 pages (J811.54 TES)

Joseph Paul grows up following the career of baseball great Joe DiMaggio and learning the rules of the game from his grandfather and dreaming of becoming a famous baseball player himself, and somehow healing his grandfather's broken heart.