

## Foundation for Learning and Literacy

### Poetry List

Title	Author/s	Publisher	Year	Suitable for	Category/ Genres
Haiku Baby	Snyder, Betsy	RHUS Children's Books	2008	0 - 3 years old	Asian. Poetry book for babies and toddlers. Told in traditional Japanese poem form. Nature. A bird, a fish, a snowflake or a rainbow. Picture book.
The World Is Awake: A celebration of everyday blessings	Davis, Linsey	Zondervan Publishing House	2021	0 - 4 years old	African poetry. A lyrical, rhyming story that inspires young children to be thankful for all of God's blessings that surround us in our daily lives. Children's Christian people, places, animal fiction.
The Lucy Cousins' Book of Nursery Rhymes	Cousins, Lucy	Dutton Juvenile	1999	0 - 5 years old	Nursery Rhymes.
On the Wing	Florian, Douglas	Harcourt Children's Books	1996	0 - 8 years old	Children's animals. Children's poetry picture book
A First Australian Poetry Book	Compiled by June Foster	Melbourne Oxford Press	1982	Up to 10 years	A varied collection of traditional bush ballads, nonsense verse and poems written by children themselves.
The Swing	Stevenson, Robert	Simply Read Books	2012	1 - 3 years old	Diverse. Babies & Toddlers. Nursery rhymes. A multicultural bunch of kids swings under cherry blossoms, above plants or on their bellies like superheroes. With magical pictures and poetic text, this beautiful book will have your little one mesmerized.
This is the way in Dogtown	Huang, Jade	Frances Lincoln Children's Books	2020	2 - 4 years old	A book around a dog theme where children can to sing along to the popular rhyme 'Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush'.
Creatures of the Earth : Animal Poems	Heard, Georgia	Wordsong	1997	2 - 5 years old	Children's poetry book.
My Mexico / Mexico Mio	Johnston, Tony	Penguin Group USA	1999	2 - 5 years old	Hispanic. Rhythmic poems. Engaging pastel illustrations. Bilingual. My Mexico captures the warmth and idyllic feel of Mexican villages with their colourful houses, the scent of roses and chillies, and the sounds of corn shaking quietly in the wind.
Words with Wrinkled Knees	Esbensen, Barbara	HarperCollins Publishers	1986	2 - 5 years old	Children's picture/ poetry book. Animals.
Big Book of Nursery Rhymes	Touliatou, Sophia	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2020	2+ years old	20 well-loved nursery rhymes
Hey Diddle Diddle	dePaola, Tomie	Puffin Books Books	1998	2 - 5 years old	Mother Goose songs and rhymes.
Summer Rain	Moriarty, Ros	Allen & Unwin	2015	3 - 5 years old	A lyrical book about one day during the wet season that celebrates the animals and landscapes of northern Australia. Illustrated by Balarinji, Australia's leading Indigenous design studio.
Night on Neighbourhood Street	Greenfield, Eloise	Penguin Random House Australia	1996	3 - 6 years old	Poetry/Picture book. A collection of poems exploring the sounds, sights, and emotions enlivening a black neighbourhood. Fiction & true stories. African American & Black, Poetry / American / African American & Black, Poetry.
My Village: Rhymes from Around the World	Wright, Danielle	Frances Lincoln Children's Books	2010	3 - 6 years old	Diverse. Includes poems from 22 different countries, ranging from short and descriptive. Told in English and native tongue.
A First Book of the Sea	Davies, Nicola	Walker Books Australia	2018	3 - 7 years old	Poems about the sea. Four sections to this book with each containing a selection of short poems both rhyming and non-rhyming
Over the River and Through the Wood	Randall, Emma	Penguin Workshop	2018	3 - 7 years old	Verse Novel. Children's holiday & celebrations.
Over in the Meadow	Cabrera, Jane	Holiday House	2020	3 - 7 years old	Rhyming / activity book. Children's picture fiction book.

A First Book of the Sea	Davies, Nicola & Sutton, Emily	Walker Books	2018	3 - 7 years old	An anthology that blends poetry and information about the sea.
The Folks in the Valley	Aylesworth, Jim	HarperCollins Publishers	1994	3 - 8 years old	Children's literature/ poetry. Children's non-fiction.
