



## Poetry Fun

Brooks, Lou. [Twimericks: The Book of Tongue-Twisting Limericks](#)

Presents limericks with tricky, tongue-twisting rhymes and verses on a variety of topics, including false teeth, flies in France and a flatulent platypus. Ages 6–10 (J 821.8 BRO)

Chorao, Kay. [Rhymes Round the World](#)

Provides a fun-filled collection of nursery rhymes and folk songs from countries all over the world, including Mexico and Poland, with bright illustration throughout, for preschoolers and beginning readers. Ages 4–6 (J 821 RHY)

Florian, Douglas. [Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings](#)

Celebrates the physical characteristics and behaviors of different species of dinosaurs. Ages 5-10 (J 811 FLO)

Giovanni, Nikki. [Hip Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry With a Beat](#)

Presents an illustrated collection of poetry, rhythmic prose and hip-hop and rap lyrics for children, mostly by African American authors. Ages 6–12 (J Picture Books w/CD HIP)

Harley, Avis. [African Acrostics: A Word in Edgewise](#)

Full-color photographs of wild animals, including hippos, zebras, and lions, are presented in this unique poetry book that challenges young readers to find the secret messages hidden within the text. Ages 9–13 (J 811.6 HAR)

Havill, Juanita. [Grow: A Novel in Verse](#)

Two misfit children and other members of a Minneapolis, Minnesota, neighborhood are brought together by a woman creating a community garden. Ages 8–12 (J HAV)

Hirsch, Robin. [F\\*E\\*G: Ridiculous \(Stupid\) Poems for Intelligent Children](#)

A witty and wise collection of twenty-three poems is accompanied by educational and entertaining explanatory notes, inviting readers to discover the joy of language. Ages 10 and up (J 811 HIR)

Hoberman, Mary Ann and Linda Winston. [The Tree That Time Built: A Celebration of Nature, Science and Imagination](#)

An anthology of more than 100 poems celebrating the wonders of the natural world and encouraging environmental awareness. Includes an audio CD that comprises readings of 44 of the poems, many performed by the poets themselves. Ages 7–12 (J 808.81 TRE)

Hopkins, Lee Bennett. [Incredible Inventions](#)

A collection of poems that celebrate inventions such as jigsaw puzzles, blue jeans, and roller coasters. Ages 5–10 (J 811.54 HOP)

Hughes, Ted. [The Cat and the Cuckoo](#)

Illustrated poems about an otter, a dragonfly, a cow, a robin and many other creatures of the land, sea and air. Ages 8-12 (J 821.914 HUG)



Janezcko, Paul B. and J. Patrick Lewis. [Wing Nuts: Screwy Haiku](#)

A collection of senryu--similar poetry to haiku--tackles a wide range of such child-friendly subjects as baby-sitters, jumping rope, snoring parents, and Grandpa's underwear. Ages 6-10 (J 811 JAN)

Lewis, J. Patrick. [The Underwear Salesman: And Other Jobs for Better or Verse](#)

Celebrates more than fifty different careers using rhymes, haikus, limericks and shape poems. Ages 7-10 (J 811.54 LEW)

Livingston, Myra Cohn. [Cricket Never Does: a Collection of Haiku and Tanka](#)

A collection of more than fifty original haiku and tanka verses about the four seasons. Ages 10-14 (J 811 LIV)

Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth. [The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere](#)

The famous narrative poem recreating Paul Revere's midnight ride in 1775 to warn the people of the Boston countryside that the British were coming. Ages 8-12 (J 811 LON)

Pearson, Susan. [Who Swallowed Harold? And Other Poems about Pets](#)

Eighteen poems--some funny, some touching--along with illustrations, share a look at the pets we love, from puppies and iguanas to goldfish and guinea pigs. Ages 5-9 (J 811 PEA)

Prelutsky, Jack. [Behold the Bold Umbrellaphant and Other Poems](#)

Accompanied by vibrant collage illustrations, a wonderfully wacky collection of seventeen poems introduces a vast array of colorful characters, who are part creature, part inanimate object, from the ballpoint penguin to the spatuloon. Ages 5 and up (J 811 PRE)

Proimos, James. [If I Were in Charge the Rules Would be Different](#)

A collection of poetry filled with such characters as General Mary Rumpus, the leader of the war on vegetables, and Billy Snuglag, who picks teams as well as his nose, features odes to spaghetti, stinky feet, and baths. Ages 8-10 (J 811 PRO)

Silverstein, Shel. [Runny Babbit: A Billy Sook](#)

Runny Babbit's topsy-turvy world is brought to life through witty and wondrous wordplay and brilliant drawings. Ages 7-11 (J 811 SIL)

Smith, Charles R. [Rim Shots: Basketball Pix, Rolls and Rhythms](#)

A photographic collection of the amateur, scholastic, and professional world of basketball includes poems, jokes and stories as rhythmic and gritty as the sport itself. Ages 8-12 (J PIC Older Reader SMI)



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