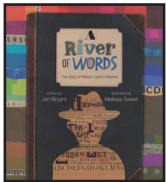




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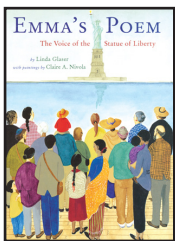
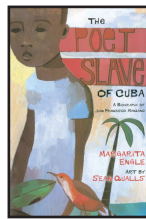
Poets



Bryant, Jennifer.
River Of Words: The Story Of William Carlos Williams. (164414) Melissa Sweet, il. Biography of a doctor and a poet. 7-10 Eerdmans 2008 K+ L+ Q (AR/RC) \$18.60

Demi. Rumi: Whirling Dervish. (272922) il. The story of the great mystical poet of 13th-century Turkey. 9-12 Cavendish 2009 K L B Q (AR) \$20.69

Engle, Margarita. Poet Slave Of Cuba: A Biography Of Juan Francisco Manzano. (311456) Sean Qualls, il. Juan Francisco Manzano spent his early years entertaining the friends of his owner's wife. His poetry was his outlet. Written in verse. 10-14 Holt 2006 K B+ C+ M+ Q+ (AR/RC) \$18.57

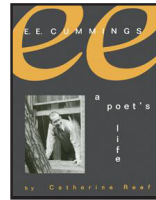


Glaser, Linda.
Emma's Poem. (380868) Claire A. Nivola, il. The story behind the poem that defines the Statue of Liberty as a welcoming icon for immigrants. 5-8 Houghton 2010 K L B M+ Q+ W (AR/RC) \$18.60

Hill, Laban Carrick. Dave The Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave. (444361) Bryan Collier, il. A true story about a slave with an extraordinary talent for pottery and poetry. 3-6 Little 2010 K L B Q (AR/RC) \$18.59

Lasky, Kathryn. Voice Of Her Own: The Story Of Phillis Wheatley, Slave Poet. (544310) Paul Lee, il. A biography of a girl brought to New England as a slave in 1761 who became famous as the first black woman poet in America. 8-12 Candlewick 2003 L B C Q (AR/RC) \$12.75

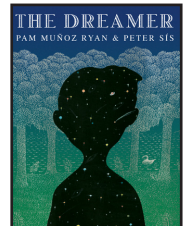
Malaspina, Ann. Phillis Sings Out Freedom. (597592) Susan Keeter, il. Shows the life and times of Phillis Wheatley and George Washington who did so much to lay the foundation of our country. 7-10 Whitman 2010 K L B Q W (AR/RC) \$18.59



Reef, Catherine. E.E. Cummings. (742717) il. A portrait of E. E. Cummings, one of the major American poets of the 20th century. 12-16 Clarion 2006 K L+ B+ C+ M Q+ (AR/RC) \$21.40

Ryan, Pam Munoz. Dreamer. (773718) Peter Sis, il. A fictionalized biography of Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up painfully shy but became one of the most widely-read poets in the world. 9-14 Scholastic 2010 K+ L B+ C M+ Q+ W+ (AR/RC) \$19.29

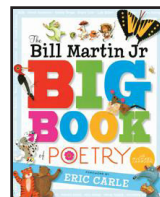
Silverman, Erica. Liberty's Voice. (818887) Stacey Schuett, il. The story of Emma Lazarus, activist, leader and the poet who gave voice to the Statue of Liberty. 7-9 Dutton 2011 L B W (AR/RC) \$19.29



Younger Poetry

Ada, Alma Flor. Muu, Moo! (040815) Vivi Escriva, il. A bilingual collection of traditional Hispanic animal nursery rhymes. 2-7 Harper 2010 K L B M Q+ W (RC) \$18.59

Agee, Jon. Orangutan Tongs. (045879) il. A collection of tricky tongue twisters that will leave you speechless. 4-8 Hyperion 2009 K+ L+ B C M+ Q+ (RC) \$18.59



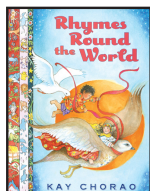
Bill Martin Jr Big Book Of Poetry. (606141) il. An anthology perfect for kids and sure to be treasured for years to come. 4-8 Simon 2008 K L+ B \$21.40