A First Book of Animals	Davies, Nicola	Walker Books Australia	2016	3 - 9 years old	Poems about a wide range of animals. Each double page spread included a full illustration and a short poem rhyming or non-rhyming.
Poems To Perform	Donaldson, Julie	McMillan's Books	2013	3 - 11 years old	Covers a range of poems ange from classics by Edward Lear, W H Auden and Eleanor Farjeon to contemporary work by Michael Rosen, John Agard and Clare Bevan. Donaldsone has chosen poems with performance by children in mind.
Alfred's War	Salleh, Rachel Bin	Magabala Books	2018	3 - 12 years old	Unmasks the lack of recognition given to Australia Indigenous Serviceman who returned from WWI.
Sing a Song of Popcorn	Schenk de Regniers, Beatrice	Scholastic Press	1988	3 - 12 years old	Children's poetry.
The Man From Snowy River	A B Paterson	Collins	1977	3+ years old	Australian bush
Twilight Comes Twice	Fletcher, Ralph	Clarion Books	1997	4 - 7 years old	Free-verse text. Children's time poetry book. Children's concepts.
A Stick Is An Excellent Thing	Singer, Marilyn	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	2012	4 - 7 years old	Diverse. A diverse bunch of kids spends a summer day playing games outside, from hide-and-seek and hopscotch to making mud soup and using a stick as a magic wand. A thrilling integration of verse and image.
If You Find a Rock	Christian, Peggy	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	2008	4 - 7 years old	Children's picture/ non-fiction book. Exploring nature.
Hello, Harvest Moon	Fletcher, Ralph	Clarion Books	2017	4 - 7 years old	Children's science & technology. Picture/ poetry book.
Insectlopedia	Florian, Douglas	HMH Books for Young Readers	2001	4 - 7 years old	Hilarious poems on insects. Poetry picture book
Comets, Stars, The Moons and Mars,	Florian, Douglas	Harcourt Books,	2007	4 - 7 years old	Twenty whimsical poems about space.
All the Small Poems and Fourteen More	Worth, Valerie	Square Fish	1996	4 - 8 years old	Poetry and verse children's book.
Nibble Nibble	Brown, Margaret Wise	HarperCollins Publishers	2007	4 - 8 years old	Children's poetry book. Animals.
The Bug in Teacher's Coffee	Dakos, Kalli	HarperCollins Publishers	2002	4 - 8 years old	Funny poems and pictures that explore the secret lives of school lunches, jungle gyms, pencils and more.
Orangutanka	Engle, Margarita	Henry Holt and Co. (BYR)	2015	4 - 8 years old	Children's picture/ poetry. Family. Entertainment & sports. Animals.
How Does it Feel to be Old?	Farber, Norma	Penguin Publishing Group	1979	4 - 8 years old	woman's poetic monologue
Miss Mary Mack	Cole, Joanna	HarperCollins Publishers	1990	4 - 8 years old	Children's rhyme/ riddle book. Children's humorous poetry.
The Friendly Four	Greenfield, Eloise	Harper Collins	2006	4 - 8 years old	Children's poetry/ free verse. Picture book that follow four children as they explore their bonds of friendship, family and community .
Under the Sunday Tree	Greenfield, Eloise	Harper Collins	1991	4 - 8 years old	Rich verse novel. Poetry. Caribbean Children's Book. Children's social / cultural theme.

Bananas In My Ears	Rosen, Michael	Walker Books	2011	4 - 8 years old	A collection of free verse stories, rhymes and poems.
Autumblings	Florian, Douglas	Greenwillow Books	2003	4 - 9 years old	Poetry, Children's literature, Children's non-fiction literature
Poems Out Loud! : First Poems to Read and Perform	Various Authors	Penguin Random House	2019	4+ years old	Poetry. Anthologies. Activity book.
Jelly Boots, Smelly Boots	Rosen, Michael	Bloomsbury	2016	5 years old	Packed with silly rhymes, witty wordplay and thought-provoking story poems, this new collection of poems will delight children of all age
The Burger and the Hotdog	Aylesworth, Jim	Atheneum Books for Young Readers	2001	5 - 8 years old	Children's literature/ poetry, Children's non-fiction.
