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Hey, You! Poems to Skyscrapers, Mosquitoes, and other Fun Things

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Janeczko, Paul B., comp. *Hey, You! Poems to Skyscrapers, Mosquitoes, and Other Fun Things*. Illustrated by Robert Rayevsky. HarperCollins, 2007. ISBN 9780060523473. \$15.99. 40p.

Reviewer: Eliza Nevin

Reading Level: Primary

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Poetry; Informational books

Subject: American poetry—Juvenile literature; Humorous poetry—Juvenile literature; Books—Reviews

Hey, You! is a collection of poems written to objects, such as skyscrapers, mosquitoes, and tennis shoes. The book includes a brief introduction explaining how poems express feelings about objects and encouraging young readers to write their own poems.

The poems by noted authors such as George Ella Lyon, X.J. Kennedy, Nikki Grimes, and others are short and clever. They are a gentle introduction to the form. Rayevsky's watercolors are soft yet vibrant and help the reader to picture the subject of each poem. The consist use of characters and images throughout the book helps to tie the varied poems together. A great bedtime or classroom read-aloud.