Brown, Calef. Soup For Breakfast. (161760) il. A collection of funny and fanciful, weird and wonderful poems from the inner-workings of grandpa's nose hair to noodles in a haystack. 4-8 Houghton 2008 K L B M Q+ \$17.90

Brown, Calef. Halloween. (159598) il. A quirky Halloween-themed book of poetry for early readers. 5-8 Houghton 2010 K+ L+ C Q W (AR/RC) \$18.59



Chorao, Kay, ed. Rhymes Round the World. (749497) il. Nursery rhymes and poems celebrating children around the world. 3-5 Dutton 2009 K L B \$19.29

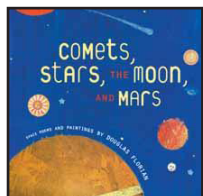


Dant, Traci. Some Kind Of Love. (257086) il. An African-American family reunion told in poems. 5-9 Cavendish 2010 L B Q W \$19.29

Elliott, David. In the Wild. (307038) Holly Meade, il. Lyrical verse and stunning woodcut and watercolor illustrations reveal a world of remarkable beauty and wonder. 4-7 Candlewick 2010 K+ L+ B M Q+ (AR) \$18.59

Fehler, Gene. Change-Up. (327895) Donald Wu, il. Funny, lively poems give a kid's-eye view of playing baseball. 6-10 Clarion 2009 K L B C Q \$17.90

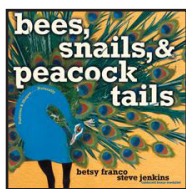
Florian, Douglas. Comets, Stars, The Moon, And Mars: Space Poems And Paintings. (343542) il. A collection of twenty illustrated poems about space. 5-10 Harcourt 2007 K+ L+ B C M+ Q+ (AR/RC) \$17.90



Florian, Douglas. Dinotheraurus: Prehistoric Poems And Paintings. (343544) il. Twenty funny and factual poems bring dinosaurs to life. 6-10 Atheneum 2009 K L+ B+ C+ M Q+ W+ (RC) \$19.29

Florian, Douglas. Poetrees. (343571) il. Seeds are sprouting, roots are spreading, and branches are swaying in this tree-mendous poetry collection. 6-10 Beach Lane 2010 K L B M Q+ W \$18.59

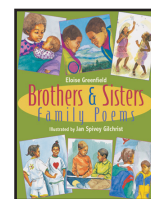
Franco, Betsy. Bees, Snails, & Peacock Tails: Patterns & Shapes. . Naturally. (350892) Steve Jenkins, il. An introduction to the shapes and symmetries found in nature through poetry. 3-7 McElderry 2008 K L B+ Q W+ (AR/RC) \$18.59



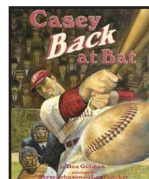
George, Kristine O'Connell. Emma Dilemma. (374362) Nancy Carpenter, il. Poems that illuminate a big sister/little sister relationship. 6-9 Clarion 2011 K L+ B C+ M W+ (AR) \$18.59

Gottfried, Maya. Our Farm. (387870) Robert Zakanitch, il. Funny poems inspired by the Farm Sanctuary in Watkins Glen, NY--a place where old, injured or abandoned farm animals reside. 5-8 Knopf 2010 K L B Q (AR) \$19.29

Greenfield, Eloise. Brothers & Sisters. (400416) Jan Spivy Gilchrist, il. Explores the special bond of brothers and sisters everywhere in this rich collection of poems for and about families. 5-9 Harper 2009 K L B M Q+ \$19.29

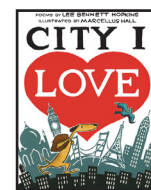


Gutman, Dan. Casey Back At Bat. (408481) Steve Johnson, il. A rhyme styled after Ernest Thayer's original poem offers Casey what any failed sports hero most desires--a second chance. 4-8 Harper 2007 K+ L+ B M Q+ (AR/RC) \$18.59



Hopkins, Lee Bennett, ed. Amazing Faces. (056386) Chris Soentpiet, il. An anthology of poems focusing on the universal emotions of a diversity of kids. 6-10 Lee & Low 2010 K L B Q W+ (RC) \$19.97

