How to find (and teach) the best poetry for young people

**NCTE Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children**
http://www.ncte.org/awards/poetry
This site includes lists of recent notable poetry books and verse novels.
NOTE: 2017 and 2016 just have lists, but earlier years include reviews.

**Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award**
https://pabook.libraries.psu.edu/awards-contests/lee-bennett-hopkins-poetry-award?field_award_year_value=2017
This site reviews winners and honorees of the award, which according to the site “is presented annually to an American poet or anthologist for the most outstanding new book of children's poetry published in the previous calendar year.”

**Poets to trust**
Naomi Shihab Nye
POETRY FOR CHILDREN
https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems-and-poets/poets/detail/naomi-shihab-nye

(Selector) What Have You Lost? (young-adult poetry), with photographs by husband, Michael Nye, Greenwillow Books
(New York, NY), 1999.
(Selector) Salting the Ocean: 100 Poems by Young Poets, illustrated by Ashley Bryan, Greenwillow Books (New York, NY), 2000.
Is This Forever, or What? Poems and Paintings from Texas, Greenwillow Books (New York, NY), 2004.

Valerie Worth

Jacqueline Woodson
http://www.jacquelinewoodson.com/books-ive-written/poetry/
Brown Girl Dreaming
Locomotion
Peace, Locomotion
Paul Fleischman
http://www.paulfleischman.net/works.htm#poetry
JOYFUL NOISE: Poems for Two Voices
BIG TALK: Poems for Four Voices

Paul Janeczko
http://www.paulbjaneczko.com/
A Poke in the I
A Kick in The Head
A foot in the Mouth

Joyce Sidman
http://www.joycesidman.com/books/
Winter Bees and Other Poems of the Cold
Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night
Ubiquitous: Celebrating Nature’s Survivors
Song of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems

**Recommended anthologies of poems written by young people**
*Festival in My Heart: Poems by Japanese Children*, selected and translated by Bruno Navasky (Abrams)
*Salting the Ocean: 100 Poems by Young Poets*, selected by Naomi Shihab Nye, (Greenwillow Books)

**Books to guide us in teaching students to read and write poetry**
Heard, Georgia

*For the Good of the Earth and Sun: Teaching Poetry* (Heinemann)
Awakening the Heart: Exploring Poetry in Elementary and Middle School (Heinemann)
Climb Inside a Poem: Reading and Writing Poetry Across the Year by Georgia Heard and Lester Laminack (Heinemann)

Janeczko, Paul
Reading Poetry in the Middle Grades: 20 Poems and Activities That Meet the Common Core Standards and Cultivate a Passion for Poetry (Heinemann)

Seeing the Blue Between
(Described on the author’s site: About 25 poets—many of them your favorites, I’m sure—wrote letters to a young writer specifically for this book. In addition to the brief letters offering advice and inspiration, each poet is represented by a poem or two.)

The Poetry Friday Anthology series
http://pomelobooks.com/

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