Poetry for Middle and High School Students

A Fire in My Hands by Gary Soto

A Maze Me: Poems for Girls by Naomi Shihab Nye

Aimless Love by Billy Collins

Avalanche by Quincy Troupe

Ballistics by Billy Collins

Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems by John Gandits

Bookspeak!: Poems About Books by Laura Purdy Salas

Borrowed Names by Jeannine Atkins

Break, Blow, Burn by Camille Paglia

Family Reunion by Paul Zimmer

Fox in Socks by Dr. Seuss

Getting the Knack by Stephen Dunning and William Stafford

God Went to Beauty School by Cynthia Rylant

George Bilgere (various books)

Good Poems by Garrison Keeler

Hate That Cat by Sharon Creech

Hormone Jungle by Brod Bagert

Learn Then Burn by Tim Stafford and Derrick Brown

Love That Dog by Sharon Creech

Neighborhood Odes by Gary Soto

New and Selected Poems by Gary Soto

Newspaper Blackout by Austin Kleon

October Mourning: A Song for Matthew Shepard by Leslean Newman

Ode to Common Things by Pablo Neruda

Poems to Learn by Heart by Caroline Kennedy

Poetry Speaks Who I Am by Elise Paschen and Dominique Raccah

Reading Poetry in the Middle Grades by Paul B. Janeczko

Renaissance by Ruth Forman

She by Saul Williams

Sinners Welcome by Mary Karr

Sleeping on the Wing by Kenneth Koch

Spoon River Anthology by Edgar Lee Masters

Swimming Upstream: Middle School Poems by Kristine O'Connell George

The 100 Best African American Poems by Nikki Giovanni

The Making of a Poem by Mark Strand and Eavan Boland

The Rose That Grew From Concrete by Tupac Shakur

The Spoken Word Revolution by Mark Eleveld

Time You Let Me In by Naomi Shihab Nye

Traveling at High Speeds by John Rybicki

What the Heart Knows: Chants, Charms and Blessings by Joyce Sidman

What Work Is by Philip Levine

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

You Don't Even Know Me by Sharon G. Flake