Hopkins, Lee Bennett. City I Love. (463292) Marcellus Hall, il. A book of poetry that celebrates the beauty, diversity, energy, architecture, and excitement of city life. 4-8 Abrams 2009 K L+ B Q W+ \$18.57



Hopkins, Lee Bennett. Give Me Wings. (380722) Ponder Goembel, il. In this beautifully illustrated collection of poems, children fly high among eagles and rise over mountains. 4-8 Holiday House 2010 K L B Q W (AR) \$18.57

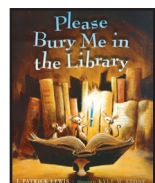
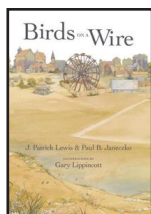
Hughes, Langston. My People. (470460) Charles R. Smith, il. A modern interpretation of a classic poem through vivid black and white photographs of the faces, eyes, and souls of many different people. 4-8 Atheneum 2009 K+ L+ B Q W+ \$19.29

Hughes, Langston. Negro Speaks Of Rivers. (470459) Earl B. Lewis, il. The great poet's song of the Harlem Renaissance, written when he was only seventeen. 4-8 Jump at the Sun 2009 K L+ B+ Q \$18.59

Johnson, Dinah. Black Magic. (492800) R. Gregory Christie, il. Celebrates the African-American spirit and what it means to feel strong, proud, and free. 4-9 Holt 2010 K L B+ Q (AR) \$17.89

Kinerk, Robert. Oh, How Sylvester Can Pester! (518422) Drazen Kozjan, il. A collection of rhyming poems starring a parade of characters who will remind readers to always remember their very best manners. 4-8 Simon 2011 K L B M W (AR) \$18.59

Lewis, J. Patrick. Birds On A Wire: A Renga 'Round Town. (568384) Gary A. Lippincott, il. This portrait of a day in the life of an American village is told in the ancient poetic form known as a renga (meaning "linked verse"). 4-8 Wordsong 2008 K L B+ Q (AR) **\$19.27**



Lewis, J. Patrick. Please Bury Me In The Library. (569755) Kyle M. Stone, il. A collection of poetry that celebrates books, libraries and reading. 6-9 Harcourt 2005 K+ L B M Q (AR/RC) **\$17.90**

Lewis, J. Patrick. Underwear Salesman. (570085) Serge Bloch, il. A collection of poems about crazy occupations. 7-10 Atheneum 2009 K L B Q **\$18.59**

Low, Alice. Fastest Game On Two Feet. (588900) John O'Brien, il. Have you ever wondered how your favorite sports began? 6-10 Holiday House 2009 K L B Q (AR/RC) **\$19.27**

Mora, Pat. Yum! Mmmm! Que Rico! Americas' Sproutings. (657988) Rafael Lopez, il. From blueberries to vanilla, indigenous foods of the Americas are celebrated in this collection of haiku. 5-11 Lee & Low 2007 K L B+ C Q (AR/RC) **\$19.27**



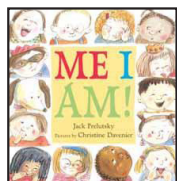
Myers, Walter Dean. We Are America. (666261) Christopher Myers, il. A tribute to the spirit and soul that is America in poems. 6-9 Harper 2011 K+ L B W+ **\$18.59**

Park, Linda Sue. Tap Dancing On The Roof: Sijo (Poems) (700260) Istvan Banyai, il. A collection of sijo, a traditional Korean form of poetry, that follows a child through the seasons. 9-12 Clarion 2007 K+ L+ B+ C M Q+ (AR/RC) **\$17.90**

Peters, Lisa Westberg. Volcano Wakes Up! (710725) Steve Jenkins, il. A small volcano gets ready for a BIG explosion! 4-8 Holt 2010 K L B Q W **\$18.59**

Prelutsky, Jack. Good Sports: Rhymes About Running, Jumping, Throwing, And More. (730685) Christopher Raschka, il. A collection of poetry about participation sports. 8-12 Knopf 2007 K L B+ Q (AR) **\$18.59**

