

A Few Poetry Websites

- The American Academy of Poets @ Poets.org
- Poetry Magazine @ Poetryfoundation.org
- Poetry Out Loud @ Poetryoutloud.org
- Performance @ Button Poetry YouTube Channel
- European Poetry from 1350-1785 @ Luminarium.org
- International Poetry @ Poetryinternational.com
- International Poetry @ Wordswithoutborders.org
- Search "Poet Laureate Projects" Library of Congress @ loc.gov
- 5-minute Daily Poetry Podcast @ slowdownshow.org

There are many poetry websites and only a handful were selected for this list. Explore the web and see what entices you!



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Poetry is for Everyone!

Recommendations from your library



Poetry is for everyone,

and it connects us to our own experiences and to those of others.

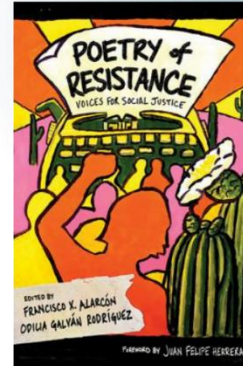
Ways to approach poetry:

- Leave behind your preconceptions about poetry, as well as any negative experiences you've had in the past. Expect not to "get" or like every poem you read.
- Bring your natural curiosity and belief in your abilities.
- Recognize that poems speak in many ways through methods like form, repetition, rhythm, word choice, spacing, rhyme, etc.
- Read a poem more than once--you know what they say about first impressions. There is NO reason that anyone should understand a poem on the first read.
- Spend time with the poem:
 - Read it silently and out loud. Read it again;
 - Read and listen for rhythm, pace, flow, rhyme, etc.;
 - Look at it. Is it titled? Long or short? Breaks between lines? Long or short lines? All of these and more are used by poets to write poetry;
 - What brings the poem to life for you?
 - What comes to mind when reading it? Images? Sounds? Memories? Emotions?
- Perseverance will reward you, but you do not have to like a poem or continue to read a poet you don't enjoy.
- There are many books available and you can start with one of the books recommended here.

All books listed are on the 2nd Floor

Speak Out

Poems of Protest & Politics



Poetry of Resistance: Voices for Social Justice ed. by Francisco X. Alarcón. Poems addressing a wide variety of themes, including racial profiling, cultural misunderstanding, shared identity & more. POETRY / COLLECTION / POE

More to Explore:

Call Us What We Carry: Poems by Amanda Gorman. POETRY / GORMAN / CAL

Collected Poems, 1947-1997 by Allen Ginsberg. POETRY / GINSBERG / COL

The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes ed. by Arnold Rampersad. POETRY / HUGHES / COL

Deaf Republic: Poems by Ilya Kaminsky. POETRY / KAMINSKY / DEA

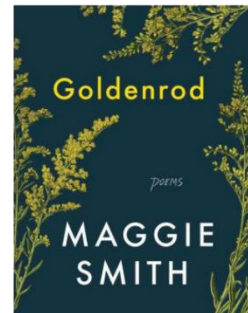
Resistance, Rebellion, Life: 50 Poems Now ed. by Amit Majmudar. POETRY / COLLECTION / MAJ

What Things Cost: an Anthology for the People ed. by Rebecca Gayle Howell, and others. POETRY / COLLECTION / WHA

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Relationship

Connecting with others



Goldenrod: Poems by Maggie Smith.
Poems that look at parenthood,
solitude, love, and memory.
POETRY / SMITH / GOL

More to Explore:

The Art of Losing: Poems of Grief and Healing ed. by Kevin Young. POETRY / COLLECTION / ART

Otherwise: New and Selected Poems by Jane Kenyon.
POETRY / KENYON / OTH

Native Guard: Poems by Natasha Trethewey. POETRY /
TRETHERWEY / NAT

*The Way Under the Way: the Place of True Meaning, Three
Books of Poems* by Mark Nepo. POETRY / NEPO / WAY

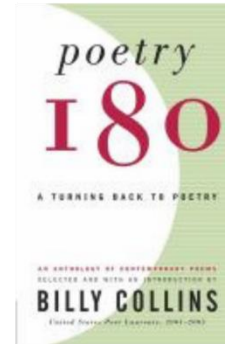
White Apples and the Taste of Stone by Donald Hall.
POETRY / HALL / WHI

Why I Wake Early: New Poems by Mary Oliver. POETRY /
OLIVER / WHY

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Collections

of many poets



Poetry 180: A Turning Back to Poetry
selected by Billy Collins, former U.S.
Poet Laureate
Created to encourage teens to try out
poetry, there is follow-up volume: *180*
More POETRY / COLLECTION / POE

More to Explore:

Good Poems selected by Garrison Keillor.
POETRY / COLLECTION / GOOD

Haiku: Poetry of Zen ed. by Manuela Dunn Mascetti.
POETRY / COLLECTION / HAI

*How Lovely the Ruins: Inspirational Poems and Words for
Difficult Times.* POETRY / COLLECTION / HOW

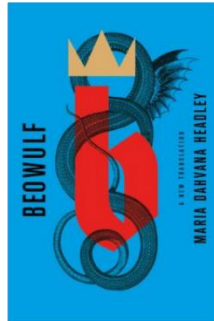
Poetry Unbound: 50 Poems to Open Your World by
Padraig 'O Tuama. POETRY / COLLECTION / POE

She Walks in Beauty: a Woman's Journey Through Poems
selected by Caroline Kennedy. POETRY / COLLECTION /
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Epic

tales of adventure
in verse form



Beowulf.

