

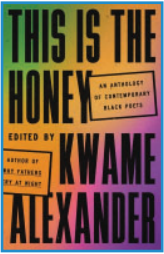
# POETRY

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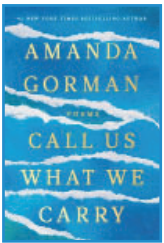
## For Adults



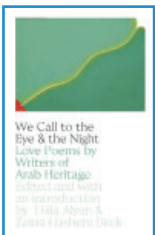
**The Way Forward** written by Yung Pueblo. Bestselling poet Yung Pueblo offers his creativity and prose to uplift others and help them find the very best in themselves.



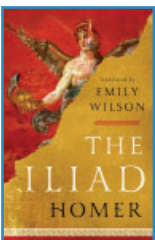
**This Is the Honey: An Anthology of Contemporary Black Poets** edited with an introduction by Kwame Alexander. Acclaimed poet Kwame Alexander has thoughtfully created a collection of poems from established black poets to emerging voices in poetry.



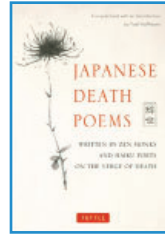
**Call Us What We Carry** by Amanda Gorman. Poetry sensation and presidential inaugural poet Amanda Gorman presents a collection of her poems that cover a variety of themes through rich words and vivid imagery.



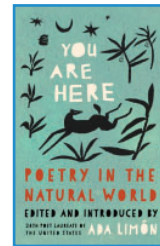
**We Call to the Eye & the Night: Love Poems by Writers of Arab Heritage** edited and with an introduction by Hala Alyan & Zeina Hashem Beck. This collection represents love stories from some of the most prominent and upcoming poets of the Arab Diaspora.



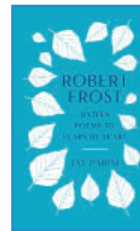
**The Iliad** by Homer; translated by Emily Wilson. This literary classic is back with a new translation by Emily Wilson, the first woman to translate *The Odyssey* into English.



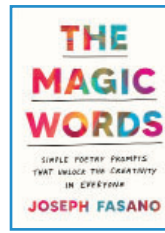
**Japanese Death Poems: Written by Zen Monks and Haiku Poets on the Verge of Death**; compiled and with an introduction by Yoel Hoffmann. Jisei, or the “death poem,” is a centuries-long Japanese art form. These extraordinary poems create an inspirational collection.



**You Are Here: Poetry in the Natural World** edited by Ada Limón. This collection, created in association with the Library of Congress, includes previously unpublished works from poets who celebrate the glories of nature.



**Robert Frost: Sixteen Poems to Learn by Heart** written by Robert Frost by Jay Parini. Sixteen of American poetry icon Robert Frost’s poems are celebrated and discussed in this collection.



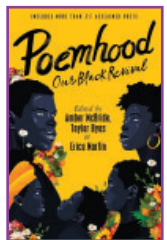
**The Magic Words: Simple Poetry Prompts that Unlock the Creativity in Everyone** written by Joseph Fasano. Explore the creativity within you. Be inspired by these writing prompts to create your own poetry.



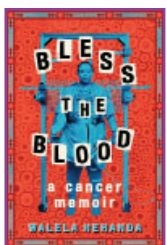
**Modern Poetry** written by Diane Seuss. Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Diane Seuss presents her sixth collection of poems in her trademark raw honesty and artistry.

*Teen and Children titles on reverse.*

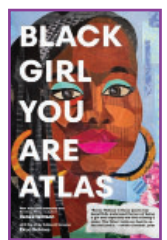
## For Teens



**Poemhood: Our Black Revival; History, Folklore & the Black Experience; A Young Adult Poetry Anthology** edited by Amber McBride, Taylor Byas & Erica Martin. Ages 13-18.  
A compilation of works by famous, award-winning Black writers.



**Bless the Blood: A Cancer Memoir** by Walela Nehanda. Ages 14-18.  
Told through poetry and essays, Nehanda recounts their journey after being diagnosed with leukemia.



**Black Girl You Are Atlas** written by Renée Watson; fine art by Ekuia Holmes. Ages 12-18.  
Watson's collection of empowering and autobiographical poems is complemented by beautiful artwork created by Holmes.



**Kween** by Vichet Chum. Ages 14-18.  
Soma's life is a mess. Her father was deported and her mother must return to Cambodia to help. Poetry is her only outlet, so she decides to enter a local poetry competition.



**Bright Red Fruit** by Safia Elhillo. Ages 13-18.  
Samira's summer is ruined! She's grounded after her mother finds an incriminating photo. The only redeeming thing is she is still allowed to attend a poetry workshop.



**We Are All So Good at Smiling** by Amber McBride. Ages 14-18.  
Whimsy meets Faerry while hospitalized with clinical depression. After both are released, Faerry goes missing in the forest.

## For Children



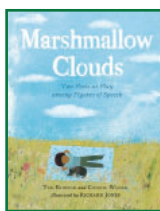
**How to Write a Poem** by Kwame Alexander and Deanna Nikaido; art by Melissa Sweet.  
Welcome to the inspiring world of poetry in this exuberant introduction to seeing the poetry of the world.



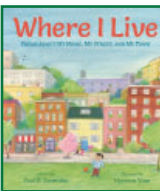
**Remember** poem by U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo; illustrations by Caldecott Medalist Michaela Goade.  
This beautiful book invites young readers to consider the beauty of the world and their essential place within it.



**Eb & Flow** by Kelly J. Baptist.  
This moving novel in verse follows enemies Ebony and De'Kari as they navigate their shared school suspension. Can they forge a path forward together?



**Marshmallow Clouds: Two Poets at Play among Figures of Speech** by Ted Kooser and Connie Wanek; illustrated by Richard Jones.  
This collection of poems makes the ordinary extraordinary. Breath-taking illustrations accompany each poem.



**Where I Live: Poems about My Home, My Street, and My Town** selected by Paul B. Janeczko; illustrated by Hyewon Yum.  
These short poems touch on all the things big and small that make us feel at home.



**Watch Me Bloom** by Krina Patel-Sage.  
Perfect for spring, this cheerful collection of haiku pairs flowers with bold and bright illustrations of lively children as they bloom and grow.