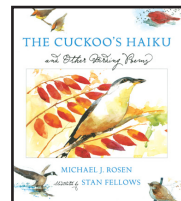
Prelutsky, Jack. Me I Am! (730708) Christine Davenier, il. Three different kids reveal themselves and their worlds, then discover the fun of meeting many different "me's"--each one unique. 3-6 Farrar 2007 K L B+ Q **\$17.90**



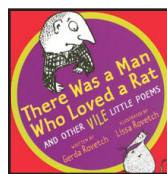
Prelutsky, Jack. My Dog May Be A Genius. (730714) James Stevenson, il. A collection of more than 100 poems of wordplay, poems of shape play, and poems to make you laugh. 5-9 Greenwillow 2008 K L B C M Q+ W+ **\$19.99**

Raczka, Bob. Guyku. (737101) Peter Reynolds, il. Haiku poems about outdoor fun throughout the seasons. 5-8 Houghton 2010 L+ B M Q+ W (AR) **\$17.19**

Rosen, Michael J. Cuckoo's Haiku: And Other Birding Poems. (764286) Stanley Fellows, il. A joyful primer on the pleasures of bird-watching merges haiku and notes for identifying species. 6-10 Candlewick 2009 K+ L Q W+ **\$19.29**



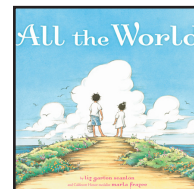
Rovetch, Gerda. There Was A Man Who Loved A Rat And Other Vile Little Poems. (768881) Lissa Rovetch, il. A book of poems that are all the way left of center--one might even say strange. 4-8 Philomel 2008 K L B C Q (AR) **\$17.19**



Ruddell, Deborah. Whiff Of Pine, A Hint Of Skunk: A Forest Of Poems. (770418) Joan Rankin, il. Celebrate nature and seasons with this collection of forest-friendly poems! 4-8 McElderry 2009 K+ L+ B C+ Q (AR) **\$18.59**

Salas, Laura Purdie. Stampedel! (774616) Stephen Salerno, il. An inventive poetry collection that shows the wild side of first- and second-graders at school. 5-8 Clarion 2009 K L B Q **\$17.90**

Scanlon, Elizabeth Garton. All The World. (781266) Marla Frazee, il. Celebrates the large--and small--elements that make up our world. 3-7 Beach Lane 2009 K+ L+ B C M+ Q+ W+ **\$19.29**



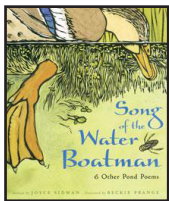
Schertle, Alice. Button Up! (783891) Petra Mathers, il. Just when it seemed shoes, jackets, and swimsuits were inanimate, clothes are brought to life by this perfectly stitched poetry collection. 3-7 Houghton 2009 K L+ B+ C M+ Q+ (AR) **\$17.90**

Shields, Carol Diggory. Someone Used My Toothbrush! (812696) Paul Meisel, il. Twenty-one clever bathroom-based poems ranging in topic from brushing to bathing to potty-training your baby brother. 5-8 Dutton 2010 K L B Q W (AR) **\$18.59**

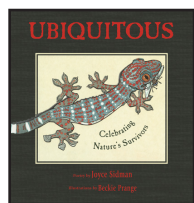


Sidman, Joyce. Dark Emperor & Other Poems Of The Night. (817010) Rick Allen, il. Provides an illuminated look at the intriguing creatures that live in the very dark night wood. 6-9 Houghton 2010 L B+ C+ M+ W+ (AR/RC) **\$18.59**

Sidman, Joyce. Song Of The Water Boatman: & Other Pond Poems. (817035) Beckie Prange, il. 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. 5-9 Houghton 2005 K+ L+ B+ C+ M W+ (AR/RC) **\$17.90**



Sidman, Joyce. Ubiquitous. (817042) Beckie Prange, il. Presents facts along with poetry about distinctive organisms that have survived both predators and time. 6-9 Houghton 2010 K+ L+ B+ C M+ Q+ W+ (RC) **\$18.60**



Silverstein, Shel. Where The Sidewalk Ends. (819430) il. A boy who turns into a TV set and a girl who eats a whale are only two of the characters in a collection of humorous poetry illustrated with the author's own drawings. 7-12 Harper 2004 L+ B (RC) **\$19.99**

