

## Novels in Verse

Location	Author	Title
J AIN	Ain, Beth Levine	<b>Izzy Kline has Butterflies: A Novel in Small Moments</b>
Izzy Kline is nervous about her first day of fourth grade, and with new changes at home, there are plenty of reasons for her to feel the butterflies in her stomach.		
J CRE	Creech, Sharon	<b>Hate That Cat</b>
Jack is studying poetry again in school, and he continues to write poems reflecting his understanding of famous poems and how they relate to his life.		
J CRE	Creech, Sharon	<b>Heartbeat</b>
Twelve-year-old Annie ponders the many rhythms of life the year that her mother becomes pregnant, her grandfather begins faltering, and her best friend (and running partner) becomes distant.		
J CRE	Creech, Sharon	<b>Love That Dog</b>
A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.		
J FRO	Frost, Helen	<b>Salt: A Story of Friendship in a Time of War</b>
Twelve-year-olds Anikwa, of the Miami village of Kekionga, and James, of the trading post outside Fort Wayne, find their friendship threatened by the rising fear and tension brought by the War of 1812.		
J GRO	Grover, Laurie Ann	<b>On Pointe</b>
In this novel written in free verse, Clare and her grandfather must deal with changes in their lives when Clare's summer growth spurt threatens to end her dream of becoming a ballet dancer and her grandfather suffers a stroke.		
J HEE	Heede, Sylvia Vanden	<b>Wolf and Dog</b>
Dog is wolf's cousin. Wolf is dog's cousin. That's strange because: Wolf is wild and Dog is tame. Wolf lives in a forest on top of a hill. Dog doesn't. Dog has a basket. And a boss. These laugh-out-loud stories are about the important things in life-like food, family, and fleas.		
NEWBERY 1998	Hesse, Karen	<b>Out of the Dust</b>
In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.		
J LAI	Lai, Thanhha	<b>Inside Out and Back Again</b>
Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.		

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<b>J SPI</b>	<b>Spinelli, Eileen</b>	<b>Another Day as Emily</b>
Eleven-year-old Suzy just can't win. Her brother is a local hero for calling 911 after seeing their elderly neighbor collapse, and only her best friend was able to win a role in the play they both auditioned for. Feeling cast aside from all angles, Suzy sees a kindred spirit in Emily Dickinson, the subject of her summer project. Suzy decides to escape from her disappointments by emulating the poet's life of solitude: no visitors or phone calls (only letters delivered through her window), no friends (except her goldfish, Otilie), and no outings (except church, but only if she can wear her long white Emily dress).		
<b>J SPI</b>	<b>Spinelli, Eileen</b>	<b>The Dancing Pancake</b>
Eleven-year-old Belinda "Bindi" Winkler and her family find their way through tough times with the love and support of the community that grows around their newly opened restaurant, "The Dancing Pancake."		
<b>J STE</b>	<b>Sternberg, Julie</b>	<b>Like Carrot Juice on a Cupcake</b>
When a glamorous new student transfers to school, at first Eleanor's excited about the possibility of a new friend. But when Pearl is assigned to be the new girl's buddy, Eleanor fears she can't compete. To make matters worse, Eleanor's been chosen for the lead role in the springtime musical, which means she has to sing a solo in front of the entire school!		
<b>J WES</b>	<b>Weston, Robert Paul</b>	<b>Prince Puggly of Spud and the Kingdom of Spiff</b>
Prince Puggly of the muddy, terminally unfashionable Kingdom of Spud is surprised when he receives an invitation to a lavish ball in the far more chic Kingdom of Spiff. Puggly is sure that the Spiffs will take one look at him and laugh him out of their kingdom. And that's exactly what they do. . . . But then Puggly meets Francesca, the bookish Princess of Spiff, and together the two set out to teach Francesca's Spiffian countrymen an absurd lesson in style.		
<b>J WIS</b>	<b>Wissinger, Tamera</b>	<b>Gone Fishing</b>
Nine-year-old Sam loves fishing with his dad, so when his pesky little sister horns in on their fishing trip, he is none too pleased.		

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