

# The Canadian Children's Book Centre's List of Poetry Books for Kids and Teens

## **African Acrostics: A Word in Edgeways**

Written by **Avis Harley**  
Photography by **Deborah Noyes**  
Candlewick Press, 2009  
ISBN 978-0763636210  
Grades 4-6 / Ages 8-12

## **Alligator Pie: Classic Edition**

Written by **Dennis Lee**  
Illustrated by **Frank Newfeld**  
HarperCollins Publishers, 2012 ©1974  
ISBN 978-1443411516  
Grades 1-2 / Ages 4-7

## **And the Crowd Goes Wild! A Global Gathering of Sports Poems**

Edited by **Carol-Ann Hoyte** and **Heidi Bee Roemer**  
Illustrated by **Kevin Sylvester**  
Friesens Press, 2012  
ISBN 978-1770979536  
Grade 3 / Ages 8-12

## **Ann and Seamus**

Written by **Kevin Major**  
Illustrated by **David Blackwood**  
Groundwood Books, 2003  
ISBN 978-0888995612  
Grades 7-9 / Ages 12 and up

## **Apples and Butterflies**

Written by **Shauntay Grant**  
Illustrated by **Tamara Thieboux Heikalo**  
Nimbus Publishing, 2012  
ISBN 978-1551099354  
Grade 2 / Ages 4-9

## **The Apprentice's Masterpiece: A Story of Medieval Spain**

Written by **Melanie Little**  
Annick Press, 2008  
ISBN 978-1554511907  
Grades 8-9 / Ages 14 and up  
*Novels in Verse*

## **aRHYTHMetic**

Written by **Tiffany Stone, Kari-Lynn Winters** and **Lori Sherritt-Fleming**  
Illustrated by **Scot Ritchie**  
Gumboot Books, 2009  
ISBN 978-0978435158  
Grades 2-3 / Ages 4-8

## **An Armadillo is Not a Pillow**

Written by **Lois Simmie**  
Illustrated by **Anne Simmie**  
Greystone Books, 1986  
ISBN 978-0888331854  
Grades 2-3 / Ages 5-11

## **Baad Animals**

Written by **Tiffany Stone**  
Illustrated by **Christina Leist**  
Tradewind Books, 2006  
ISBN 978-1896580364  
Grades 2-3 / Ages 5-9

## **Better Together**

Written by **Sheryl Shapiro** and **Simon Shapiro**  
Illustrated by **Dušan Petričić**  
Annick Press, 2011  
ISBN 978-1554512782  
Grade 2 / Ages 5-8

## **A Bluenose Twleve Days of Christmas**

Written by **Bruce Nunn**  
Illustrated by **Doretta Groenendyk**  
Nimbus Publishing, 2012  
ISBN 978-1551099385  
Grade 2 / Ages 3-8

## **BookSpeak! Poems About Books**

Written by **Laura Purdie Salas**  
Illustrated by **Josée Bisailon**  
Clarion Books, 2011  
ISBN 978-0547223001  
Grade 3 / Ages 6-9

## **Bubblegum Delicious: Classic Edition**

Written by **Dennis Lee**  
Illustrated by **David McPhail**  
HarperCollins Publishers, 2012 ©2000  
ISBN 978-1443411592  
Grades 1-2 / Ages 3-7

## **Burn**

Written by **Alma Fullerton**  
Dancing Cat Books, 2010  
ISBN 978-1897151952  
Grades 5-6 / Ages 12 and up  
*Novels in Verse*

## **Buttercup's Lovely Day**

Written by **Carolyn Beck**  
Illustrated by **Andrea Beck**  
Orca Book Publishers, 2008  
ISBN 978-1551435121  
Grades 2-3 / Ages 4-8

## **Cabbagehead**

Written and illustrated by **Loris Lesynski**  
Annick Press, 2003  
ISBN 978-1550378047  
Grades 1-2 / Ages 4-7

## **Casey at the Bat (Visions in Poetry)**

Written by **Ernest L. Thayer**  
Illustrated by **Joe Morse**  
Kids Can Press, 2006  
ISBN 978-1553378273  
Grades 4-6 / Ages 10 and up

