

HELPFUL BOOKS FOR WRITING AND READING POETRY

Leaping Poetry: An Idea with Poems and Translations Chosen by Robert Bly
On Poetry and Craft Theodore Roethke and Carolyn Kizer
The Poetry Home Repair Manuel: Practical Advice Ted Kooser
In the Palm of Your Hand: The Poet's Portable Workshop Steve Kowit
Ordinary Genius: A Guide for the Poet Within Kim Addonizio
The Poet's Companion: A Guide to the Pleasures of Writing Poetry Kim Addonizio/
Dorianne Laux
A Poetry Handbook Mary Oliver
Rules for the Dance: A Handbook for Writing and Reading Metrical Verse Mary Oliver
Proofs & Theories Louise Gluck
Twentieth Century Pleasures: Prose on Poetry Robert Hass
How to Read a Poem Edward Hirsch
Poets Teaching Poets : Self and the World Gregory Orr and Ellen Bryant Voight
The Flexible Lyric (The Life of Poetry: Poets on their Art and Craft) Ellen Bryant Voight
Walking Light Stephen Dunn
Saved by a Poem: The Transformative Power of Words Kim Rosen
Handbook of Poetic Forms Edited by Ron Padgett
The Making of a Poem Eavan Boland and Mark Strand's book on forms
Poet's Craft Annie Finch's
The Penguin Book of Sonnets (fantastic introduction) Carl Wither
The Triggering Town Richard Hugo
No Other Book: Selected Essays Randall Jarrell
The Art of . . . Series a series of books on the craft of writing Graywolf Press

IF YOU ARE JUST STARTING OUT:

Sound and Sense: An Introduction to Poetry Lawrence Perrine and Thomas R.. Arp
The Ode Less Travelled: Unlocking the Poet Within Stephen Fry
Writing Down the Bones (and all of her other books) Natalie Goldberg
Bird by Bird : Some Instructions on Writing and Life Anne Lamott