

Worlds of Words 2020

Global Poetry Collections

<i>Title and author</i>	Level Info	Global Context	Themes/Plot	Possible Pairings
Grades 1-5				
<i>African Acrostics</i> , Avis Harley	40 pp	Namibia	Poems written in acrostics along with photographs of animals from Namibia to capture each animal's unique qualities.	
<i>Animal Poems of the Iguazu</i> , Francisco Alarcon	30 pp	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay	Bilingual English/Spanish poems of animals found in the rainforest of Iguazu National Park	
<i>Are You an Echo: The Lost Poetry of Misuzu Kaneko</i> David Jacobson	32pp	Japan	Collection of poems by a Japanese children's poet in both English and Japanese along with a brief bio	
<i>Around the World in Eighty Poems</i> , James Berry	96 pp	Global	Poems in translation on many different themes and topics from different parts of the world.	
<i>Around the World on Eighty Legs</i> , Amy Gibson	56 pp	Global	Fun poems about animals from around the world. Rhymes with word play, interesting animal facts.	
<i>Chinese and English Nursery Rhymes</i> , Faye-Lynn Wu	33 pp	China	A collection of nursery rhymes in English and simplified Chinese (pinyin), along with a CD	
<i>Dear Wandering Wildebeest</i> , Irene Lathan	33 pp	Kenya	Poems in different styles about animals visiting a Kenyan watering hole with additional info.	

<i>Echo Echo: Reverso Poems about Greek Myths</i> , Marilyn Singer	32 pp	Greece	Collection of short poems which, when reversed, provide new perspectives on Greek myths.	
<i>Every Month is a New Year: Celebrations around the World</i> , Marilyn Singer	32 pp	Global	Collection of original poems about New Year celebrations throughout the year and around the world. Greetings in many languages and brief info.	
<i>A Full Moon is Rising</i> , Marilyn Singer	32 pp	Global	Poems about events and beliefs involving the full moon, reflecting traditions from multiple cultures	
<i>My Village: Rhymes from Around the World</i> , Michelle Wright	53 pp	Global	Multiple languages of 22 nursery rhymes in their original language and English translation.	
<i>Orangutanka</i> , Margarita Engle	32 pp (M)	Borneo	Antics of a family of orangutans in Borneo told through tankas, an ancient Japanese form of poetry	
<i>Over the Hills and Far Away: A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes</i> , Elizabeth Hammill	160 pp	Global	Collection of 150 nursery rhymes from around the world, illustrated by 77 illustrators.	
<i>A Pond on Ink</i> , Annie Schmidt	32 pp	Netherlands Tr	Collection of poems by a Dutch poet on ordinary events and places that become grand adventures,	
<i>Poems to Dream Together</i> , Francisco Alarcon	32 pp	Global	Bilingual English/Spanish of short poems of peace, family, and community among children of all cultures	
<i>Rhymes Round the World</i> , Kay Charao	40 pp	Global	Traditional nursery rhymes from around the world with illustrations.	

<i>Skip across the Ocean</i> , Sheila Moxley	45 pp	Global	Lullabies, nursery rhymes, and nonsense verse from around the world. Songs are in original language and English	
<i>Songs in the Shade of the Cashew and Coconut Trees</i> , Nathalie Soussana	32 pp	Caribbean W. Africa	Collection of lullabies and nursery rhymes from Wests Africa and the Caribbean	
<i>Summoning the Phoenix</i> , Emily Jiang	32 pp	China	Poems about children playing Chinese musical instruments along with info on those instruments.	
<i>Tomalitos: Un Poema para cocinar</i> , Jorge Argueta	32 pp (O)	Mexico	Bilingual poem about a brother and sister making tamalitos, based on Indigenous traditions from Mexico. See also <i>Arroz con Leche</i> , a bilingual poem book about making rice pudding based on Latin American traditions and <i>Salsa</i> , a bilingual poem book about Mexican traditions of making salsa.	
<i>Under the Silver Moon</i> , Pamela Dalton	32 pp	Global	Collection of classic lullabies, songs and poetry about the night from around the world. Cut-paper illustrations.	

Grades 6-12				
<i>19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East</i> , Naomi Shihab Nye	910 L 142 pp	Middle East	A collection of poems by Nye in which she examines life in the Middle East from her perspective as an Arab-American	
<i>Every Human has Rights</i> , National Geographic	48 pp	Global	30 rights from the United Nations declaration of rights, illustrated with photographs and poetry written by youth.	
<i>Ink Knows No Borders: Poems of the Immigrant and Refugee Experience</i> , Patrice Vecchione, editor	183 pp	Global	A collection of 64 poems in a variety of forms by poets who are immigrants and refugees themselves about tough topics including racism, displacement, assimilation, and resilience.	
<i>Requiem: Poems of the Terezin Ghetto</i> , Paul Janeczko	102 pp	Czech	Poems describe experiences of prisoners in the concentration camp, Terezin. Written as personal narratives based on oral histories and diaries with artwork from inmates.	
<i>The Space Between Our Footsteps: Poems and Paintings from the Middle East</i> , Naomi Shihab Nye	144 pp	Middle East, Tr	Anthology of poetry from 120 poets and artists from 19 countries in the Middle East. Translated from Arabic, Hebrew, Persian and Turkish.	
<i>Talking Drums</i> , Veronique Tadjo	96 pp	Africa	Anthology of traditional and contemporary poems from sub-Saharan Africa. Translated.	
<i>This Same Sky: A Collection of Poems from Around the World</i> , Naomi Shihab Nye	212 pp	Global, Tr	Anthology of poetry from 68 countries and 129 poets to celebrate the humans and animals who inhabit the world. Translated from many languages.	

<i>A Thousand Peaks: Poems from China</i> , Siyu Liu	92 pp	China Tr	35 Chinese poems spanning 19 centuries with background info on the poets and times. Bilingual	
<i>The Tree is Older Than You: A Bilingual Gathering of Poems and Stories from Mexico</i> , Naomi Shihab Nye	111 pp	Mexico	A collection of poems, short stories, and artwork by Mexican writers and artists, includes some from Mayan peoples. Bilingual	
<i>World Poetry, Evidence of Life</i> , Paula Johnson	160 pp	Global	Intro to 15 world poets from throughout history, with info on the poet and poems	

Tr = translated from that language and country into English

Under Levels, the letters, e.g. (O), in parentheses are Fountas and Pinnell levels

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