## **The Cat and the Wizard**

Written by **Dennis Lee**  
Illustrated by **Gillian Johnson**  
Key Porter Books, 2007 ©2001  
ISBN 978-1552638842  
Grades 3-4 / Ages 5-8

## **The City Speaks in Drums**

Written by **Shauntay Grant**  
Illustrated by **Susan Tooke**  
Nimbus Publishing, 2010  
ISBN 978-1551097589  
Grades 4-5 / Ages 6-10

## **Counting Back from Nine**

Written by **Valerie Sherrad**  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2012  
ISBN 978-1554552450  
Grades 8-9 / Ages 13 and up  
*Novels in Verse*

## **Crazy About Soccer!**

Written by **Loris Lesynski**  
Illustrated by **Gerry Rasmussen**  
Annick Press, 2012  
ISBN 978-1554514212  
Grade 3 / Ages 6-12

### **The Crazy Man**

Written by **Pamela Porter**  
Groundwood Books, 2005  
ISBN 978-0888996954  
Grades 6-8 / Ages 10 and up  
*Novels in Verse*

### **Crocodiles Play!**

Written by **Robert Heidbreder**  
Illustrated by **Rae Maté**  
Tradewind Books, 2008  
ISBN 978-1896580890  
Grades 1-2 / Ages 4-7

### **Crocodiles Say...**

Written by **Robert Heidbreder**  
Illustrated by **Rae Maté**  
Tradewind Books, 2005  
ISBN 978-1896580135  
Grades 1-2 / Ages 4-7

### **Dirty Dog Boogie**

Written and illustrated by **Loris Lesynski**  
Annick Press, 1999  
ISBN 978-1550375725  
Grades 1-2 / Ages 4-7

### **Doctor Knickerbocker and Other Rhymes: A Canadian Collection**

Selected by **David Booth**  
Illustrated by **Maryann Kovalski**  
Kids Can Press, 1993  
ISBN 978-1550740790  
Grades 3-4 / Ages 8-11

### **Down in the Bottom of the Bottom of the Box**

Written by **JonArno Lawson**  
Illustrated by **Alec Dempster**  
Porcupine's Quill, 2012  
ISBN 978-0889843547  
Grades 1-3 / Ages 4-8

### **Driftwood Dragons and Other Seaside Poems**

Written by **Tyne Brown**  
Illustrated by **Tamara Thiebaut Heikalo**  
Nimbus Publishing, 2012  
ISBN 978-1551098937  
Grades 2-4 / Ages 5-10

### **Drumheller Dinosaur Dance**

Written by **Robert Heidbreder**  
Illustrated by **Bill Slavin** and **Esperança Melo**  
Kids Can Press, 2004  
ISBN 978-1553379829  
Grades 1-2 / Ages 3-7

### **Earth Magic**

Written by **Dionne Brand**  
Illustrated by **Eugenie Fernandes**  
Kids Can Press, 2006  
ISBN 978-1553377061  
Grades 4-6 / Ages 8 and up

### **The Eco-Diary of Kiran Singer**

Written by **Sue Ann Alderson**  
Illustrated by **Millie Ballance**  
Tradewind Books, 2007  
ISBN 978-1896580470  
Grade 3 / Ages 8 and up

### **Eenie Meenie Manitoba: Playful Poems and Rollicking Rhymes**

Written by **Robert Heidbreder**  
Illustrated by **Scot Ritchie**  
Kids Can Press, 2000 ©1996  
ISBN 978-1550748185  
Grades 1-2 / Ages 4-9

### **Fishtailing**

Written by **Wendy Phillips**  
Coteau Books, 2010  
ISBN 978-1550504118  
Grades 9-10 / Ages 14 and up  
*Novels in Verse*

### **Floyd The Flamingo and His Flock of Friends**

Written by **Tiffany Stone**  
Illustrated by **Kathryn Shoemaker**  
Tradewind Books, 2004  
ISBN 978-1896580586  
Grade 3 / Ages 5-9