Salsa: Un poema para cocinar / A Cooking Poem	Argueta, Jorge	Turtleback Books Publishing	2017	5 - 8 years old	Hispanic. Two young siblings prepare a traditional salsa, singing and dancing all the while and imagining the ingredients to be parts of an orchestra. With gorgeous Mixtec-inspired illustrations in earthy browns, greens and reds, Salsa is a fun cooking poem for pre-schoolers.
One Leaf Rides the Wind	Mannis, Celeste	Puffin Books	2005	5 - 8 years old	Japanese garden and haiku poems. Young readers. Non-fiction. Activity book.
A First Book of Nature	Davies, Nicola	Candlewick Books	2012	5 - 8 years old	Part poetry book, part scrap book of recipes and facts. The subject is nature and the 4 different seasons.
The Puffin Books Book of Fantastic First Poems	Edited by June Crebbin	Puffin Books	2000	5 - 8 years old	The poems span time, from Robert Louis Stevenson and Walter de la Mare right up to date with Roger McGough and Michael Rosen. Themes covered include mealtimes, playtime, animals, family and bedtime.
Once Upon a Twice	Doyen, Denise	Random House Trade	2009	5 - 9 years old	Poetry / picture book. Animals.
Hist!	Dennis, C.J.	Walker Books Australia	1991	5 - 10 years old	A new edition of CJ Denni's classic tale of rhyme.
Summersaults	Florian, Douglas	Greenwillow Books	2002	5 - 10 years old	Poetry / General.
Refugees	Bilston, Brian	Palazzo Editions Ltd	2019	5+ years old	Children's picture book. Single poem. Social themes. Current issues. Emigration & Immigration.
Dirty Beasts	Dahl, Roald	Puffin Books Books Books	2016	5+ years old	Children's humorous poetry. The book contains wickedly funny verse and 'despicable' creatures.
Poems to Perform: A Classic Collection chosen by the Children's Laureate	Donaldson, Julia	Pan Macmillan	2014	5+ years old	Children's poetry.
Chocolate Cake	Rosen, Michael	Puffin Books Books	2017	5+ years old	Fantastically funny and full if silly noises. This is Michael Rosen's love letter to children about a chocolate cake.
Michael Rosen's A to Z- The Best Children's Poetry Selected	Rosen, Michael	Puffin Books Books	2021	6 - 2 years old	An anthology of children's poetry from a range of British poets.
A Poke in the I: A Collection of Concrete Poems	Ianeczko, Paul B	Candlewick Books	2005	6 - 7 years old	Fun collection of 30 concrete poems – visual poems that startle and delight the eye and the mind. Diverse.
A Pocketful of Poems	Giovanni, Nikki	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing	2018	6 - 7 years old	African poetry. A Handful of Poems is a playful homage to words. Two poems (one free verse, one haiku) on each double-page are set on fun, unusual collages of hand-sculpted letters on cut paper and found objects like denim cuts or pumpkin seeds.
On Track	Apel, Kathryn	University of Queensland Press	2015	6 - 8 years old	A verse novel about sibling rivalry, sporting excellence and self-doubt from the much-loved Australian author of Bully on the Bus.
Red Dragonfly on My Shoulder	Cassedy, Sylvia & Suetake, Kunihiro (translators.)	HarperCollins Publishers	1992	6 - 8 years old	Children's book of Japanese haiku.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies	Bates, Katharine Lee	Chronicle Books (CA)	1994	6 - 8 years old	Nineteenth-century poem. Children's literature/ poetry.
Sing to the Sun	Bryan, Ashley	HarperCollins Publishers	1996	6 - 8 years old	Children's poetry/ picture book. Exploration of the world.
Eric Carle's Dragons, Dragons	Carle, Eric	World of Eric Carle	2004	6 - 9 years old	Children's poetry/ picture book. Anima. Mythical story.
Minah: A Poem in Four Parts	Robinson, Roland & Mumbulla, Percy	Angus & Robertson	1995	6 - 9 years old	Aboriginal Australian poetry
The Dreaming Tree	Oliver, Jo	New Frontier Publishing	2016	6 - 12 years old	Free-verse poems. Australian landscape.
101 Poems for Children A Laureates Choice	Duffy, Carol Ann	Macmillan Children's Books	2019	6 - 12 years old	A stunning collection of classic and modern verse chosen by the 2009-2019 Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy.
The Hidden Monastery	Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin Australia	2006	6 - 12 years old	Children's/ teen fiction.
