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Ten-Second Rainshowers: Poems By Young People



Synopsis

A collection of poetry, written by children ages eight through eighteen, captures the feelings and emotions that are experienced while going through the ever-changing challenges of life and the process of growing up.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I found this from NPR's Sunday Edition interview with the compiler, Sandy Lyne. What motivated me to get this book was the haunting eloquence of observations of their (children grades 3-12) lives. I was not disappointed. The book is divided into the following chapters: Angels in Bloom, Poems about Childhood; My Place, Poems about Home & Family; Black & Blue, Poems about Challenges; Then You're a Leaf, Poems about Nature & Beauty; Holding Hands, Poems about Friendship & Love; The Secret Kingdom, Poems about Solitude & Spirit. The book's title is taken from a poem by an eighth grade boy titled, "Rainshowers." "Rainshowers last forever, seconds at a time, and almost like a poem which is long at heart." This is a great sample of the treasures of heartsongs and lifesongs that you find in this book. Submitted by Mark Hashizume

Sandy Lyne's compilation of student poetry is wonderful in displaying the uninhibited candor and emotion of school age children. I'm doubtless a bit biased as a poem I wrote while in school is

included in the book. Sandy visited for several weeks and encouraged us to be open in expressing ourselves, making each student know that they had "the soul of a poet". It was a memorable experience for me, and I'm grateful to be included in this delightful collection.

These poems in this book are sometimes translucent, often remarkable and easy to read, and frequently wisdom-bullets that pierce the heart. There is more sweet wisdom here in single poems than one often finds in the dense works of the professional poet. A definite must-have book.

The poems scattered across the pages of this volume are rich in their simplicity and openness. They aren't polluted by the pretense of professionalism or the so-called "wisdom" of age. Truly a delightful book for adults and children alike.

I have loved this book for years. Terrific student poetry to use as models. They are uniformly terrific

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