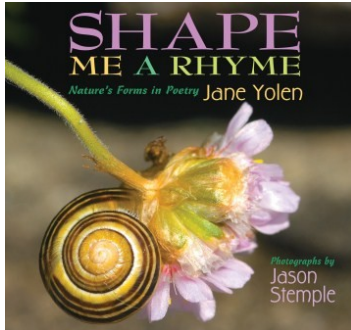


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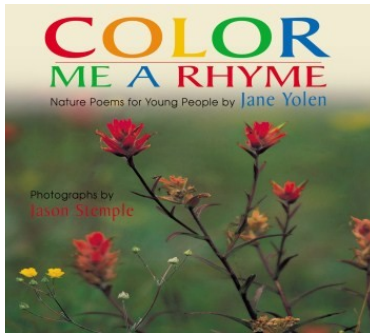
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### Shape Me a Rhyme: Nature's Forms in Poetry

by Jane Yolen, c2015 (IL: 3-6, RL: 4.3)

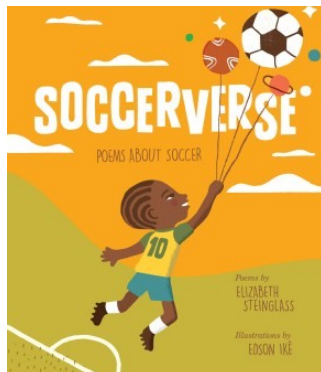
"Twelve poems and photographs explore the beauty and variety of shapes and forms in nature, examining such items as an egg, the sun, and the moon." - *Follett*



### Color Me a Rhyme: Nature Poems for Young People

by Jane Yolen, c2000 (IL: 5-8, RL:3.0)

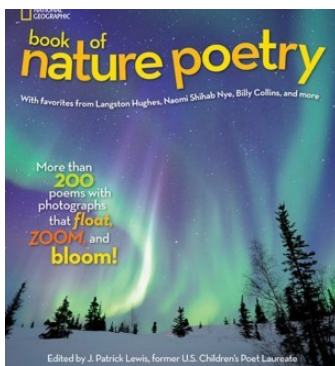
"In thirteen memorable poems, Jane Yolen takes you on a whimsical journey through Mother Nature's glorious landscape. Using Jason Stemple's dazzling photographs as a backdrop, Ms. Yolen paints her own vivid pictures that are both real and imagined." - *Pub.*



### Soccerverse: Poems About Soccer

by Elizabeth Steinglass, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.5)

"The perfect gift for young soccer fans, this picture book features twenty-two imaginative poems that capture all aspects of the world's most popular sport." - *Pub.*



### National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry

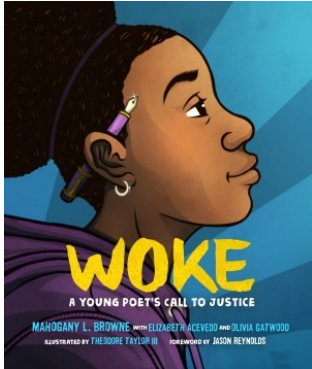
by J. Patrick Lewis, c2015 (IL: K-3, RL: 2.6)

"When words in verse are paired with the awesomeness of nature, something magical happens! Beloved former U.S. Poet Laureate J. Patrick Lewis curates an exuberant poetic celebration of the natural world in this stellar collection of nature poems." - *Pub.*

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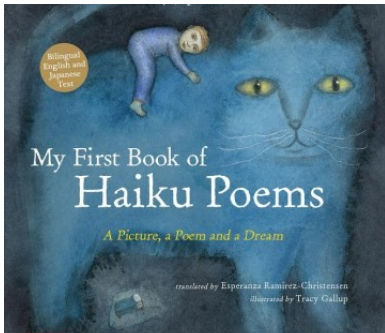
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**Woke: A Young Poet's Call to Justice**  
by Mahogany L. Browne, c2020 (IL: 3-6, RL: 4.1)

"A collection of poems to inspire kids to stay woke and become a new generation of activists." - Pub.



