

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Poetry about the Holocaust and Genocide/Civil Wars/Displacement/Social Justice

Developed by Elizabeth Franklin, Colorado Poets Center Director
October 10, 2021

Poetry about the Holocaust

1. **Yad Vashem: Poetry and the Holocaust** (<https://www.yadvashem.org/education/online-courses/poetry-course.html>): Poetry from three youth (Abramek (Abraham) Koplwicz, Avraham Cytryn, Peter Kest) and seven adult poets (Charlotte Delbo, Wisława Szymborska, Dan Pagis, Primo Levi, Tadeusz Różewicz, Lily Brett, Paul Celan) are discussed in this free course.
2. **I Witness Shoah Foundations** (<https://iwitness.usc.edu/search?search=Poetry&category=landing>)
Several Holocaust survivors discuss writing, poetry, elegies, and recitations. Poetry activities using survivor stories are also included.
3. Agosin, Marjorie. **Dear Anne Frank: Poems** (Washington, D.C.: Azul Editions, 1994). Poems about remembrance and bearing witness to fascism and nationalism.
4. Boase-Beier, Jean & Marian de Vooght (Eds.), **Poetry of the Holocaust: An Anthology** (Todmorden: Arc Publications, 2019). Non-English translated poetry from pre, during and post Holocaust periods. Includes poetry written about and by the disabled, LGBTQ Communities, Communists and members of other political groups, Roma and Sinti, and Russian soldiers..
5. Ray, David. **One Thousand Years: Poems About the Holocaust**. (Fulton: Timberline Press, 2004).
6. Schiff, Hilda (ed.), **Holocaust Poetry** (London :Fount, 1995).
7. Volavkova, Hana (Ed.), **...I never saw another butterfly...: Children's Drawings and Poems from Terezin Concentration Camp, 1942-1944** (Prague: Artia for Schocken, 1978).

Poetry about Genocide/Civil Wars/Massacres/Social Justice

1. Acevedo, Elizabeth, **The Poet X** (New York: Harper Collins, 2018). Poems about the experiences of a Harlem/Dominican fictional slam poet, Xiomara.
2. Alarcon, Francisco and Odilia Galvan Rodriguez (Eds.), **Poetry of Resistance: Voices for Social Change** (Tucson, University of Arizona Press, 2016). Poems from 80 writers addressing human rights and the themes of racial profiling, xenophobia, violence against immigrants, etc.
3. Argueta, Jorge, **Somos Como Las Nubes: We Are Like the Clouds** (Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2016). Poems about the migrations of thousands of children leaving Central America to go to the U.S.

4. Brown, Skila, ***Caminar*** (Somerville: Candlewick Press, 2014). Poems written about the violence of the Guatemalan civil war and the survival of a fictional child character, Carlos.
5. Chabitnoy, Abigail, ***How to Dress a Fish*** (Middleton: Wesleyan University Press, 2019). This poet, of Unangan and Sugpiaq descent, writes poems about the Carlisle boarding school experience and severed historic family relationships.
6. Chen Chen, ***When I Grow Up I Want to Be a List of Further Possibilities*** (Rochester: BOA Editions, 2017). Chen Chen writes poems from Asian American, immigrant and queer perspectives.
7. Don Mee Choi, ***DMZ Colony***. (Seattle: Wave Books, 2020). Poems about the Korean conflict.
8. Eisner, Mark and Tina Escala (Eds.), ***Resistencia: Poems of Protest and Revolution*** (Portland: Tin House, 2020). Protest poems by Latin-American writers. English and Spanish.
9. Freedman, Russell, ***Angel Island: Gateway to Gold Mountain***. (Boston: Clarion Books, 2013). Text about Angel Island, including some of the wall poems.
10. Harjo, Joy, ***When the Light of the World Was Subdued, Our Songs Came Through*** (New York: W.W. Norton, 2020). An anthology of 160 Native poets.
11. Harjo, Joy. ***An American Sunrise: Poems*** (New York: W.W. Norton, 2019). Poems by the U.S. Poet Laureate and Muscogee Creek Nation poet.
12. Hassan, Marian, ***Cross Roads: An Anthology of Resilience and Hope by Young Somali Writers*** (Minneapolis: Wise Ink Creative Publishing, 2019). Stories and poems about experiences of loss and trauma as well as resilience and hope by Somali youth.
13. Hecht, Merna Ann, ***Holding the Earth Together: Youth Voices Speak for Our World*** (Seattle: Chatwin Books, 2018). Poetry and art created by 38 refugee and immigrant high school students, focusing on themes food and environmental justice as well as experiences of forced migration, life in refugee camps, and how to care for each other.
14. **I Witness Shoah Foundations**
<https://iwitness.usc.edu/search?search=Poetry&category=landing>
 Several Genocide survivors (i.e. Armenia, Cambodia) discuss writing, poetry, elegies, and recitations. Poetry activities using survivor stories, such as found poems, are also included.
15. Nye, Naomi Shihab, ***19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East*** (New York: HarperCollins).
16. Vecchione, Patrice and Alyssa Raymond (Eds.), ***Ink Knows No Borders: Poems of the Immigrant and Refugee Experience*** (New York: Seven Stories Press, 2019). 64 poems written by first- and second-generation young adult immigrants and refugees, addressing the themes of social exclusion, racism, stereotyping, identity, etc.