Around the World in Eighty Poems	Berry, James	Chronicle Books	2002	6 - 12 years old	Diverse poetry collection. Culture. Narrative.
Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright! - An Animal Poem for Every Day of the Year:	Waters, Fiona	National Trust	2020	6+ years old	An anthology of 366 animal poems for every day of the year. It includes work by Michael Rosen, Roger McGough, Carol Ann Duffy, William Blake, Dick King-Smith, Ted Hughes, Grace Nichols, Lewis Carroll, Christina Rossetti, Emily Dickinson.
What The Poemster Found	Wright, Alan	Balboa	2019	6+ years old	Literature. Poetry.
I Bet There's No Broccoli On The Moon	Wright, Alan	Balboa	2016	6+ years old	Poetry that explores the joys of life, the adventures of Martina the astronaut, and why the world is full of silly songs.
Searching For Hen's Teeth	Wright, Alan	Balboa	2014	6+ years old	A collection of adventurous verse for young poetry lovers. Humorous.
In for Winter, Out for Spring	Adoff, Arnold	Harcourt Children's Books	1997	7 - 9 years old	Children's poetry book. Nature. Family Life.
A World Full of Poems	Selected by Sylvia Vardell	DK Publishing	2020	7 - 9 years old	Free verse. Concepts in science, sports, & space. Friendship, family, & feelings.
If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand	Dakos, Kalli	Aladdin Paperbacks	1995	7 - 10 years old	Thirty-eight poems about life in elementary school.
A Is Amazing-Poems About Feelings	Edited by Wendy Cooling, Frances Lincoln	Children's Books	2012	7 - 10 years old	Exploring moods and emotions.
Put Your Eyes Up Here : And Other School Poems	Dakos, Kalli	Aladdin Paperbacks	2006	7 - 11 years old	Children's humorous poetry book. School issues. New experiences.
Rattling in the Wind: Australian Poems for Children	Heylen, Jill	Omnibus Books	1987	7 - 11 years old	The poems in this collection are grouped in themes such as the sea, animals and the individual in relation to the outside world which makes it a very appropriate book for teachers interested in integrating poetry into the curriculum as a whole.
The Best Ever Book of Funny Poems	Chosen by Brian Moses	McMillan's Children's Books	2021	7 - 11 years old	An anthology of funny poems from one of the UK's most celebrated children's poets.
Pearl Verses The World	Murphy, Sally	Walker Books	2009	7 - 12 years old	A moving illustrated verse novel about a girl dealing with isolation at school, and with her grandma's illness at home.
The First Scientists: Deadly Inventions and Innovations from Australia's First Peoples	Tutt, Corey	Hardie Grant Books	2021	7 - 12 years old	Children's science. Indigenous knowledge. Australia's First peoples. Promote STEM subjects among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and connect students with mentors.

This Poem Is A Nest	Latham, Irene	Wordsong	2020	7 - 14 years old	This beautiful poetry collection introduces readers to the art of found poetry as the poet writes a 37-line poem, "Nest," then finds 160 smaller poems within it.
I'm Just No Good At Rhyming,	Harris, Chris	Little brown & Company,	2017	7+ years old	combines wit, wordplay and nonsense with visual and verbal tricks to make you look at the world in a new and wonderfully upside-down way, reminiscent of Shel Silverstein.
Big Book of Bad Things	Rosen, Michael	Walker Books	2010	7+ years old	A brand new collection of original poetry from Michael Rosen
Up in the Tree	Atwood, Margaret	Groundwood Books	1978	7+ years old	Children's literature/ poetry. Exploration of the World. Nature.
Silly Verse for Kids	Milligan, Spike	Penguin Random House Children's	2015	7+ years old	A collection of the absurd, ridiculous, sublime and characteristically anarchic verse from the brilliant Spike Milligan.
Sea Prayer	Hosseini, Khaled	Bloomsbury Publishing	2018	7+ years old	Contemporary literature & fiction. Social themes. Current issues. Emigration & Immigration.
The Sun is Laughing	Ellis, Sue	Walker Books	2000	8 - 10 years old	Collection of limericks, nonsense verse & thoughtful poems about the natural world.
Who Shrank My Grandmother's House?: Poems of Discovery	Esbensen, Barbara	HarperCollins Publishers	1992	8 - 10 years old	Free verse poetry. Discoveries / growing up.
