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Oh no! Where are My Pants! and other disaster poems

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Hopkins, Lee Bennett, ed. *Oh no! Where are My Pants! and other disaster poems*. Illustrated by Wolf Erlbruch. HarperCollins, 2005. ISBN 068817860X. \$15.99. 32 pp.

Reviewer: Laura Wadley

Reading Level: Intermediate

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Humorous poetry;

Subject: Conduct of life-Juvenile poetry; Emotions-Juvenile poetry; Books--Reviews;

From the title and cover art, one would assume *Oh, No! Where are My Pants* to be a book of strictly humorous poetry, but many of the poems here may be nostalgic and bittersweet for adults, and presently painful for children. Poems about a friend's moving away, the death of the school's pet rabbit, and a boy at camp who would rather be home are more about sorrows than disasters, and sorrows that may linger to this day for adult readers. That being said, this is a lovely little book, the spare but evocative pictures perfectly supplementing the poetry about winding up in a classroom without your best friend, yelling out that Tassalooma is the capital of Florida, and getting shoes instead of skates for Christmas.