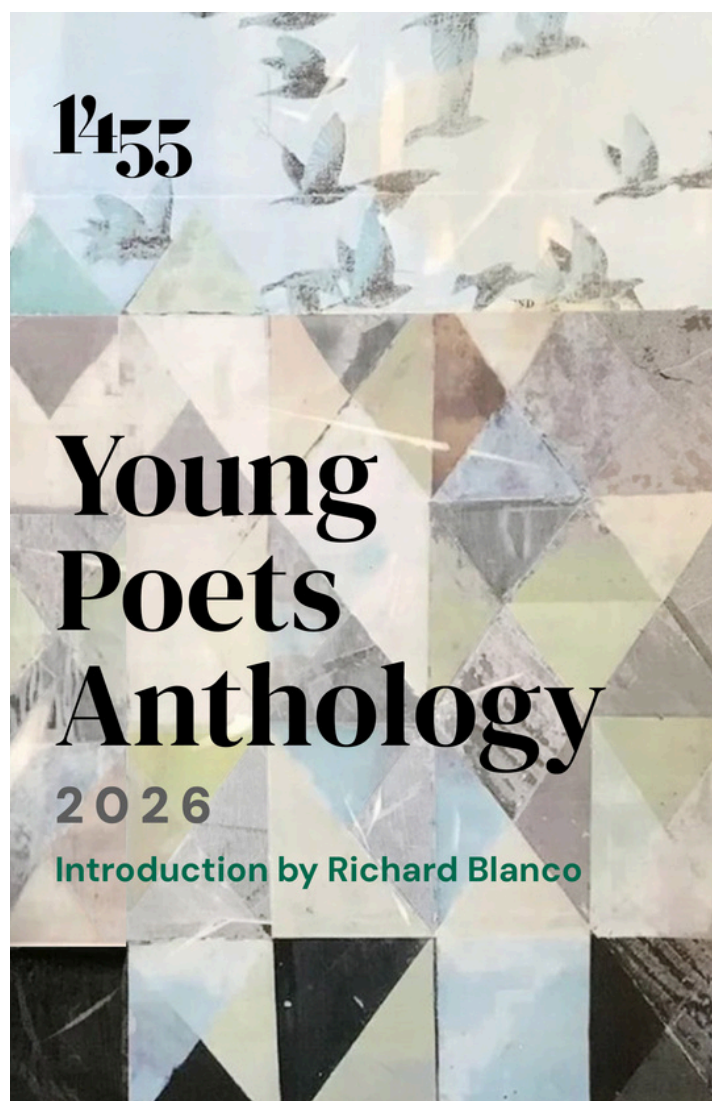


# 1455 books presents a global anthology of emerging poets under 21



## ABOUT

A new generation is writing its way forward. 1455's Young Poets Anthology showcases powerful and original work from writers under 21 across the globe—all exploring the theme of hope in brave and often unexpected ways. These poems challenge us to interrogate what it means to believe in something better, and how imagination and empathy will guide us forward. As one of the inaugural titles from 1455 books, this collection represents a commitment to accessibility, authenticity, and the future of literary culture. Discover the voices that are shaping what comes next.

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**FULL DESCRIPTION**

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Featuring poets ranging from ages 10 through 21, these diverse voices grapple with the world as it is, and imagine a better future. These poems question what hope means in 2026, what it will mean in a year, or one hundred years. Where can hope be found? How can it be nurtured or repaired? These poets express uncertainty, confidence, resilience, and renewal, offering deeply personal reflections about holding on to hope, encouraging it in our communities, and using creativity and empathy to sustain it. In the spirit of Emily Dickinson's image of hope as "the thing with feathers," this anthology invites readers to consider their own definitions, and to witness how a new generation gives voice to possibility.

1455's Young Poets Anthology is not simply a collection of extraordinary poems—it's a living document to the power of young voices. In a changing world filled with uncertainty, these writers provide clarity and courage, and occasionally articulate new ways to see a future that's at once inclusive and filled with opportunity. This work will endure as a snapshot of today's realities, and a blueprint for ways we might move forward with purpose and peace. This book seeks to amplify myriad perspectives, connect readers across cultures, and serve notice that the next generation of literature is not only here now, but ready to help and inspire us.

"The theme of this anthology is hope—not as optimism, but as something complex, honest, and hard-won. We invited young poets around the world to explore what hope looks like today, and the work they produced expands how we understand and create it. I'm proud to feature such an extraordinary group of young writers."

**-Sean Murphy, *Executive Director, 1455 Literary Arts***

## CONTRIBUTORS



### Introduction by Richard Blanco

Award-winning author and former  
U.S. Presidential Inaugural Poet



### Edited by Sean Murphy

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# 1455 books

## A generation we talk about, speaking for itself

At a time when narratives about young people often focus on what's going wrong, this anthology offers something else: a generation responding with clarity, creativity, and intention. These poets were given the space to write freely—and what they produced is honest, complex, and deeply considered.



### Emerging voices with clarity

Not commentary about young people—this is their work, in their own words, responding to the world.

### Hope, without clichés

These poems don't offer easy optimism. They explore hope as complex, uncertain, and hard-won.

### Real literary credibility

Introduction by Presidential Inaugural Poet Richard Blanco shows this work is being taken seriously.

### A rare first publication moment

For many contributors, this is the first time seeing their work professionally published and shared at scale.

### A window into a global generation

Voices from nine countries offer a rare, firsthand look at how young people are thinking and feeling right now.

### Unfiltered, not overproduced

The work isn't shaped by trends or market expectations—it's direct and personal.

## Breaking past traditional publishing limits

### No financial barrier to entry

Writers submitted and were published at no cost—removing one of the biggest publishing barriers.

### No traditional publishing gatekeeping

Work was selected on merit, not connections, credentials, or market positioning.

### A model designed to promote, not just release

This project is designed to be seen—supported by a full campaign across media, social, and community.





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**More stories,  
published**

## **Publishing without gatekeeping, confusion, or compromise**

1455 books is the publishing imprint of 1455 Literary Arts, a nonprofit dedicated to celebrating storytelling, empowering creative communities and supporting writers at every stage—offering professional publishing, meaningful visibility, and a commitment to authentic, impactful work.

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1455 books is available for media coverage, interviews, and speaking opportunities related to the 1455's Young Poets Anthology. Executive Director Sean Murphy can speak to the project, the voices behind it, and the broader mission of expanding access to publishing. For press inquiries or booking requests, please use the contacts below.

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