

# Book Rules Checklist

## Rules for the 2024 RRC Summer Book Contest

Contest Theme  
Announcement



Learn how to  
submit your  
book!



- Open to US residents only. Ages 7-18 as of Jan 1, 2024.
- One author per kit. One contest entry per kit, per contest year.
- Creating Your **Poetry Book** contest entry
  - Each kit makes one 7x9" hardcover book. Design the front cover and **all 18 book pages**. Keep within the provided borderlines of your cover page and book pages. Authors can choose to include a dedication page (which is additional to the 18 required pages). This option is on the order form in your kit.
  - Each author **must hand write their own book**. Handwriting should be dark and legible to be read in printed form. Your written pages will be printed to accommodate the final book size (7x9), so larger, legible print works best.
  - Each author must illustrate their own book. Colored pencils or markers work well. 3D or digital art is not accepted. Include poetry and at **least one illustration/embellishment per 2-pg spread**. Page 1 is an individual, right-facing page. The first full spread starts with page 2 on left, then page 3 on right.
  - This year, you may write poetry on the kit pages as you wish. If you need a full-page text option, a fully lined text page is available on our web site to print out and use. Copy the kit pages as needed for practice and to create your book's final pages.
  - Reference the **judging rubric** as you create your book. We use this to judge each contest entry. Sorry; we cannot share scores with contestants.
- To officially enter the contest, we must receive an email with the following information by **Friday Sept 6th, 2024, 5pm CT** to Rainbow Resource Center at [bookcontest@rainbowresource.com](mailto:bookcontest@rainbowresource.com):
  - "Book title" by author's name, age \_\_\_\_\_
  - Parent name, mailing address, and phone number
  - Parent email address
  - Tracking number found at the bottom of the order form inside your Lulu Jr. book kit.  
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  - Your contest entries will be confirmed with a Rainbow Resource email and a follow-up confirmation letter. **If you do not receive our email confirmation** by Sept 6, please contact us to ensure that your child has been officially entered in this year's contest.
- Mailing Your Entry
  - Physical pages should be postmarked to Lulu Jr. by **Sept 6, 2024**, using the kit's pre-paid envelope. We highly recommend making a color scanned copy of your book for reference until you receive your printed copy.
  - Your shipping envelope should be stamped with "RRC" in the lower front left corner. If not, please write these letters in the lower front left corner. These letters ensure Lulu will process your book quickly.
  - Do not send RRC your book in any form.** Judges read a digital version of each book provided by Lulu, Jr.
- Winners will be announced via our social media at noon CST, Friday, **November 15**. The winning book is typically available for purchase shortly after the announcement date.
- For contest questions, email Ruth or Sara at [bookcontest@rainbowresource.com](mailto:bookcontest@rainbowresource.com). For publishing questions, email [customerservice@lulujr.com](mailto:customerservice@lulujr.com).

# Rubric

Effective Use of Poetic Elements	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Figurative Lang./Imagery	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Space Use/Layout	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Creates Emotional Response	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Spelling/Vocabulary	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Handwriting	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Illustrations/Embellishments	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Cover Design	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Originality	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Follows Rules Checklist	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

## Need inspiration?

**A Child's Garden of Verses** (PK-AD) #031314  
**Anna Banana: 101 Jump Rope Rhymes** (2-4) #041509  
**Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood** (PK-3) #011818  
**Bill Martin Jr. Big Book of Poetry** (PK-3) #081177  
**Chicken Soup with Rice: A Book of Months** (PK-2) #025432  
**Favorite Poems for Children Coloring Book** (2-4) #005819  
**Heroes, Horses, and Harvest Moons** (3-AD) #003411  
**How to Eat a Poem** (3-8) #080924  
**If it Rains Pancakes** (2-5) #071628  
**Lemonade: and Other Poems Squeezes from a Single Word** (2-5) #067952  
**Pizza, Pigs, and Poetry: How to Write a Poem** #024528  
**Poetry Adventures Series** (2-5)  
**Poet's Workshop Series: Read, Recite & Write** (3-6)  
**R is for Rhyme: A Poetry Alphabet** (PK-3) #031669  
**Rooster Crows: Book of American Rhymes & Jingles** (PK-AD) #011063  
**The Llama Who Had No Pajama: 100 Favorite Poems** #013471  
**There Once Was a Limerick** (3-AD) #009942  
**Treasury of Mother Goose Rhymes** (PK-3) #081179

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