**My First Book of Haiku Poems**  
translated by Esperanza Ramirez-Christensen,  
c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.8)

"Text in English and Japanese...Introduces children to 20 classic haiku poems..." - Follett



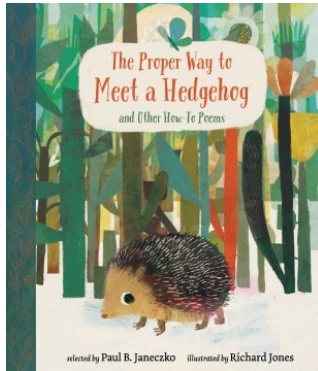
**Lion of the Sky: Haiku for All Seasons**  
by Laura Purdie Salas, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.2)

"Haiku meet riddles in this wonderful collection from Laura Purdie Salas. The poems celebrate the seasons and describe everything from an earthworm to a baseball to an apple to snow angels, alongside full-color illustrations." - Pub.

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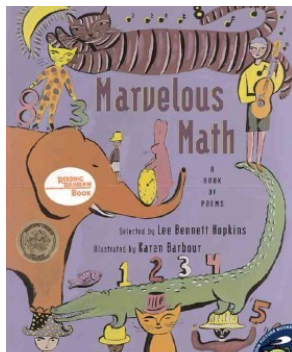
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### The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog and Other How-to Poems

by Paul B. Janeczko, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.2)

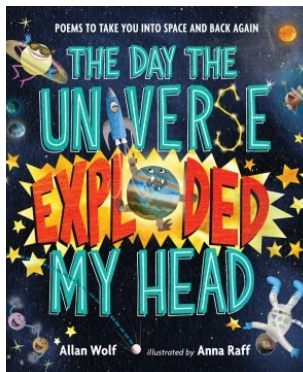
"Be they practical (how to mix a pancake or how to bird-watch) or fanciful (how to scare monsters or how to be a snowflake), the poems in this book boast a flair and joy that you won't find in any instruction manual."  
- Pub.



### Marvelous Math: A Book of Poems

selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins, c1997 (IL: 3-6, RL: 2.5)

"This collection of poems by Karla Kuskin, David McCord, and Janet Wong features rhymes about mathematics, numbers, and having fun." - Pub.



### The Day the Universe Exploded My Head

by Allan Wolf, c2019 (IL: 3-6, RL: 4.9)

"Hang on tight for a raucous bounce through the solar system and back—propelled by funny, fanciful, factually sound poems and exuberant illustrations."  
- Pub.



### Origami and Poetry: Inspired by Nature

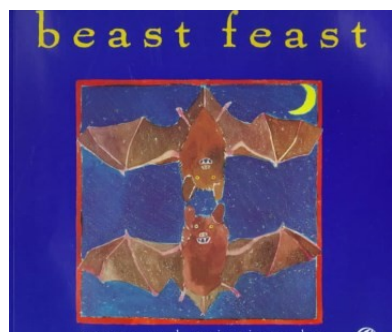
by Clover Robin, c2019 (IL: 5-8, RL: 4.2)

"This stunning book features nature-inspired poems and origami. For each animal or object, children will be able to read a poem and then make a corresponding origami figure! With clear, simple directions and links to helpful videos for how to make thirteen animals or objects and fifty sheets of origami paper, this is the perfect introduction to the art of paper folding."  
- Pub.

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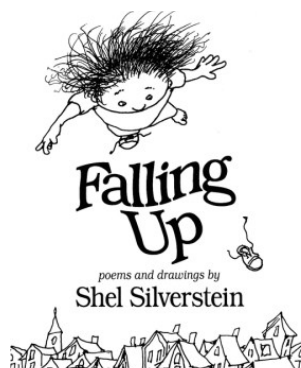
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### **Beast Feast**

by Douglas Florian, c1994 (IL: K-3, RL: 3.9)

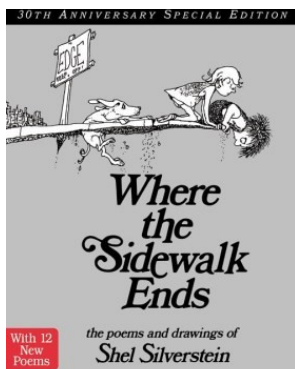
"A collection of humorous poems about such animals as the walrus, anteater, and boa." - *Follett*