Singer, Marilyn. Mirror Mirror. (822564) Josee Masse, il. A collection of short poems which, when reversed, provide new perspectives on the fairy tale characters they feature. 7-10 Dutton 2010 K+ L B+ M+ Q+ W+ (RC) **\$18.59**

Thomas, Joyce Carol. Blacker The Berry. (879094) Floyd Cooper, il. A collection of poems, including "Golden Goodness," "Cranberry Red," and "Biscuit Brown," celebrating individuality and Afro-American identity. 4-8 Harper 2008 K+ L B M Q+ (RC) **\$18.59**

Wheeler, Lisa. Spinster Goose. (937700) Sophie Blackall, il. Mother Goose's stern sister whips into shape difficult children in this humorous collection of poems. 5-9 Atheneum 2011 K+ L B M W (AR) **\$18.59**

Yolen, Jane. Switching On The Moon. (868898) Brian G. Karas, il. From children giggling in the bath to the hushed notes of a lullaby, here is an anthology that captures all the moods of bedtime. 2-5 Candlewick 2010 K L+ B M Q+ W+ (AR) **\$22.09**

Older Poetry

Adoff, Arnold. Roots And Blues. (044694) Gregory R. Christie, il. Explores how Blues have been part of everyday life throughout history, from slaves' voices singing of freedom to today's greatest performers. 8-12 Clarion 2011 K+ L+ B+ C W+ **\$19.29**



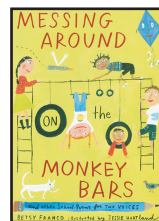
Engle, Margarita. Firefly Letters. (311454) A portrait of early women's rights pioneer Fredrika Bremer and the journey to Cuba that transformed her life. 12-16 Holt 2010 K+ L B C M Q+ W (AR/RC) **\$18.59**

Engle, Margarita. Hurricane Dancers. (311453) The story of the first pirates of the Caribbean, told in verse. 12-16 Holt 2011 L B+ C M W (AR/RC) **\$18.59**

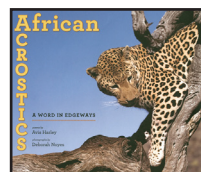
Franco, Betsy. Curious Collection Of Cats. (350894) Michael Wertz, il. A collection of feline-themed concrete poems. 8-12 Tricycle Press 2009 K L B M Q+ **\$18.59**



Franco, Betsy. Messing Around On The Monkey Bars. (350896) Jessie Hartland, il. These playful poems for multiple voices evoke all the high spirits and hijinks of a day at school. 8-11 Candlewick 2009 K L B M Q+ **\$19.99**

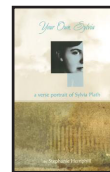


Harley, Avis. African Acrostics. (419802) Deborah Noyes, il. The wild animals of Africa spring to life in clever, lighthearted poems and acrostics. 8-10 Candlewick 2009 K+ L+ B C M Q+ **\$19.29**



Heard, Georgia, ed. Falling Down The Page. (321043) An anthology of list poems by contemporary poets. 8-12 Roaring Brook 2009 K L B C **\$18.57**

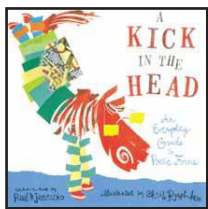
Hemphill, Stephanie. Your Own, Sylvia: A Verse Portrait Of Sylvia Plath. (437610) The author interprets the people, events, influences and art that made up the brief life of Sylvia Plath. 12-16 Knopf 2007 K+ L B+ M+ Q+ (AR/RC) **\$17.89**



Hopkins, Lee Bennett, ed. Sharing The Seasons. (807609) David Diaz, il. Nursery rhymes and poems celebrating children around the world. 8-12 McElderry 2010 K+ L B+ Q W **\$22.09**

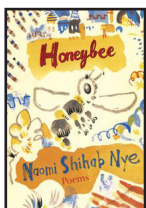
Janeczko, Paul B. Foot In The Mouth: Poems To Speak, Sing, And Shout. (488491) Christopher Raschka, il. Here are more than three dozen poems that simply beg to be read aloud. 8-12 Candlewick 2009 K L+ B+ C M Q+ W+ \$19.29