Please Mrs Butler	Ahlberg, Allan	Penguin UK	1984	8 - 11 years old	Children's poetry book. Hilarious and poignant school verses about primary school life.
The Lion Drummer	Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin Australia	2008	8 - 12 years old	Chinese new year. Following dreams and having goals.
Out of Wonder	Alexander, Kwame	Candlewick Press	2017	8 - 12 years old	Children's poetry. Children's biography & memoir.
The One Thing You'd Save	Park, Sue	Clarion Books	2021	8 - 12 years old	Children's social theme. Verse fiction. Children disaster book.
A Writing Kind of Day: Poems for Young Poets	Fletcher, Ralph	WordSong	2014	8 - 12 years old	Children's poetry. Children exploring the world.
Worse Things	Murphy, Sally	Walker Books	2020	8 - 12 year old	A verse novel that follows the lives of three main characters: Blake, an Aussie Rules football player who suffers a devastating injury; Jolene, a hockey player who hates the game and is grieving over the recent death of her father; and Amed, a soccer-loving, non-English speaking orphan who feels like an outsider since arriving in Australia after being raised in a refugee camp.
Love That Dog	Creech, Sharon	Joanna Cotler Books	2001	8 - 12 years old	Free verse piece written in diary form in the perspective of a young boy who resists poetry assignments from his teacher.
Naked Bunyip Dancing	Herrick, Steven	Allen & Unwin	2005	8 - 12 years old	Funny, honest and full of likeable characters, this free verse story is about Class 6C finding out who they are, what they are good at and how to out on a fantastic show.
The Dream of the Thylacine	Wild, Margaret	Allen & Unwin	2011	8 - 12 years old	This 130-word text is an extended metaphor, an ode, a lament, yet also a lyric, reinforced by sweeping colour paintings of the animal in its natural environment.
Salting The Ocean 100 poems by young poets	Naomi Shihab - Nye	Greenwillow Books	2000	8+ years old	An anthology of 100 poems by 100 poets who wrote their poems when they were in grades one through twelve. These poets are not famous. You have not read their poems before. These poets live anywhere. They are now dentists and dancers and teachers and students and construction workers. They write with fire. They could be you.
Our Home Is Dirt By Sea- Australian Poems for Australian Kids	Selected by Diane Bates,	Walker Books	2016	8+ years old	An anthology of poetry written by over thirty different Australian poets for Australian children. Topics include school, family, special events like birthdays and Christmas, animals and sports.
Bindi	Saunders, Kirli	Magabala Books	2020	8+ years old	Bindi is a verse novel for mid-upper primary students. Written 'for those who plant trees', Bindi explores climate, bushfires, and healing. Written from the point of view of 11-year-old, Bindi and her friends on Gundungurra Country.

The Death of the Hat	Poems Selected by Paul Janeczko	Candlewick Press	2015	8+ years old	Paul Janeczko offers young readers a quick tour of poets through the ages. A great introduction to the history of poetry and poetic forms
Relatively Speaking: Poems about Family	Fletcher, Ralph	Orchard Books	1991	9 - 10 years old	Children's family life poetry.
Limelight	Raphael, Solli	Penguin Books Australia	2018	9 - 11 years old	<i>Limelight</i> is a unique collection of slam poetry paired with inspirational writing techniques. With over 30 original poems in different form, Solli's work tackles current social concerns for his generation, such as sustainability and social equality.
Rich Lizard	Chandra, Deborah	Sunburst Book	1996	9 - 11 years old	Poetry. Children's non-fiction literature.
A Jar of Tiny Stars	Cullinan, Bernice	WordSong	1995	9 - 11 years old	An anthology of poems written by winners of the NCTE English Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children. Poems were picked by 2500 children as their favourites.
Miguel's Brave Knight	Engle, Margarita	Peachtree Publishing Company	2017	9 - 11 years old	Children's literary biography & historical fiction. Picture/ poetry.
Where the Steps Were	Cheng, Andrea	Wordsong/Boyd's Mills	2008	9 - 12 years old	Poetic narrative. Free-verse. Children's social theme. Children's non-fiction literature.
Have You Been to the Beach Lately?	Fletcher, Ralph	Orchard Books	2001	9 - 12 years old	Children's social themes. Poetry.