### **A Funeral in the Bathroom**

Written by **Kalli Dakos**  
Illustrated by **March Beech**  
Albert Whitman & Company  
ISBN 978-0807526750  
Grades 2-3 / Ages 6-9

### **Garbage Delight: Another Helping**

Written by **Dennis Lee**  
Illustrated by **Maryann Kovalski**  
Key Porter Books, 2002  
ISBN 978-1552634707  
Grades 3-5 / Ages 3-8

### **Garbage Delight: Classic Edition**

Written by **Dennis Lee**  
Illustrated by **Frank Newfeld**  
HarperCollins Publishers, 2012 ©1977  
ISBN 978-1443411554  
Grades 3-5 / Ages 3-8

### **A Grain of Sand**

Written by **P.K. Page**  
Illustrated by **Vladyana Krykorka**  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2003  
ISBN 978-1550418019  
Grades 3-4 / Ages 8 and up

### **The Highwayman (Visions in Poetry)**

Written by **Alfred Noyes**  
Illustrated by **Murray Kimber**  
Kids Can Press, 2005  
ISBN 978-1553374251  
Grades 5-7 / Ages 12 and up

### **The Hunting of the Snark: An Agony in Eight Fits**

Written by **Lewis Carroll**  
Illustrated by **Oleg Lipchenko**  
Tundra Books, 2012  
ISBN 978-1770494077  
Grade 7 / Ages 12 and up

### **I Am the Book**

Poems selected by **Lee Bennett Hopkins**  
Illustrated by **Yayo**  
Holiday House, Inc., 2011  
ISBN 978-0823421190  
Grade 3 / Ages 5-9

### **"I Did It Because...": How a Poem Happens**

Written by **Loris Lesynski**  
Illustrated by **Michael Martchenko**  
Annick Press, 2006  
ISBN 978-1554510184  
Grade 3 / Ages 7-10

### **I Gave My Mom a Castle**

Written by **Jean Little**  
Illustrated by **Kady MacDonald Denton**  
Orca Book Publishers, 2003  
ISBN 978-1551432533  
Grades 4-6 / Ages 7 and up

### **I Wished for a Unicorn**

Written by **Robert Heidbreder**  
Illustrated by **Kady MacDonald Denton**  
Kids Can Press, 2000  
ISBN 978-1550745436  
Grade 2 / Ages 3-8

**The Ice Cream Store:  
Classic Edition**

Written by **Dennis Lee**  
Illustrated by **David McPhail**  
HarperCollins Publishers, 2012 ©1991  
ISBN 978-11443414258  
Grade 4 / Ages 2-7

**If I Had a Million Onions**

Written by **Sheree Fitch**  
Illustrated by **Yayo**  
Tradewind Books, 2005  
ISBN 978-1896580784  
Grades 3-4 / Ages 4-6

**Jabberwocky**

*(Visions in Poetry)*  
Written by **Lewis Carroll**  
Illustrated by **Stéphane Jorisch**  
Kids Can Press, 2004  
ISBN 978-1553370796  
Grades 4-6 / Ages 10 and up

**Jack Pine**

Written by **Christopher Patton**  
Illustrated by **Cybèle Young**  
Groundwood Books, 2007  
ISBN 978-0888997807  
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-12

**Jelly Belly**

Written by **Dennis Lee**  
Illustrated by **Juan Wijngaard**  
Key Porter Books, 2001 ©1983  
ISBN 978-1552633267  
Grades 2-3 / Ages 3-8

**Karma**

Written by **Cathy Ostlere**  
Puffin Canada, 2011  
ISBN 978-0670064526  
Grades 7-8 / Ages 14 and up  
*Novels in Verse*

**The Lady of Shalott**

*(Visions in Poetry)*  
Written by **Alfred, Lord Tennyson**  
Illustrated by **Geneviève Côté**  
Kids Can Press, 2005  
ISBN 978-1553378747  
Grades 7-8 / Ages 12 and up

**Libertad**

Written by **Alma Fullerton**  
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2008  
ISBN 978-1554551064  
Grade 4 / Ages 9-12  
*Novels in Verse*