Kick In The Head: An Everyday Guide To Poetic Forms. (488502) Christopher Raschka, il. Discusses twenty-nine poetic forms including sonnets, double dactyls, odes, and limericks. 8-11 Candlewick 2005 K+ L+ B C M+ Q+ W+ (AR/RC) \$19.29



Levy, Debbie. Year Of Goodbyes. (568134) An actual diary from a girl's twelfth year is the source for powerful narrative poems about what it was like to live in--and narrowly escape from--Nazi Germany. 10-12 Disney 2010 K+ L+ B C Q W+ (AR/RC) \$18.59

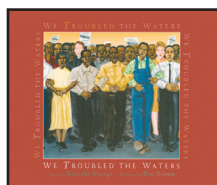
Nye, Naomi Shihab. Honeybee: Poems & Short Prose. (684266) A collection of sixty poems and prose about everything from city life to traveling abroad to war. 10-14 Greenwillow 2008 K L+ C M Q+ (RC) \$18.59



Prelutsky, Jack. Pizza, Pigs, And Poetry. (730728) Provides tips on how to write a poem, poetry exercises, ideas, projects, and pointers for the classroom. 7-10 Greenwillow 2008 L B C+ Q (AR/RC) \$11.75

Prelutsky, Jack. Swamps Of Sleethe. (730753) Jimmy Pickering, il. Darkly comedic poems for those who savor doom and gloom. 8-12 Knopf 2009 K L B M Q+ (AR) \$18.59

Raczka, Bob. Lemonade. (737116) Nancy Doniger, il. Part anagram, part rebus, part riddle--these poems capture a scene from a child's daily life and present a puzzle to solve. 8-12 Roaring Brook 2011 K L B+ C M W \$18.59

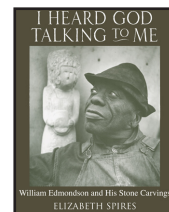


Shange, Ntozake. We Troubled The Waters. (805310) Rod Brown, il. Poems give voice to all those who stood up for their inalienable rights during the Civil Rights Movement. 9-12 Harper 2009 K L+ B+ Q W+ \$18.59

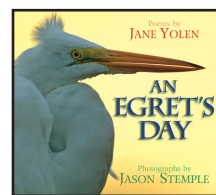
Sidman, Joyce. This Is Just To Say: Poems Of Apology And Forgiveness. (817040) Pamela Zagarenski, il. A sixth grade class writes and assembles poems of apologies and unexpected responses. 9-12 Houghton 2007 K L+ B Q (AR/RC) \$17.90

Silverstein, Shel. Runny Babbit: A Billy Sook. (819361) il. A collection of wordplay, rhymes, and spoonerisms featuring Runny Babbit and his friends. 8-12 Harper 2005 K+ L+ B C M Q+ W+ (AR) \$19.99

Spires, Elizabeth. I Heard God Talking To Me: William Edmondson And His Stone Carvings. (840748) il. Records the life of William Edmondson, an African American artist and describes how God called him toward the vocation of stone carving. 10-14 Farrar 2009 K L+ B C Q (AR) \$19.27

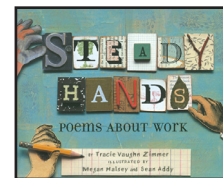


Yolen, Jane. Egret's Day. (973270) Jason Stemple, il. Poems and photographs take readers up close to observe the daily life of the extraordinary Great Egret. 9-11 Wordsong 2010 K+ L B Q (AR) \$19.27



Yolen, Jane. Mirror To Nature. (973460) Jason Stemple, il. Fourteen poems concerning water in nature. 10-12 Wordsong 2009 K L B Q W+ (AR) \$19.27

Zimmer, Tracie Vaughn. Steady Hands. (982295) Sean Addy, il. A collection of free-verse poems that explore a variety of jobs that people do. 9-12 Clarion 2009 K L B Q W+ \$17.90



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- B** Booklist
- C** Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books
- K** Kirkus Reviews
- L** School Library Journal
- M** Horn Book
- Q** Horn Book Guide
- W** Publishers Weekly
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