

A HANDFUL OF GREAT POETRY BOOKS

Title	Author/Editor	Description
<i>Little Dog and Duncan</i>	Kristine O’Connell George	Short, unrhymed poems about a little dog, easy for young children to relate to and model their own poems after
<i>Poetry Speaks to Children</i>	Elise Paschen and Dominique Raccach, editors	Anthology of old and new well-loved poems accompanied by a CD with poets reading their own poems aloud
<i>Talking Like the Rain</i>	X.J. Kennedy, Dorothy Kennedy, editors	Anthology grouped into topic categories, this book contains many well-known poems as well as some lesser-known poems
<i>Good Books Good Times</i>	Lee Bennett Hopkins, editor	Joyful collection of poems about books and reading
<i>Old Elm Speaks</i>	Kristine O’Connell George	Beautiful collection of mostly unrhymed poems celebrating trees
<i>The Great Frog Race</i>	Kristine O’Connell George	Collection of poems about life in the country, from a young girl’s perspective, winner of the Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award
<i>Knock at a Star: A Child’s Introduction to Poetry</i>	X.J. and Dorothy Kennedy, editors	Anthology of many kinds of poems, sorted by poetic technique as well as special types of poems
<i>Fathers, Mothers, Sisters, Brothers</i>	Mary Ann Hoberman, editor	Celebration of families and family members
<i>A Pocketful of Poems</i>	Nikki Grimes	Haiku and free verse on a background of collage, focusing on senses and observation
<i>All the Small Poems and Fourteen More</i>	Valerie Worth	Collection of non-rhyming image-rich poems about small things
<i>A Family of Poems: My Favorite Poetry for Children</i>	Caroline Kennedy, editor	Treasury of poems from many countries and decades with beautiful watercolors by Jon Muth
<i>Another Jar of Tiny Stars: Poems by NCTE Award Winning Poets</i>	Bernice E. Cullinan and Deborah Wooten editors	Anthology of children’s favorite poems by 15 well-loved poets accompanied by portraits and quotes about writing poetry
<i>A Kick in the Head: An Everyday Guide to Poetic Forms</i>	Paul Janeczko, editor	Anthology of poems in all different forms, with definitions
<i>The Dream Keeper and Other Poems</i>	Langston Hughes	Classic collection of poems from 1932, very powerful, easy to read
<i>Hummingbird Nest: A Journal of Poems</i>	Kristine O’Connell George	Collection of poems about a bird building a nest on Kristine’s porch, grew from a journal she kept about this experience
<i>Splish Splash (only Kindle)</i>	Joan Bransfield Graham	Playful poems written in shapes of objects.
<i>Flicker Flash</i>		
<i>Honey I Love and Other Love Poems</i>	Eloise Greenfield	Enchanting poems about life from a child’s perspective

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<i>Hamsters, Shells, and Spelling Bees</i>	Lee Bennett Hopkins, editor	I CAN READ book full of school poems
<i>Surprises</i>	Lee Bennett Hopkins, editor	I CAN READ classic about various topics
<i>Forest Has a Song</i>	Amy Ludwig VanDerwater	Collection of poems about forest plants and animals, seen through a young girl's eyes
<i>Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors</i>	Joyce Sidman	Sensory poems explore color through the seasons, Caldecott Honor Book
<i>Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow</i>	Joyce Sidman	Scientific poem and riddles celebrate the meadow accompanied by informational text
<i>Messing Around on the Monkey Bars: and Other School Poems for Two Voices</i>	Betsy Franco	Exuberant school poems for shared or individual reading
<i>National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry: 200 Poems with Photographs that Squeak, Soar, and Roar!</i>	J. Patrick Lewis, editor	Classic and new poems combined with vibrant photographs of animals
<i>The Poetry Friday Anthology: Poems for the School Year with Connections to the Common Core</i>	Sylvia Vardell, Janet Wong, editors	Grade-by-grade collection of poems and suggestions for sharing, also available in a Texas TEKS edition
<i>Forget-Me-Nots: Poems to Learn by Heart</i>	Mary Ann Hoberman, editor	Poems chosen especially for reading aloud, along with helpful suggestions for memorizing and reciting poetry
<i>Bookspeak!</i>	Laura Purdie Salas	Whimsical poems about books, from all different points of view
<i>Sharing the Seasons</i>	Lee Bennett Hopkins, editor	David Diaz (Caldecott winter) illustrated collection of poems about the seasons
<i>Bronzeville Boys and Girls</i>	Gwendolyn Brooks	Reissue of a 1956 favorite focusing on the joys of childhood
<i>Leave Your Sleep</i>	Natalie Merchant, editor and composer	Book and CD of classic children's poetry set to music and sung by contemporary singer Natalie Merchant
<i>Water Sings Blue</i>	Kate Coombs	Lush poems detailing life in the ocean
<i>Twist: Yoga Poems</i>	Janet Wong	Collection of poems exploring various yoga positions

A FEW GOOD POETRY WEBSITES FOR ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS

Poetry for Children

<http://poetryforchildren.blogspot.com/>

Sylvia Vardell's extensive site about finding and sharing poetry with young people

Kristine O'Connell George's Website

<http://kristinegeorge.com/>

Rich site full of information about Kristine's poetry, books, and tips for writing

No Water River

<http://www.nowaterriver.com/>

Renee LaTulippe's site including poems, videos of poets reading their work, and interviews

The Poem Farm

<http://www.poemfarm.amylv.com/>

Amy Ludwig VanDerwater's site full of hundreds of poems and mini lessons

The Poetry Suitcase

http://www.poetrysuitcase.com/Poetry_Suitcase/PoetrySuitcase.com.html

Janet Wong's site explaining how to make a poetry suitcase with poems & props