### **Falling Up**

by Shel Silverstein, c1996 (IL: 3-6, RL: 4.8)

"A collection of poems by American poet and humorist, Shel Silverstein including the poems My nose garden, Little Hoarse, Strange Restaurant, Sharing, Noise Day, and many more." - *Follett*



### **Where the Sidewalk Ends**

by Shel Silverstein, c1974 (IL: 3-6, RL: 3.9)

"...Shel Silverstein's acclaimed collection of humorous poems and illustrations, featuring such characters as a boy who turns into a television, and a girl who eats a whale, and includes twelve new poems." - *Follett*



### **Cast Away: Poems for Our Time**

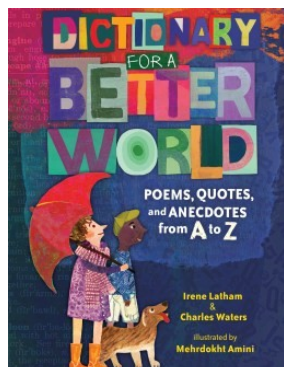
by Naomi Shihab Nye, c2019 (IL: 5-8, RL: 5.9)

"With poems about food wrappers, lost mittens, plastic straws, refugee children, trashy talk, the environment, connection, community, responsibility to the planet, politics, immigration, time, junk mail, trash collectors, garbage trucks, all that we carry and all that we discard, this is a rich, engaging, moving, and sometimes humorous collection for readers ages twelve to adult." - *Pub.*

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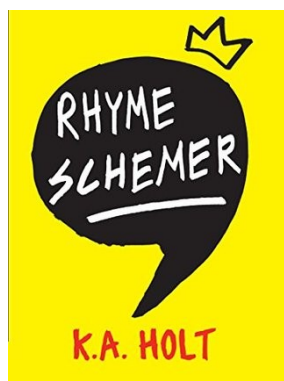
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### Dictionary for a Better World: Poems, Quotes, and Anecdotes from A to Z

by Irene Latham, c2020 (IL: 3-6, RL: 3.6)

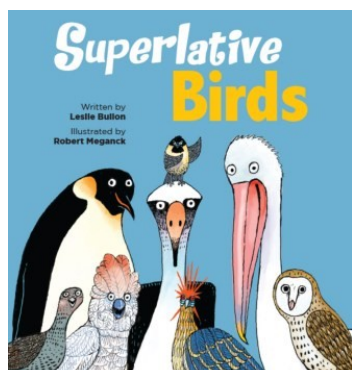
"How can we make the world a better place? This inspiring resource for middle-grade readers is organized as a dictionary; each entry presents a word related to creating a better world, such as ally, empathy, or respect. For each word, there is a poem, a quote from an inspiring person, a personal anecdote from the authors, and a "try it" prompt for an activity." - Follett



### Rhyme Schemer

by K. A. Holt, c2015 (IL: 5-8, RL: 3.9)

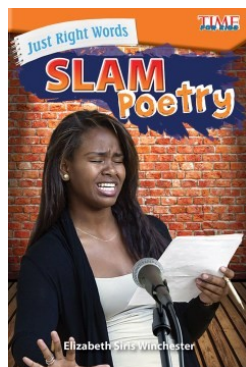
"Kevin has a bad attitude. He has a real knack for rubbing people the wrong way. And he's even figured out a secret way to do it with poems. But what happens when the tables are turned and he is the one getting picked on? Using elements of subversive found poetry, Rhyme Schemer is an accessible novel in verse that is both touching and hilarious, and will inspire voracious and reluctant readers alike." - Pub.



### Superlative Birds

by Leslie Bulion, c2019 (IL: 3-6, RL: 8.9)

"Explore the fascinating world of superlative birds—from the bee hummingbird, the tiniest bird in the world, to the peregrine falcon, the fastest creature on Earth. Ever wonder which bird has the loudest voice? Which one builds the biggest nest or has the most feathers? Get to know all about the best and brightest—and smelliest!—denizens of the bird world with this collection of nonfiction science verses. You won't need your binoculars to observe the superlative characteristics of these avian wonders." - Pub.



