
Type of Literature: Poetry

K-2

McDonnell, Patrick. **ART**. Little, Brown and Company, 2006.

Art the young artist uses line, dots, and doodles in unending creativity. Be sure to read *past* the two-page spread toward the end. Share with your art teacher – great examples of line, pattern, colors mixing, filling the whole page.

Shannon, George. **BUSY IN THE GARDEN**. Greenwillow Books, 2006.

All short, lively poems. Some puns, some riddles, some fun ear-ticklers. May draw on familiar experiences. Watercolor illustrations - some personify plants and animals.

3-4

Grimes, Nikki. **THANKS A MILLION**. Greenwillow Books, 2006.

Colorful acrylic paintings illustrate this book about giving thanks for and to a variety of things or people. Multicultural representation in the illustrations.

Larios, Julie. **YELLOW ELEPHANT: A BRIGHT BESTIARY**. Harcourt, Inc., 2006.

Each poem features a new color and animal (pink kitty as well as brown mouse).

Illustrations perfectly compliment the poems, both a sidebar and a full-page image for each poem. Some nice aural effects (consonance, repetition, etc.).

5-6

Hollyer, Belinda. **SHE'S ALL THAT! POEMS ABOUT GIRLS**. Kingfisher, 2006.

Great collection of poems by notorious authors. Divided into sections such as "Full-o Zest" and "I Remember You." Appealed to boys *and* girls when I didn't reveal that it was "for girls."

Siebert, Diane. **TOUR AMERICA: A JOURNEY THROUGH POEMS AND ART**.

Chronicle Books, 2006.

Poems inspired by the author's 10-year travels around the US. Map of USA indicates location of each sight, additional small USA map and state map on the page with the poem. Info provided in small side box. Variance in illustration media perfectly capture the essence of each locale.

All Ages

MacLachlan, Patricia and Emily MacLachlan Charest. **ONCE I ATE A PIE**. Joanna Cotler Books, 2006.

Similar to *Good Dog* by Maya Gottfried (2005), these poems are told from the different dogs' perspectives. 13 breeds represented. Some sweet, some naughty!

Sidman, Joyce. **MEOW RUFF**. Houghton Mifflin Company, 2006.

This is an actual story told in concrete poetry. There are a variety of levels to appreciate so it appeals to many ages. Storm clouds form throughout the book and a dog, cat, ants, crows, etc. have their own little story lines. Very clever!