Poetry for Middle and High School Students

A Fire in My Hands by Gary Soto
A Maze Me: Poems for Girls by Naomi Shihab Nye
Aimless Love by Billy Collins
Avalanche by Quincy Troupe
Ballistics by Billy Collins
Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems by John Gandits
Bookspeak!: Poems About Books by Laura Purdy Salas
Borrowed Names by Jeannine Atkins
Break, Blow, Burn by Camille Paglia
Family Reunion by Paul Zimmer
Fox in Socks by Dr. Seuss
Getting the Knack by Stephen Dunning and William Stafford
God Went to Beauty School by Cynthia Rylant
George Bilgere (various books)
Good Poems by Garrison Keeler
Hate That Cat by Sharon Creech
Hormone Jungle by Brod Bagert
Learn Then Burn by Tim Stafford and Derrick Brown
Love That Dog by Sharon Creech
Neighborhood Odes by Gary Soto
New and Selected Poems by Gary Soto
Newspaper Blackout by Austin Kleon
October Mourning: A Song for Matthew Shepard by Leslean Newman
Ode to Common Things by Pablo Neruda
Poems to Learn by Heart by Caroline Kennedy
Poetry Speaks Who I Am by Elise Paschen and Dominique Raccah
Reading Poetry in the Middle Grades by Paul B. Janeczko
Renaissance by Ruth Forman
She by Saul Williams
Sinners Welcome by Mary Karr
Sleeping on the Wing by Kenneth Koch
Spoon River Anthology by Edgar Lee Masters
Swimming Upstream: Middle School Poems by Kristine O’Connell George
The 100 Best African American Poems by Nikki Giovanni
The Making of a Poem by Mark Strand and Eavan Boland
The Rose That Grew From Concrete by Tupac Shakur
The Spoken Word Revolution by Mark Eleveld
Time You Let Me In by Naomi Shihab Nye
Traveling at High Speeds by John Rybicki
What the Heart Knows: Chants, Charms and Blessings by Joyce Sidman
What Work Is by Philip Levine
Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
You Don’t Even Know Me by Sharon G. Flake