The Long Take, or A Way to Lose More Slowly
by Robin Robertson
A D-Day veteran makes his way from New York to California, exploring social and racial divisions and the collapse of inner cities.

The Book of the Dead
by Muriel Rukeyser
The Book of the Dead is an important part of West Virginia’s cultural heritage and a powerful account of one of the worst industrial catastrophes in American history.

I Can’t Talk About the Trees Without the Blood
by Tiana Clark
Clark delves into personal and public histories, explicating memories and muses around race, elegy, family, and faith by probing mythology, literary history, and ancestry.

Pray Me Stay Eager
by Ellen Watson
A dreamy voice turns dark and gritty as Ellen Dore Watson interrogates personal purpose in the face of looming mortality.

So Far So Good
by Ursula K. Le Guin
Le Guin immerses herself in the natural world, ruminating on the mysteries of dying, and considering the simple, redemptive lessons of the earth.

Bury It
by Sam Sax
Responds to a spate of suicides by gay men in 2010 and covers the topics of death, rituals of passage, translation, desire, diaspora, and personhood.

Brown: Poems
by Kevin Young
Uses poetry to meditate on how blackness in the United States tells an ongoing story, drawing on the poet’s childhood, Emmet Till’s lynching, and De La Soul.

Monument: Poems: New and Selected
by Natasha D. Trethewey
The Pulitzer Prize-winning author poetically links the resilience of African-American women throughout history to the collective trauma of national wounds.

You Darling Thing
by Monica Ferrell
Meditations on courtship, the language of endearment, the social promise of marriage as fulfillment, and the tension between a desire to be alone and a desire to not be lonely.

The Final Voicemails: Poems
by Max Ritvo
Brushes up against the pain and isolation that accompany a long illness, and the affection of a human in love with the world.

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A Poem in Your Pocket
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Dissolve
by Sherwin Bitsui
Drawing upon Navajo traditions and language, a brutal and catastrophic passage through the American Southwest.

Half-Hazard: Poems
by Kristen Tracy
Reflects a forage into the world after leaving a Mormon farming community, and her experiences with false loves, dispelled beliefs, and a menagerie of animals.

Magical Negro: Poems
by Morgan Parker
Explores black American womanhood through evocative themes ranging from self-conception and loneliness to ancestral trauma.

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Morning, Night!: Little Pep Talks for Me & You
by Lin-Manuel Miranda
An illustrated book of affirmations to inspire readers at the beginning and end of each day.
The Undressing: Poems
by Li-Young Lee
A collection of poems attempts to uncover things hidden since the dawn of the world, investigating human violence and dispossession increasingly prevalent around the world.

The Dream of Reason
by Jenny George
This stunning debut collection introduces a poetic voice marked by concision, focus, and image-driven strangeness that haunts a midwestern landscape.

If They Come for Us: Poems
by Fatimah Asghar
Asghar shares her experiences of being a young Pakistani Muslim woman in America by weaving together personal and marginalized people's histories.

Wade in the Water: Poems
by Tracy K Smith
What does it mean to be a citizen, a mother, and an artist in a culture arbitrated by wealth, men, and violence?

Kindest Regards: New and Selected Poems
by Ted Kooser
Firmly rooted in the landscapes of the Midwest, Kooser's poetry succeeds in finding the emotional resonances within the ordinary.

Asymmetry: Poems
by Adam Zagajewski
A master of the poetic form, Zagajewski turns to elegy in this deeply powerful collection, remembering loved ones he's lost: a hairdresser, philosopher Krzysztof Michalski, and, most poignantly, his parents.

Indecency
by Justin Phillip Reed
A collection of poems explores inequity and injustice while critiquing the culture of white supremacy and the dominant social order.

Priest Turned Therapist Treats Fear of God: Poems
by Tony Hoagland
The author's newest poetry collection examines the hidden spaces in the human predicament.

Terrible Blooms
by Melissa Stein
Stein uses her gifts for persona and lyric richness to build worlds that are vivid, intricate, tough, sexy, and raw. Breathless with risk and redemption, Terrible Blooms shows how loss claims us and what we reclaim.

The Flame: Poems, Notes, Drawings
by Leonard Cohen
An eloquent valedictory collection of lyrics, poems, sketches and self-portraits maps the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee's singular creative journey through the weeks just prior to his death.

The Carrying: Poems
by Ada Limón
Vulnerable, tender, acute, these are serious poems, brave poems, exploring with honesty the ambiguous moment between the rapture of youth and the grace of acceptance.

Hey, Marfa
by Jeffrey Yang
An extraordinary lyric and visual meditation on place, nature, and art rippling out from Marfa, Texas.

Virgin: Poems
by Analicia Sotelo
Selected by Ross Gay as winner of the inaugural Jake Adam York Prize, Analicia Sotelo's debut collection is a vivid portrait of the artist as a young woman.

The Lost Words: A Spell Book
by Robert Macfarlane
A collection of poems features words about the outdoors and nature removed from the Oxford Junior Dictionary.

American Sonnets for My Past and Future Assassin
by Terrance Hayes
One of America's most acclaimed poets presents 70 poems bearing the same title that are haunted by the country's past and future, and its dreams and nightmares.