

## List 1: Female American Poets

### 1910s

1. (1912; *Renascence* is published) Edna St. Vincent Millay. *The Works of Edna St. Vincent Millay*.
2. Amy Lowell. *Selected Poems*.
3. 1912. *H.D. The Collected Poems*. Hilda Doolittle.

### 1920s

4. Mina Loy. *The Lost Lunar Baedeker: Poems of Mina Loy*.

### 1940s

5. 1945 (first book published) Gwendolyn Brooks. *The Essential Gwendolyn Brooks*.
6. Gertrude Stein. *Collected Works*.
7. *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas*. Gertrude Stein.

### 1960s.

8. (1960—*The Colossus* is published). Sylvia Plath. *Collected Poems*.
9. Nikki Giovanni. *The Collected Poetry of Nikki Giovanni: 1968-1998*.
10. (Spans the 1960s to the 1980s). Honor Moore. *Poems from the Women's Movement*.
11. Maxine Kumin. *Selected Poems: 1960—1990*.
12. Louise Gluck. *Poems 1962—2012*.
13. (1969—first book). Lucille Clifton. *Collected Poems*.
14. *Anne Sexton: The Complete Poems*. Anne Sexton.

### 1970s

15. 1971. Elizabeth Bishop. *Geography III*.
16. **(Became influential in the 1970s)**. Audre Lorde. *Collected Poems of Audre Lorde*.
17. 1978. Adrienne Rich. *The Dream of a Common Language*.
18. Alicia Ostriker. *The Book of Life: Selected Jewish Poems, 1979-2011*.

### 1980s

19. 1981. Linda Pastan. *Waiting for My Life*.

20. **1982.** Irena Klepfisz. *Keeper of Accounts.*

21. **1983.** Alicia Ostriker. *Writing Like a Woman.*

22. **1988.** Linda Hogan. *Savings. Poems.*

### 1990s.

23. **1992.** Grace Paley. *New and Collected Poems.*

24. **1993.** Louise Glück. *Wild Iris.*

25. **1994-2014.** Marilyn Hacker. *A Stranger's Mirror.*

26. **1995.** Anne Carson. *Glass, Irony, and God.*

27. **1997.** *Leaving Yuba City: Poems.* Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

28. 1997. Ntozake Shange. *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf.*

### 2000s

29. **2000.** Marge Piercy. *The Art of Blessing the Day: Poems with a Jewish Theme.*

30. **2003.** Mohja Kahf. *Emails from Scheherazad.*

31. **2009.** Maggie Nelson. *Bluets.*

32. **2014.** Claudia Rankine. *Citizen.*

33. **2015.** Morgan Parker. *Other People's Comfort Keeps Me Up at Night.*

34. **2016.** Aracelis Girmay. *The Black Maria.*

35. **2017.** Allison Pitinii Davis. *Line Study of a Motel Clerk.*

36. **2017.** Aireya D. Matthews. *Simulacra.*

37. **2017.** Linda Pastan. *Insomnia.*

38. **2018.** Alicia Jo Rabins. *Fruit Geode.*

39. **2018.** Erika Meitner. *Holy Moly Carry Me.*

### Critical Texts

40. Maureen Honey. *Shadowed Dreams: Women's Poetry of the Harlem Renaissance.*

41. Alicia Ostriker. *Stealing the Language: The Emergence of Women's Poetry in America.*

42. Gloria Anzaldúa. *Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza*.
43. Miriam Peskowitz and Laura Levitt, Editors. *Judaism Since Gender*.
44. Amy Moorman Robbins. *American Hybrid Poetics: Gender, Mass Culture, and Form*.
45. Nancy Milford. *Savage Beauty: The Life of Edna St. Vincent Millay*.
46. Julie R. Enszer. *Milk and Honey: A Celebration of Jewish Lesbian Poetry (Body Language)*.
47. Ajuan Maria Mance. *Inventing Black Women: African American Women Poets and Self-Representation, 1877-2000*.
48. Susan Howe. *My Emily Dickinson*.
49. *Gendered Modernisms: American Women Poets and their Readers*. Margaret Dickie and Thomas Travisano.
50. *Blue Studios: Poetry and Its Cultural Work*. Rachel Blau DuPlessis.

List 2:  
Female American Memoirists/Essayists

Memoir/Graphic Memoir

1. *Heart Berries* – Terese Marie Mailhot
2. *The Kiss* – Kathryn Harrison
3. *For Single Mothers Working as Train Conductors*—Laura Esther Wolfson (Winner of the Iowa Prize for Literary Nonfiction, 2017)
4. *On Immunity* – Eula Bliss
5. *Life Would Be Perfect If I Lived in That House* – Meghan Daum
6. *Fun Home*—Allison Bechdel
7. *Devotion* – Dani Shapiro
8. *The Book of Separation* –Tova Mirvis
9. *The Rules Do Not Apply* – Ariel Levy
10. *Committed: A Love Story* – Elizabeth Gilbert
11. *Hourglass: Time, Memory, Marriage*—Dani Shapiro
12. *Poor Your Soul*—Mira Ptacin
13. *Not That Kind of Girl* – Lena Dunham
14. *Eat Pray Love*—Elizabeth Gilbert
15. *Full Body Burden: Growing Up in the Nuclear Shadow of Rocky Flats* – Kristen Iversen
16. *Hunger: A Memoir of (My) Body*—Roxane Gay
17. *Imagine Wanting Only This*—Kristen Radtke
18. *Men We Reaped* – Jesmyn Ward
19. *The Year of Magical Thinking*—Joan Didion
20. *Blue Nights*—Joan Didion
21. *May Cause Love: An Unexpected Journey of Enlightenment After Abortion*—Kassi Underwood

Essay Collections

1. *My Misspent Youth* – Meghan Daum

2. *The Unspeakable*—Meghan Daum
3. *Look Alive Out There* – Sloane Crosley
4. *This Will Be My Undoing* – Morgan Jenkins
5. *Season of the Body* – Brenda Miller
6. *Changing My Mind: Occasional Essays* – Zadie Smith
7. *I Was Told There'd Be Cake*—Sloane Crosley
8. *The Empathy Exams* – Leslie Jamison
9. *I Feel Bad About My Neck: And Other Thoughts on Being a Woman* – Nora Ephron
10. *I Remember Nothing* – Nora Ephron
11. *Crazy Salad: Some Things About Women* – Nora Ephron
12. *Rough Likeness* – Lia Purpura
13. *How Did You Get This Number*—Sloane Crosley
14. *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* – Annie Dillard
15. *The Common Reader* – Virginia Woolf
16. *Bad Feminist*—Roxane Gay

#### Craft

1. *Far Edges of the Fourth Genre* – Prentiss and Walker
2. *StoryCraft: The Complete Guide to Writing Narrative Nonfiction* – Jack Hart
3. *The Situation and the Story* – Vivian Gornick
4. *The Art of Time in Memoir* – Sven Birkerts
5. *Good Prose: The Art of Nonfiction* -- Kidder and Todd
6. *Reality Hunger* – David Shields
7. *Bending Genre* – Singer and Walker
8. *Truth in Nonfiction* – David Lazar
9. *Why We Write About Ourselves: Memoirists on Why they Expose Themselves (and Others) in the Name of Literature* – Meredith Maran

10. *Tell it Slant* – Brenda Miller
11. *The Lifespan of a Fact* – John D’Agata and Jim Fingal
12. *I Could Tell You Stories* – Patricia Hampl
13. *You Can’t Make This Stuff Up: The Complete Guide to Writing Creative Nonfiction from Memoir to Literary Journalism and Everything in Between* – Lee Gutkind