The Complete Nonsense of Edward Lear	Lear, Edward	Faber & Faber	2015	9 - 12 years old	His complete edition of Lear's nonsense verse - including the limericks, longer verses, alphabets and his own illustrations - is lovingly restored and beautifully presented, for adults and children to enjoy together.
Joyful Noise, Poems for Two Voices	Fleischman, Paul	Harper Trophy	1998	9 - 13 years old	The book is a collection of fourteen children's poems about insects such as mayflies, lice, and honeybees. The concept is unusual in that the poems are intended to be read aloud by two people.
The Crossover	Alexander, Kwame	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	2014	9 - 14 years old	Told entirely through verse, this story follows Josh and Jordan coming to grips with growing up on and off the basket ball court.
Out & Back Again	Lai, Thanh	Harper Collins	2011	9 - 14 years old	Inspired by the author's childhood experience as a refugee--fleeing Vietnam after the Fall of Saigon and immigrating to Alabama--this coming-of-age debut novel is told in verse. It has been celebrated for its touching child's-eye view of family and immigration.
Lost Magic, The Very Best of Brian Moses	Moses, Brian	McMillan Children's Books	2016	9+ years old	Children and Teen poetry. Junior fiction.
Limelight	Raphael, Solli	Puffin Books Books	2018	9+ years old	Verse poetry showcasing creativity and the power of social consciousness. Australia slam poet. Children's Social issues. Youth author.
Locomotion	Woodson, Jacqueline	Puffin Books Books	2003	10 - 12 years old	Lyricaly written, this is a story of love, loss, and hope.
Poetry for Kids: Robert Frost	Frost, Robert	Moondance Press	2017	10 - 14 years old	Children's biography & memoir. Children's poetry/ Picture book.
Tai Chi Morning	Grimes, Nikki	Cricket Books	2004	10 - 14 years old	Snap shots of China through the poet, Nikki Grime's eyes.
The ABC Book of Australian Poetry: A treasury for young readers	Hawthorn, Libby	Harper Collins	2010	10 - 14 years old	This collection of poems for children brought together by award-winning author and poet, Libby Hathorn, includes favourites such as those by A.B. 'Banjo' Paterson, Dorothea Mackellar and C.J. Dennis, as well as more contemporary poems by Steven Herrick, Eva Johnson, Les A. Murray and others.
Rhyme Schemer	K.A.Holt	Chronicle Books	2014	10 - 14 years old	An accessible novel in verse that is both touching and hilarious. It is a celebration of the power of words and their ability to transform lives.
Planet Middle School	Grimes, Nikki	Bloomsbury USA Children's	2011	10 - 14 years old	A story of adolescent feelings and first crushes told through a selection of short poems written by Nikki Grimes.
This is Home: Essential Australian Poems for Children	Various	National Library of Australia	2019	10 - 14 years old	In <i>This Is Home</i> , much-loved author Jackie French has gathered a poem for every child and every mood

Sister Heart	Morgan, Sally	Freemantle Press,	2015	10 - 15 year old	Free verse novel from Sally Morgan tells of a young aboriginal girl taken from the north of Australia and sent to an institution. It is poignantly told from the child's perspective.
A Ghost in My Suitcase	Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin Australia	2009	10+ years old	Magic realism story. Ghost-hunting, Chinese mythology and culture.
Goldilocks on CCTV	Agard, John	Frances Lincoln Children's Books	2012	11 - 14 years old	Teen & young adult nonfiction. Fairy tale and legend with modern and urban revamp. Humorous.
Tadpoles In The Torrens, Poems for young readers	Edited by Jude Aquilina	Akefield Press	2016	11 - 14 years old	A collection of poems from South Australian writers. Poems include a mix of style and form and cater for several year levels
To This Day	Koyczan, Shane	Walker Books Australia	2014	11+ years old	Spoken word poem. Bullying. Single poem.
The Art of Taxidermy	Kernot, Sharon	The Text Publishing Company	2018	12 - 14 years old	A lyrical free verse novel exploring love and death, grief and beauty, and the ways we try to make sense of it all.
Ordinary Things: Poems from a Walk in Early Spring	Fletcher, Ralph	Atheneum Books	1997	12 - 15 years old	Teen & young adult literature and fiction. Nature.
