

Poetry Citations

First you need to determine if the book of poetry is written by one poet. If so, this is the example to follow:

A poem from a book of poetry written by one poet.

Giovanni, Nikki. My House. New York: Willaim Morrow & Co, Inc., 1972.

If the book of poetry contains the poems of several poets, this is a compilation of poems and is cited a different way which includes the title of the poem and the name of the poet as well as the person who selected the poems. If so, follow this format

Poem by another author in a book with poems “selected” or “compiled” by another person:

De Shong, Deborah. "In Search of the Beat." Quiet Storm: Voices of Young Black Poets. Comp. Okutoro, Lydia Omolola. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 1999.

Finally, the poem may have been written by one poet, but edited or changed by the person who is publishing the book. If the poems have been edited, use this format:

Poem by another author in a book with poems “edited” by another person:

Chin,, Marilyn. "Repulse Bay." The Open Boat: Poems from Asian america. Ed. Hongo, Garrett. New York: Anchor Books, 1993.