**Lickety-Split**

Written by **Robert Heidbreder**  
Illustrated by **Dušan Petričić**  
Kids Can Press, 2007  
ISBN 978-1553377108  
Grade 3 / Ages 3-11

**The Little Land**

Written by **Robert Louis Stevenson**  
Illustrated by **Kim Fernandes**  
Kids Can Press, 2004 ©2002  
ISBN 978-1553377658  
Grades 2-3 / Ages 5-8

**Lizzy's Lion**

Written by **Dennis Lee**  
Illustrated by **Marie-Louise Gay**  
Stoddart, 1993 ©1984  
ISBN 978-0773673977  
Grades 1-3 / Ages 4-8

**Lollipopsicles**

Written by **Gretchen Kelbaugh**  
Illustrated by **J.O. Pennanen**  
BAJ Books, 2000  
ISBN 978-0968710401  
Grades 3-4 / Ages 6-12

**Mabel Murple**

Written by **Sheree Fitch**  
Illustrated by **Sydney Smith**  
Nimbus Publishing, 2010 ©1995  
ISBN 978-1551097886  
Grades 1-3 / Ages 4-9

**My Book of Life by Angel**

Written by **Martine Leavitt**  
Groundwood Books, 2012  
ISBN 978-1554981175  
Grades 9-10 / Ages 14 and up

**My Letter to the World and  
Other Poems**

*(Visions in Poetry)*  
Written by **Emily Dickinson**  
Illustrated by **Isabelle Arsenault**  
Kids Can Press, 2008  
ISBN 978-1554531035  
Grades 5-6 / Ages 10 and up

**Nicholas Knock and Other People**

Written by **Dennis Lee**  
Illustrated by **Frank Newfeld**  
Macmillan of Canada, 1974  
ISBN 978-0770511944  
Grades 2-3 / Ages 3-8

**Night Sky Wheel Ride**

Written by **Sheree Fitch**  
Illustrated by **Yayo**  
Tradewind Books, 2012  
ISBN 978-1896580678  
Grade 3 / Ages 4-7

**No Two Snowflakes**

Written by **Sheree Fitch**  
Illustrated by **Janet Wilson**  
Orca Book Publishers, 2001  
ISBN 978-1551432069  
Grades 1-3 / Ages 3-8

**Noisy Poems for a Busy Day**

Written by **Robert Heidbreder**  
Illustrated by **Lori Joy Smith**  
Kids Can Press, 2012  
ISBN 978-1554537088  
Grade 2 / Ages 3-7

**Nothing Beats a Pizza**

Written and illustrated by **Loris  
Lesynski**  
Annick Press, 2001  
ISBN 978-1550377002  
Grades 1-2 / Ages 4-7

**Old MacDonald Had Her Farm**

Written by **JonArno Lawson**  
Illustrated by **Tina Holdcroft**  
Annick Press, 2012  
ISBN 978-1554514564  
Grade 2 / Ages 4-7

**On My Walk**

Written by **Kari-Lynn Winters**  
Illustrated by **Christina Leist**  
Tradewind Books, 2009  
ISBN 978-1896580616  
Grades 1-2 / Ages 3-7

**Other Goose: Recycled Rhymes  
for Our Fragile Times**

Written by illustrated by **Barbara Wyn  
Klunder**  
Groundwood Books, 2007  
ISBN 978-0888998293  
Grade 4 / Ages 10 and up

**The Owl and the Pussycat**

*(Visions in Poetry)*  
Written by **Edward Lear**  
Illustrated by **Stéphane Jorisch**  
Kids Can Press, 2007  
ISBN 978-1553378280  
Grade 5 / Ages 10 and up

### Peek-a-Little Boo

Written by **Sheree Fitch**  
Illustrated by **Laura Watson**  
Orca Book Publishers, 2005  
ISBN 978-1551433424  
Grade 1 / Ages 0-4

### Rainbow Shoes

Written by **Tiffany Stone**  
Illustrated by **Stefan Czernecki**  
Tradewind Books, 2012  
ISBN 978-1896580852  
Grade 2 / Ages 4-8

