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Poems From Homeroom: A Writer's Place To Start



Synopsis

A collection of original poems and creative writing exercises that will inspire teens to write about their own lives. "Since the very beginnings of the human race, we've been gathering in circles and telling stories because beyond the physical needs for food, water, clean air, and security, one of our most basic yearnings is to express ourselves, to share what we know, what we dream, what we imagine, and what we feel." Experienced poet and teacher Kathi Appelt has written a wonderful collection of poems for young adult readers, accompanied by fascinating accounts of how and why the poems came to be, along with writing exercises to inspire readers to create their own poetry. A perfect gift and an excellent classroom resource, this book opens up the world of poetry in a way that is accessible and appealing to teens.

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Customer Reviews

Kathi Appelt, *Poems from Homeroom: A Writer's Place to Start* (Henry Holt, 2002) I'm still not quite sure how I feel about this book. I love the second section of it, where Appelt goes into the ideas behind the poems and provides exercises for young readers to get to writing (even if she does make the usual mistake of calling 5-7-5 an established form, rather than a guideline, in English haiku). As for the poems themselves, the jury's still kind of out. Attention is paid to the crafting of them, which in itself makes them rise to above average in today's world of published poetry; if there is a problem,

it's that the narrative structure of much of the poetry tends to get away from the image, and so some of it sounds like prose broken up into lines rather than poetry. Appelt is very good at using form, though, and when she does this collection shines. Overall, there's more good than bad here. Worth checking out. ***

I love this book! Kathi Appelt presents some of her own poetry with the inspirations behind each poem and suggestions for students trying to write their own. There are many good writing prompts, and she explores different styles of poetry. I found this to be a very useful resource as a middle school ELA teacher.

Like most of the youth poetry books I purchase, this is another sure fire way of showing teens is cool to write poetry and share how you feel.

This book was purchased for my daughter. It was on the recommended reading this list. She loved it and rates it 5 stars.

Daniel Whedbee
The book I read was "Poems from Homeroom", by Kathi Appelt. The main focus in this book seems to be about younger people and problems they had. For the most part, most of the poems weren't great, but they were good. "Good Job Buddy", was my personal favorite. It is about a young man who work's late night at a supermarket. Every night at the same time a girl comes in there after she gets off work. She never talks to anyone, she's always quiet. The man secretly has a major crush on her, but is too scared and shy to talk to her. So one night, he gets the courage, and just grabs a cart, runs as fast as he can hops on the cart and crashes right next to her. She then runs up and asks him, "Are you okay?" It doesn't say what happens next but I'm sure they lived happily ever after. Seeing as I don't often read books of poems my review may not be that good, but I believe this book is a good book for someone my age, around 15 or maybe a little younger. Some of the poems sound redundant, but they are still good. I would give it 3 out of 5 stars..

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