

## POETRY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

**Adoff, Arnold.** [\*I Am the Darker Brother: An Anthology of Modern Poems by African Americans.\*](#) (811.08 Ad711)

A collection of poems featuring themes of race or racial problems by well-known African-American poets, including Langston Hughes, Richard Wright, and Maya Angelou.

**Carlson, Lori.** [\*Cool Salsa: Bilingual Poems on Growing Up Lation in the United States.\*](#) (811.08 C776)

This collection celebrates the tones, rhythms, sounds, and experiences of growing up Latino in America. Includes works by poets such as Sandra Cisneros, Martin Espada, Gary Soto, Ed Vega, and others.

**Fletcher, Ralph.** [\*Room Enough for Love.\*](#) (811.54 F636ro)

Fletcher writes a medley of romantic poems for teens, talking about the heartbreak, joy, and intense thrill of love. Poems take place in a variety of locales, such as the beach, the classroom, and the prom.

**Franco, Betsy.** [\*You Hear Me? Poems and Writing by Teenage Boys.\*](#) (810.8092)

All the poems in this volume are written by teenage boys, and they speak to every kind of issue: drugs, sex and sexuality, rejection, conformity, bullying, love, anger and more. As a collection, they weave together to demonstrate the challenge of becoming an adult.

**Gilbert, Derrick.** [\*Catch the Fire: A Cross-Generational Anthology.\*](#) (811.08 C281)

Contains interviews with six established African-American poets, each of whom introduces a chapter of poems by emerging African-American writers about street violence, hip-hop culture, families, love, revolutions, cultural expression, inspiration, and other topics.

**Glenn, Mel.** [\*Split Image.\*](#) (811.54 G487s)

This series of poems reflects the thoughts and feelings of various people -- students, the librarian, parents, the principal, and others--about the seemingly perfect Laura Li and her life inside and outside of Tower High School.

**Okutoro, Lydia.** [\*Quiet Storm: Voices of Young Black Poets.\*](#) (811.008 Q48)

Works by well-known poets like Langston Hughes and Maya Angelou introduce the poetry of 13 - 21 year olds from all over the world, including the US, Jamaica, Barbados, and several African countries. The poems are grouped together by themes such as freedom, music, home, and spirit.

**Rosenberg, Liz.** [\*Earth-Shattering Poems, Light Gathering Poems.\*](#) (8511.54 R723ea)

Intense and serious, this collection of poetry features more than 40 poets, including John Keats, Emily Dickinson, Sylvia Path and Pablo Neruda.

**Shakur, Tupac.** [\*The Rose That Grew.\*](#) (811 SHA)

Passionate, original poems from the late rapper Tupac Shakur, written before he became famous, featuring reprints of poems in his own handwriting.

**Turner, Ann.** [\*A Lion's Hunger.\*](#) (811.54 T851L)

A series of short poems that follow the life span of a couple's relationship, detailing the intense feelings of experiencing, and then losing, a first love.

**Watson, Esther.** [\*The Pain Tree.\*](#) (811.5408 W32)

A collection of original poems that is written by teens about real experiences and feelings, such as love, despair, honesty and trust. Poets range in age from 13-18; poems are accompanied by colorful illustrations.

**Wong, Janet S.** [\*Behind the Wheel: Poems About Driving.\*](#) (811.54 W8466)

The joy of driving is detailed through poems devoted entirely to the subject, from the shine of a new car to the exhaustion of a long road trip, often connecting the world of driving to the world of teenage life.