### The Raven

(Visions in Poetry)  
Written by **Edgar Allan Poe**  
Illustrated by **Ryan Price**  
Kids Can Press, 2006  
ISBN 978-1553374732  
Grade 6 / Ages 13 and up

### Sail Away With Me

Selected and written by **Jane Collins-Philippe**  
Illustrated by **Laura Beingessner**  
Tundra Books, 2010  
ISBN 978-0887768422  
Grades 1-2 / Ages 2-5

### A Sea-Wishing Day

Written by **Robert Heidbreder**  
Illustrated by **Kady MacDonald Denton**  
Kids Can Press, 2007  
ISBN 978-1553377078  
Grades 2-3 / Ages 5-10

### A Second is a Hiccup: A Child's Book of Time

Written by **Hazel Hutchins**  
Illustrated by **Kady MacDonald Denton**  
Scholastic Canada, 2009 ©2004  
ISBN 978-0439946100  
Grades 1-3 / Ages 3-8

### The Secret Invasion of Bananas

Written by **Robert Priest**  
Illustrated by **Tineke Visser**  
Ekstasis Editions, 2001  
ISBN 978-1896860978  
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-13

### See Saw Saskatchewan: More Playful Poems from Coast to Coast

Written by **Robert Heidbreder**  
Illustrated by **Scot Ritchie**  
Kids Can Press, 2003  
ISBN 978-1553373926  
Grades 1-3 / Ages 4-10

### Shake-Awakes

Written by **Robert Heidbreder**  
Illustrated by **Marc Mongeau**  
Tradewind Books, 2011  
ISBN 978-1896580715  
Grades 1-2 / Ages 4-7

### Shoes Shakes

Written by **Loris Lesynski**  
Illustrated by **Michael Martchenko**  
Annick Press, 2007  
ISBN 978-1554511068  
Grades 1-2 / Ages 3-8

### Sleeping Dragons All Around

Written by **Sheree Fitch**  
Illustrated by **Michele Nidenoff**  
Nimbus Publishing, 2009  
ISBN 978-1551096995  
Grades 2-3 / Ages 4-8

### So Cool

Written by **Dennis Lee**  
Illustrated by **Maryann Kovalski**  
Key Porter Books, 2004  
ISBN 978-1552636138  
Grades 6-8 / Ages 11 and up

### The Swing

Written by **Robert Louis Stevenson**  
Illustrated by **Julie Morstad**  
Simply Read Books, 2012  
ISBN 978-1897476482  
Grade 1 / Ages 1-3

### There Were Monkeys in My Kitchen

Written by **Sheree Fitch**  
Illustrated by **Sydney Smith**  
Nimbus Publishing, 2011 © 1992  
ISBN 978-1551098661  
Grades 2-3 / Ages 4-8

### Think Again

Written by **JonArno Lawson**  
Illustrated by **Julie Morstad**  
Kids Can Press, 2010  
ISBN 978-1554534234  
Grade 6 / Ages 10 and up

### Toes in My Nose and Other Poems: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

Written by **Sheree Fitch**  
Illustrated by **Sydney Smith**  
Nimbus Publishing, 2012  
ISBN 978-1551099392  
Grade 3 / Ages 2-9

### Voices on the Wind: Poems for All Seasons

Selected by **David Booth**  
Illustrated by **Michèle Lemieux**  
Kids Can Press, 1990  
ISBN 978-1550741803  
Grades 2-3 / Ages 4-9

### Winterberries and Apple Blossoms: Reflections and Flavors of a Mennonite Year

Written by **Nan Forler**  
Illustrated by **Peter Etril Snyder**  
Tundra Books, 2011  
ISBN 978-1770492547  
Grades 4-5 / Ages 8 and up

### Wolf Pack of the Winisk River

Written by **Paul Brown**  
Illustrated by **Robert Kakegamic**  
Lobster Press, 2009  
ISBN 978-1897550106  
Grades 8-9 / Ages 14 and up  
*Stories in Verse*

### Zigzag: Zoems for Zindergarten

Written and illustrated by **Loris Lesynski**  
Annick Press, 2004  
ISBN 978-1550378825  
Grade 2 / Ages 4-6

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