Only one of the great adventures in poetic form! (Several editions available)
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More to Explore:

Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer (Several editions available). POETRY / CHAUCER / CAN

Dante's Divine Comedy by Seymour Schwast. (Graphic retelling) ADULT GRAPIC / DANTE'S

Gilgamesh. LITERATURE / EPICS / GIL

Iliad by Homer (Several editions available)
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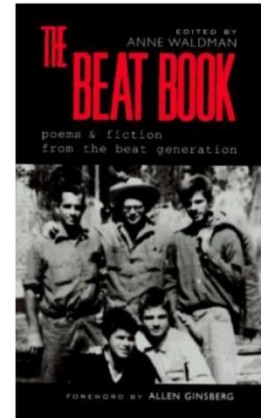
Odyssey by Homer (Several editions available)
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"Song of Myself" in *Leaves of Grass* by Walt Whitman.
POETRY / WHITMAN / LEA

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Performance

spoken words



The Beat Book: Poems and Fiction of the Beat Generation ed. by Anne Waldman.

Includes a chronology of the Beat movement, biographical information and poetry and prose.
POETRY / COLLECTION / BEA

More to Explore:

Black girl magic. V. 2 : BreakBeat Poets. ed. by Mahogany L. Browne, and others. POETRY / COLLECTION / BLA

The BreakBeat Poets : New American Poetry in the Age of Hip-Hop ed. by Kevin Coval, and others. POETRY / COLLECTIONS / BRE

Date & Time by Phil Kaye. POETRY / KAYE / DAT

Slam ed. by Cecily Von Ziegesar. POETRY / COLLECTION / SLAM

Spoken Word : a Cultural History by Joshua Bennett.
POETRY / COLLECTION / BEN

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Native Nations

Poets of the Americas

Weaving sundown in a scarlet light : fifty poems for fifty years by Joy Harjo.
Tracing every occasion of a lifetime: on birth, death, love, and resistance.
POETRY / HARJO / WEA



More to Explore:

Dream Drawings by N. Scott Momaday. (prose poems)
POETRY / MOMADAY / DRE

IRL by Tommy Pico. POETRY / PICO / IRL

Postcolonial Love Poem by Natalie Diaz. POETRY / DIAZ / POS

When the Light of the World Was Subdued, Our Songs Came Through ed. by Joy Harjo. POETRY / COLLECTION / WHE

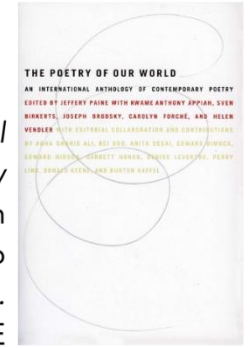
Whereas by Layli Long Soldier. POETRY / SOLDIER / WHE

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International

travel with poems

Poetry of our World: an International Anthology of Contemporary Poetry
A collection that extends our reach from the English-speaking world to Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America.
POETRY / COLLECTION / POE



More to Explore:

Fugitive Atlas by Khaled Mattawa. POETRY / MATTAWA / FUG

Liberation: New Works on Freedom from Internationally Renowned Poets. POETRY / COLLECTION / LIB

The Collected Poems, 1931-1987 by Czeslaw Milosz. POETRY / MILOSZ / COL

The Collected Poems of Octavio Paz, 1957-1987. POETRY / PAZ / COL

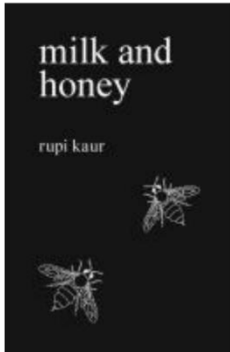
Map: Collected and Last Poems by Wislawa Szymborska. POETRY / SZYMBORSKA / MAP

Time You Let Me In: 25 Poets Under 25 sel. Naomi Shihab Nye. POETRY / NYE / TIM

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InstaPoetry

Written to be shared on
social media



milk and honey by Rupi Kaur
The one who started it all, Kaur is a Canadian poet who explores her South Asian identity and femininity.
POETRY / KAUR / MIL

More to Explore:

No Matter the Wreckage by Sarah Kay.
POETRY / KAY / NO

The Princess Saves Herself in this One by Amanda Lovelace.
POETRY / LOVELACE / PRI

What Kind of Woman by Kate Baer.
POETRY / BAER / WHA

Where Hope Comes From by Nikita Gill.
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Lyricists

Musician-Poets



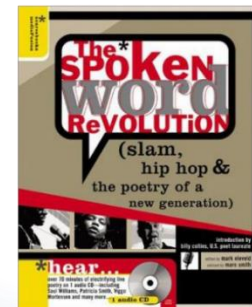
The Rose that Grew from Concrete
by Tupac Amaru Shakur
Written from the time he was 19,
these poems embrace his spirit, his
energy, and his ultimate message of
hope. POETRY / SHAKUR / ROS

More to Explore:

The Flame by Leonard Cohen. POETRY / COHEN / FLA

G'morning, G'night by Lin Manuel Miranda. POETRY /
MIRANDA / GMO

*The Spoken Word Revolution: Slam, Hip-Hop & the Poetry
of a New Generation* ed. by Mark Eleveld. POETRY /
COLLECTION / SPO



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