### Slam Poetry (Just Right Words)

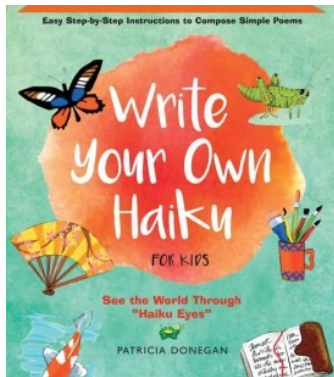
by Elizabeth Siris Winchester, c2018 (IL: 3-6, RL: 5.1)

"Learn about one of the newest ways to express your feelings through poetry. Slam poetry is meant to be heard! Read about how this read-aloud style started and how people are using it to express what they think and feel. It's your turn to try to write a slam poem." - ub.

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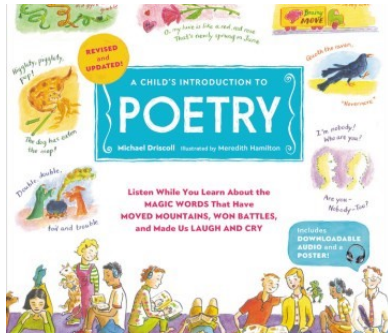
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### Write Your Own Haiku for Kids

by Patricia Donegan, c2017 (IL: 3-6, RL: 5.5)

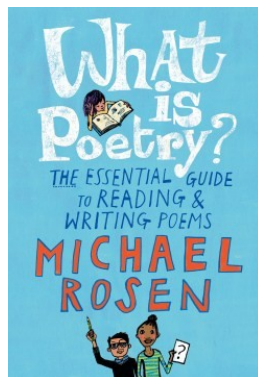
"Easy step-by-step instructions to compose simple poems." - *Follett*



### A child's Introduction to Poetry

by Michael Driscoll, c2020 (IL: 3-6, RL: 6.5)

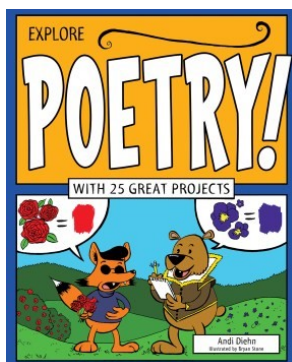
"This delightful, interactive journey through the history of the world's poetry now includes a removable poster and access to downloadable audio, allowing kids to listen and learn as they experience the magic of the spoken word." - *Pub.*



### What is Poetry? The Essential Guide to Reading and Writing Poems

by Michael Rosen, c2019 (IL: 3-6, RL: 5.0)

"Celebrated poet and critic Michael Rosen takes readers on a whirlwind tour exploring what poems are, what they can do, and the joys of reading and writing them." - *Pub.*



### Explore Poetry with 25 Great Projects

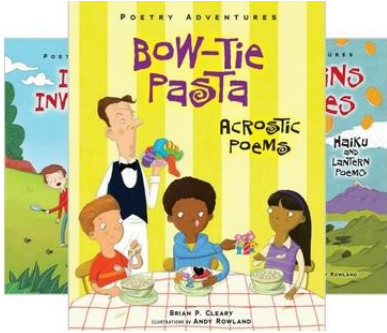
by Andi Diehn, c2015 (IL: 3-6, RL: 6.3)

"Poems can be silly, serious, or fun, just like kids! Whether it's the sing-song rhythm of a limerick, the serendipitous magic of a found poem, the deceptive simplicity of a haiku, or the easy familiarity of an acrostic poem, children are charmed by poetry. And what's more fun than reading poetry? Writing it!" - *Pub.*

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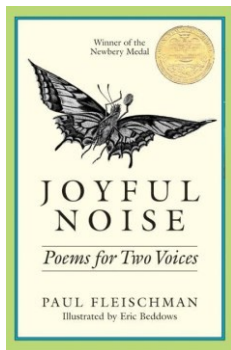


