



Middle Grade and Young Adult VERSE NOVELS by Canadian authors



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English-language verse novels:

Adjoa, Delali. THE FREE VERSE SOCIETY (Peachtree Teen, 2026) – *mostly prose with some verse*

Argueta, Jorge, illustrated by Manuel Monroy, translated by Elizabeth Bell. CARAVAN TO THE NORTH (Groundwood, 2019)

Athaide, Tina. WINGS TO SOAR (Charlesbridge, 2024)

Bécotte, Jonathan, translated by Jonathan Kaplansky. LIKE A HURRICANE (Orca, 2023)

Bodger, Holly. 5 TO 1 (Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2015)

Brown, Paul. WOLF PACK OF THE WINISK RIVER (Lobster Press, 2009)

Camlot, Heather, illustrated by Sophie Casson. THE PRISONER AND THE WRITER (Groundwood, 2022)

Cassidy, Sara. UNION (Orca, 2022)

Choyce, Lesley. JEREMY STONE (Red Deer Press, 2013)

Choyce, Lesley. CLOSING DOWN HEAVEN (Red Deer Press, 2016)

Choyce, Lesley. THIN PLACES (Dundurn, 2017)

Comrie, Courtne. RAIN RISING (HarperCollins, 2022)

Daniel, Danielle. REASONS TO LOOK AT THE NIGHT SKY (Tundra, 2024)

Elliott, Zetta (🇨🇦) and Lyn Miller-Lachmann (🇺🇸). MOONWALKING (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2022)

Fullerton, Alma. IN THE GARAGE (Red Deer Press, 2006)

Fullerton, Alma. WALKING ON GLASS (HarperCollins Canada, 2007)

Fullerton, Alma. LIBERTAD (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2008)

Fullerton, Alma. BURN (Dancing Cat Books, 2010)

Fullerton, Alma, illust. by Sarah Mensinga. FLIPPING FORWARD TWISTING BACKWARD (Peachtree, 2022)

Goerzen, Christy. RIVER MERMAID (Crwth Press, 2021)

Goudie, Joshua, illustrated by Craig Goudie. WHERE THE CROOKED LIGHTHOUSE SHINES (Breakwater Books, 2022) – *collection of narrative poems*

Green, Shari. ROOT BEER CANDY AND OTHER MIRACLES (Pajama Press, 2016)

Green, Shari. MACY McMILLAN AND THE RAINBOW GODDESS (Pajama Press, 2017)

Green, Shari. MISSING MIKE (Pajama Press, 2018)

Green, Shari. GAME FACE (Groundwood, 2023)

Green, Shari. SONG OF FREEDOM, SONG OF DREAMS (Andrews McMeel, 2024)

Heidbreder, Robert, illustrated by Madeline Kloepper. ROOSTER SUMMER (Groundwood, 2018)

Heidbreder, Robert, illustrated by Chelsea O’Byrne. OUR CORNER STORE (Groundwood, 2020)

Hughes, Alison. FLY (Kids Can, 2022)

Hurdle, Crystal. TEACHER’S PETS (Tightrope Books, 2014)

Kaur, Jasmin. WHEN YOU ASK ME WHERE I’M GOING (HarperCollins, 2019) – *prose, poetry, & illustration*

Kaur, Jasmin. IF I TELL YOU THE TRUTH (HarperCollins, 2021) – *prose, poetry, & illustration*

Krossing, Karen. FOREVER FRIES (Orca, 2027)

Lawrence, Katherine. STAY (Coteau Books, 2017)

Leavitt, Martine. MY BOOK OF LIFE BY ANGEL (Groundwood, 2012)

Leavitt, Martine. WHENEVER YOU ARE (Groundwood, 2026)

Little, Melanie. THE APPRENTICE’S MASTERPIECE (Annick, 2009)

Ludwig, Sidura. SWAN (Nimbus, 2024)

MacLean, Jill. THE PRESENT TENSE OF PRINNY MURPHY (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2009)

MacLean, Jill. NIX MINUS ONE (Pajama Press, 2013)

Major, Kevin. ANN AND SEAMUS (Groundwood, 2003)

Orr, Wendy. SWALLOW'S DANCE (Pajama Press, 2019) – *blend of prose and verse*

Orr, Wendy. DRAGONFLY SONG (Pajama Press, 2020) – *blend of prose and verse*

Orr, Wendy. CUCKOO'S FLIGHT (Pajama Press, 2021) – *blend of prose and verse*

Ostlere, Cathy. KARMA (Razorbill, 2011)

Phillips, Wendy. FISHTAILING (Coteau Books, 2010)

Phillips, Wendy. BAGGAGE (Coteau Books, 2019)

Pignat, Caroline. EGGHEAD (Red Deer Press, 2007) – *one POV is in verse*

Pignat, Caroline. THE GOSPEL TRUTH (Red Deer Press, 2014)

Pignat, Caroline. SHOOTER (Razorbill, 2017) – *mix of verse, prose, text, etc.*

Pinede, Nadine. WHEN THE MAPOU SINGS (Candlewick, 2024)

Porter, Pamela. THE CRAZY MAN (Groundwood, 2005)

Porter, Pamela. I'LL BE WATCHING (Groundwood, 2011)

Poulin, Andrée, illustrated by Sonali Zohra. BURYING THE MOON (Groundwood, 2021)

Poulin, Andrée, illustrated by Enzo Lord Mariano. PLANTING SUNSHINE (Groundwood, 2026)

Prendergast, Gabrielle. AUDACIOUS (Orca, 2013)

Prendergast, Gabrielle. CAPRICIOUS (Orca, 2014)

Seal, Lauren. LIGHT ENOUGH TO FLOAT (Rocky Pond Books, 2024)

Sherrard, Valerie. COUNTING BACK FROM NINE (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2012)

Sherrard, Valerie. STANDING ON NEPTUNE (DCB Young Readers, 2023)

Smith, Heather. EBB AND FLOW (Kids Can Press, 2018)

Stewart, Michael F. SEEKING DRAVEN (Red Deer Press, 2024)

VanSickle, Vikki, illustrated by Laura K. Watson. THE LIGHTNING CIRCLE (Tundra, 2024)

Vitalis, Jessica. UNSINKABLE CAYENNE (Greenwillow Books, 2024)

Voros, Ria. THE OPPOSITE OF GEEK (Scholastic Canada, 2013)

Weber, Lori. YELLOW MINI (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2011)

Weston, Robert Paul. ZORGAMAZOO (Razorbill, 2008)

Weston, Robert Paul. PRINCE PUGGLY OF SPUD AND THE KINGDOM OF SPIFF
(Puffin, 2013)

French-language verse novels:

Beauchesne, Lou. LINOUBLIABLE (la courte échelle, 2023)

Bécotte, Jonathan. LA CHAMBRE ÉTEINTE (Leméac, 2022)

Bécotte, Jonathan. COMME UN OURAGAN (Éditions Héritage, 2020)

Bécotte, Jonathan. MAMAN VEUT PARTIR (Leméac, 2018)

Bécotte, Jonathan. SOUFFLER DANS LA CASSETTE (Leméac, 2017)

D'Anjou, Véronique. BLAST (Leméac, 2024)

Green, Shari, translated by Andrée Poulin. OÙ ES-TU? (la courte échelle, 2020)

Lalonde, Sarah. TRASH ANXIEUSE (Leméac, 2021) – *mix of verse and prose*

Poulin, Andrée, illustré par Sonali Zohra. ENTERRER LA LUNE (la courte échelle, 2019)

Poulin, Andrée, illustré par Enzo. SEMER DES SOLEILS (la courte échelle, 2024)

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