Troy Thompson's Excellent Poetry Book	Crew, Gary	Kane/Miller Book Publishers	2003	12 - 17 years old	This is sixth grader, Troy Thompson's poetry exercise book. Troy struggles with poetry but he enters a contest with first prize being \$500 and a new computer.
Poems from Homeroom	Appelt, Kathi	Owlet Paperbacks	2002	12 - 18 years old	Teens & young adult nonfiction/ poetry. Composition & Creative Writing.
The Garden of Empress Cassia	Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin Australia	2002	12 - 19 years old	Novels that help foster intercultural dialogue (cross cultural issues, belonging and finding your place in the world) amongst primary school students.
A Boy's Life	Davis, Jack	Magabala Books	1991	12+ years old	Indigenous Poetry. Aboriginal Autobiographies & Biographies. Aboriginal poet. with humour and compassion.
Honey Spot	Davis, Jack	Currency Press Pty Ltd	2018	12+ years old	Indigenous Poetry. Aboriginal Non Fiction. Poetry. Aborigines. Race relations.
Me and Mary kangaroo	Gilbert, Kevin	Puffin Books Books	1996	12+ years old	Indigenous Poetry. Aborigines - Children - Biography. Kangaroos - Anecdotes.
Inside Black Australia: An Anthology of Aboriginal Poetry	Gilbert, Kevin	Penguin Books	1989	12+ years old	Children poetry. Indigenous Poetry.
Spirit song: a collection of Aboriginal poetry	Mafi-Williams, Lorraine	Omnibus Books	1993	12+ years old	Children poetry. Indigenous Poetry.
Jack Davis: The Maker of History	Turcotte, Gerry	Angus & Robertson	1994	12+ years old	Indigenous Poetry. Aboriginal peoples - Social conditions - Personal accounts. Australian literature
Mogwie Idan : Stories of the Land	Fogarty, Lionel George	Vagabond Press	2014	12+ years old	Australia & Oceania Poetry.
My People: A Kath Walker Collection	Noonuccal, Oodgeroo (Kath Walker )	Jacaranda Press	1981	13 - 16 year old	Australian Indigenous Poem. Poetry and prose. Multicultural society. Classic Australian Literature.
The Poet X	Acevedo, Elizabeth	Harper Collins	2018	13 - 17 years old	Novel-in-verse by award winning slam poet about an Afro-Latino heroine who tells her story.
Everything All At Once	Camden, Steve	McMillan's Children's Books	2018	13+ years old	A beautiful collection of poems about one week in a secondary school where everything happens all at once. Zooming in across our cast of characters, we share moments that span everything from hoping to make it to the end of the week, facing it, fitting in, finding friends and falling out, to loving lessons, losing it, and worrying, wearing it well and worshipping from afar.
Another Night In Mullet Town,	Herrick, Steven	University of Queensland Press	2016	13+ years old	A verse novel from award-winning author Steven Herrick that shines light on friendship, family and finding your way.

Reflections on a Gift of Watermelon Pickle	Dunning, Stephen	HarperTeen	1967	13+ years old	Teens & young adult poetry/ classic literature. Poetry anthology.
The Pearl of Tiger Bay	Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin Australia	2004	13+ years old	Fiction. Mystery.
Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats	Eliot, T.S.	Faber Children PB	1939	14+ years old	Collection of whimsical light poems. Light teen & adult poetry. Cats.
Let 'er Rip, Potato Chip	Durkin, Peter	Oxford University Press AU	1988	15+ years old	Collection of the rhymes, chants and joke.
'Yurna Australia'	Papertalk-Green, Charmaine	States of Poetry - Australian Book Review	2016	15+ years old	Indigenous Poetry. Single Poem.
'Yamaji Culture'	Papertalk-Green, Charmaine	States of Poetry - Australian Book Review	2016	15+ years old	Indigenous Poetry. Single Poem.
False Claims of Colonial Thieves	Papertalk-Green, Charmaine & Kinsella, John	Magabala Books	2018	15+ years old	Indigenous Poetry.
Meet Me at the Intersection	Kwaymullina, Ambein & Lim, Rebecca	Fremantle Press	2018	17+ years old	Meet Me at the Intersection is an anthology of short fiction, memoir and poetry by authors who are First Nations, People of Colour, LGBTQIA+ or living with disability. The focus of the anthology is on Australian life as seen through each author's unique, and seldom heard, perspective.