### Series: Poetry Adventures

by Brian P. Cleary, c2015-2017 (IL: 3-6, RL: 3.3-5.3)

#### **Series**

*Bow-Tie Pasta: Acrostic Poems / I Saw and Invisible Lion Today: Quatrains / If It Rains Pancakes: Haiku and Lantern Poems / Ode to a Commode: Concrete Poems / Something Sure Smells Around Here: Limericks / Underneath My Bed: List Poems*



### Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices

by Paul Fleischman, c1988 (IL: 5-8, RL: 5.2)

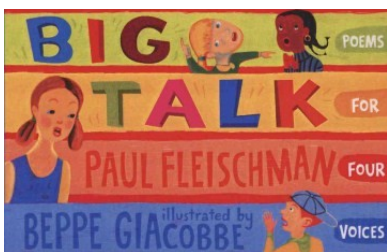
"A collection of poems describing the characteristics and activities of a variety of insects." - Follett



### I Am Phoenix: Poems for Two Voices

by Paul Fleischman, c1985 (IL: 5-8, RL: 6.0)

"Written to be spoken aloud by two voices, sometimes alternating, sometimes simultaneous, these poems perfectly capture the beauty of birds in their singing, soaring, and rejoicing." - Pub.



### Big Talk: Poems for Four Voices

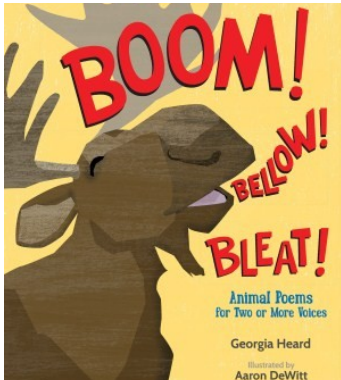
by Paul Fleischman, c2000 (IL: 5-8, RL: 6.0)

"A collection of poems to be read aloud by four people, with color-coded text to indicate which lines are read by which readers." - Pub.

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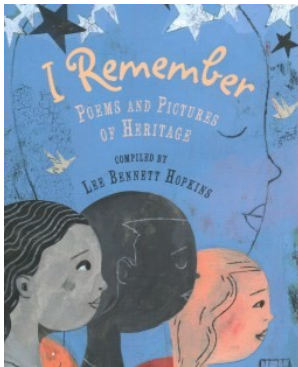
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### **Boom! Bellow! Bleat! Animals Poems for Two or More Voices**

by Georgia Heard, c2019 (IL: K-3, RL: 1.1)

"This playful collection of poems—peppered with an astounding variety of animal sounds—is meant to be read aloud together...Laced with humor, the poems are a delight to read aloud and cover all major classes of animals: mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians, insects, even a crustacean." - Pub.



### **I Remember: Poems and Pictures of Heritage**

compiled by Lee Bennett Hopkins, c2019 (IL: 3-6, RL: 3.9)

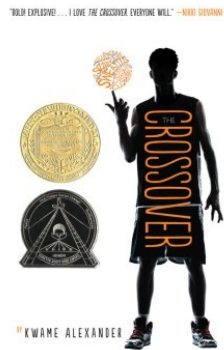
"A collection of works by poets and illustrators of diverse backgrounds sharing memorable childhood and family experiences and reflecting on their different heritages, traditions, and beliefs." - Follett



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## Intermediate—Novels in Verse

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### Crossover

by Kwame Alexander, c2014 (IL: 5-8, RL: 4.3)

"Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health."  
- ollett



### Other Words for Home

by Jasmine Warga, c2019 (IL: 5-8, RL: 5.3)

"Jude never thought she'd be leaving her beloved older brother and father behind, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when things in her hometown start becoming volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives. At first, everything in America seems too fast and too loud...But this life also brings unexpected surprises--there are new friends, a whole new family, and a school musical that Jude just might try out for. Maybe America, too, is a place where Jude can be seen as she really is." - ollett



### Brown Girl Dreaming

by Jacqueline Woodson, c2017 (IL: 5-8)

"The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South." - Pub.