

### **A Few of My Favorite Children's Poets**

Kurt Cyrus  
Lisa Westberg Peters  
Joyce Sidman  
Susan Marie Swanson  
Lee Bennett Hopkins (anthologies)  
Rebecca Kai Dotlich  
Nikki Grimes  
Douglas Florian  
Barbara Juster Esbensen  
Lisa Wheeler  
Kristine O'Connell George  
Ralph Fletcher  
Kathi Appelt  
Hope Vestergaard  
Lilian Moore  
Eve Merriam  
Tracie Vaughn Zimmer  
Sonya Sones (novels in verse)  
Susan Taylor Brown (novel in verse)

Poetry Speaks to Children (book & cd)

### **Books About Writing Poetry**

The Poetry Dictionary, by John Drury  
You Can Write Poetry, by Jeff Mock  
How to Write Poetry, from Arco  
The Poetry Home Repair Manual, by Ted Kooser  
A Crow Doesn't Need Its Shadow, by Lorraine Ferra (writing nature poetry)

### **Kids' Books on How to Write Poetry**

Write Your Own Poetry, by Laura Purdie Salas (coming in 2008)  
Poem-Making, by Myra Cohn Livingston  
How to Write Poetry, by Paul B. Janeczko  
Poetry Matters, by Ralph Fletcher  
Just Paper and Pen, by Kathi Appelt (for teens)  
Poems from Homeroom, by Kathi Appelt (for teens)

### **A Few Useful Websites**

[rhymezone.com](http://rhymezone.com) – online rhyming dictionary

[uncp.edu/home/canada/work/markport/best/study/poetry.htm](http://uncp.edu/home/canada/work/markport/best/study/poetry.htm) – scroll down to #7, which is step-by-step directions for scanning a poem

[tracievahgnzimmer.com](http://tracievahgnzimmer.com) - interviews with children's poets

[nikkigrimes.com](http://nikkigrimes.com) –

[joycesidman.com/](http://joycesidman.com/) -

[kristinegeorge.com/](http://kristinegeorge.com/)

[writersdigest.com](http://writersdigest.com) – click on Poetry, then More Poetry Tips

[magneticpoetry.com/](http://magneticpoetry.com/) - play with Magnetic Poetry kits online

[www.poems.com/](http://www.poems.com/) - read a contemporary poem every day

[www.uni.edu/~gotera/CraftOfPoetry/](http://www.uni.edu/~gotera/CraftOfPoetry/) - Craft of Poetry, online info from a class offered at University of Northern Iowa