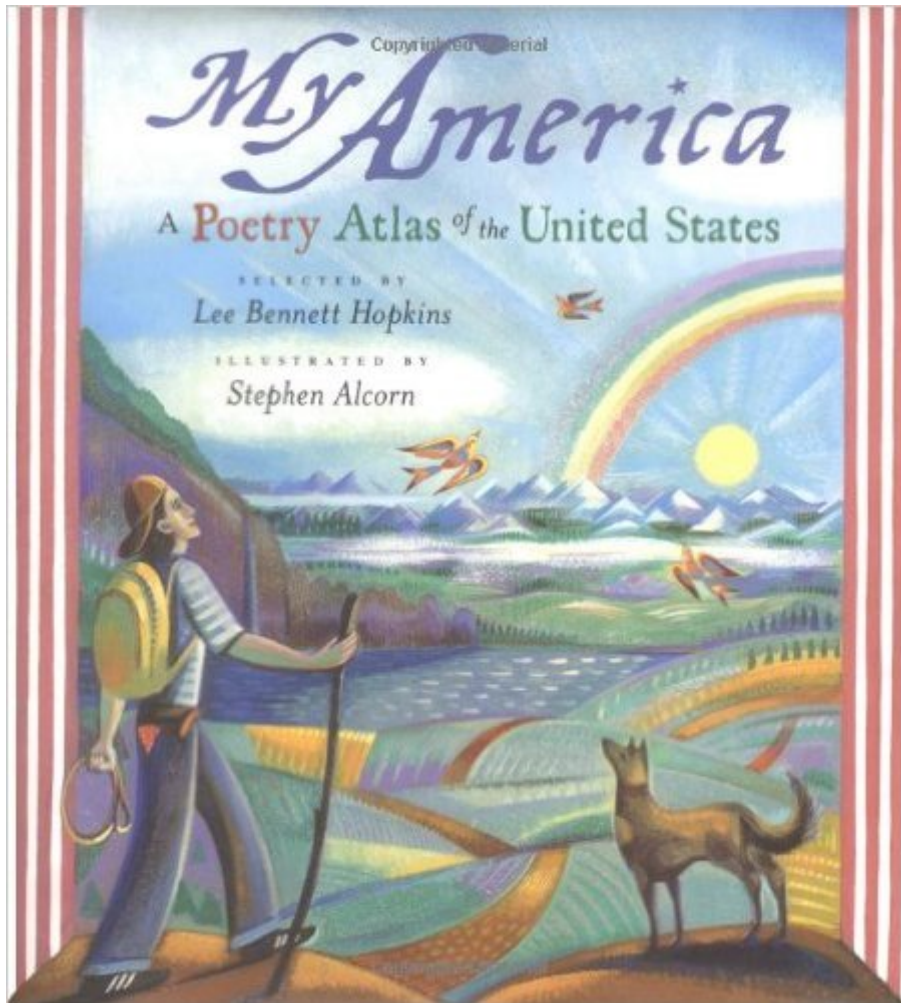


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# My America: A Poetry Atlas Of The United States



## Synopsis

In *My America*, Lee Bennett Hopkins weaves together fifty poems -- grouped by geographic region -- to create a remarkable portrait of the United States. Here is America in all its stunning variety, from the dramatic seacoast of the Northeast and the rippling cornfields of the Plains States to the shimmering deserts of the Southwest and the majestic redwood forests of the Pacific Coast. But here, too, are the ties that bind this nation together -- the hopes and dreams of those who live in our cities and towns and on farms. The voices of beloved poets like Langston Hughes, Carl Sandburg, Nikki Giovanni, and Lilian Moore blend with new voices to sing not just of landmarks like the Mississippi River, the Grand Canyon, and the Everglades, but of daily life across the land. Complementing these personal, moving visions of America are maps of the regions and fascinating facts for each state. Stephen Alcorn's brilliant, textured artwork makes this book a feast for the eyes as well as for the imagination. Impressive for its breadth, depth, and beauty, *My America* is a volume readers will savor as they read it time and time again. It is fitting homage to our wideranging, ever-changing land.

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When I was younger I was one of those kids who memorized the state capitals and wanted to know detailed information. I would have been crazy for this book which has some basic factual

information, but is really a celebration of poetry and our country. The art is amazing and vibrant. It's a gift book, but I know children will actually dig in and really enjoy reading it. Highly recommended for school units on poetry and the US.

Take a journey through this great country through the eyes of poets. Fun facts from each state, maps and beautiful illustrations enhance the selection of poems. I was hooked from the introduction on. Good for all ages.

I wanted this book to tie in some poetry with United States regions my fourth graders are studying. I haven't really found ONE that I can use in a meaningful way. The cover is pretty. The fact cards are nice but the same information that is readily available everywhere. I would not buy this book new. Perhaps a bargain if you can find it used and are able to glean a poem or two out of it. I am disappointed.

Superb anthology of children's poetry, beautifully illustrated - a literary road trip! Lee Bennett Hopkins, with his impeccable standards of quality and taste, has gathered together an array of poems that truly celebrates the range of our nation. A delightful presentation of the country's geography.

I rate this a five. My students rate it a 4. It is just a nice way to incorporate one more literary genre into the day.

Good Book. I like that the poems are about the states. We included in our Geography study of the United States. My daughter enjoyed memorizing some of them.

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