

Paper Gardens 2026 – Published Authors

Children – Traditional Poetry

Colum LaRue	Winter
Olin Spence	Pangolins
Taylor Talbot	My Brother's Room

Children – Free Verse

Jade Barich	Cozy Cold
Alex Godfrey	A Moth
Juno Rodocker-Cummings	The Park at Night
Aster Topinka	Stargazing
Finley Vaughan	Pufferfish

Children – Poetry of Place

Annika Bjorlin	Animals, Animals I Love Them All
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Children – Haiku

Riker Timothy Andersson	Out of the Blue
Evelyn Ceja	Sandías Are Deliciosas
Vivian Kimball	Holiday Baking
Gabriela Martins	A Drive to the Coast
Jonathon Angelo Nehring	Flow

Children Prose – Fiction

Penelope Nelson	Soccer Duel
Ava Stickel	Otter Rescue
Zoey Villaseñor	Pearl

Children Prose – Nonfiction

June Simonson	Gone
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Youth – Middle School Traditional Poetry

Lana Spenner	Starstruck
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Youth – Middle School Free Verse

Anna Hammond	The Poet
Ava Hyder	Happiness
Kallista Kuust	The Steps to Erase
Gisele Martins	Truth
Lana Spenner	Beautiful, Beautiful Pain
Leona Stetser	Where I Need to Be

Youth – Middle School Poetry of Place

Brooklyn Fenolio	My Home
Gisele Martins	Pacific City

Youth Prose – Middle School Fiction

Naomi Orion	Voice of the Graveyard
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Youth – High School Traditional Poetry

Jane Kim	Withered Paint
Addison McKinney	The Disgusted Promise

Youth – High School Free Verse

Leslie Angel Trujillo	The Backpack I Forgot To Take Off
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Ella Grover Snow Globe

Youth – High School Haiku

Jane Kim Breath of Transience
Jane Kim Fireflies

Youth Prose – High School Fiction

Jenna Allen A Valley to Call Home
Asch Danford Railways
Sage Larance A Dreaded Trip
Valeria Lopez Fluffy & Worn Out
Evey Reynolds Free
Audrey Thackary Apalafiga

Youth Prose – High School Nonfiction

Sage Macy When We Live

Adult – Traditional Poetry

Larry Snider A Whale in the Woods
Larry Snider Ruby

Adult – Free Verse

Isabel Betancourt Radio Silence
Linda Budan Heron
Susan Easterly Adrenaline Rush
Ari Grey Bowling in Utah
Ari Grey Yesterday's Scone
Bethany Lee Where I Am Standing
Stephen Long Reunion

Adult – Poetry of Place

Linda Budan Driving Out Dopp Road
Patricia Farrell Beverly Beach in Late October
Jenny Pessereau Deep Time

Adult – Haiku

Katie Hoyt Ode to a Bad Haircut: I Tried
Kristin Thompson Abundance
Braden Tippetts held breath
Cindy Torgersen Platter Gravel Run

Adult Prose – Fiction

Janet Cain When I Was Six Years Old, I Saw Heaven
Katie Hoyt Last Night I Dreamt That I Was Old
Daniel Taylor Speck Notices Cosmos

Adult Prose – Nonfiction

Stephen Long One of Us Is
Melanie Martinoff Anastasia Croll
Kristiana McCarthy Found on . . .
Julie Shirkey Lace and Peanut Butter