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Book Review

Title: A Meal Of The Stars: Poems Up And Down

Author: Dana Jensen

Illustrator: Tricia Tusa

Reviewer: Liz Kazandzhy

Publisher: Houghton

Publication Year: 2012

ISBN: 9780547390079

Number of Pages: 32

Interest Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Excellent



Review

A Meal of the Stars presents fifteen fun vertical poems, with individual words stacked one on top of the other, to celebrate the ups and downs of the world. Poems either start from the top down (church bells ringing, stars gleaming) or from the bottom up (a dandelion growing, the takeoff of a rocket ship), and vivid illustrations take up the rest of the space on the pages.

If you're looking for a unique children's book, look no further. *A Meal of the Stars* will immediately catch your eye with its elongated shape, and the vertical poems inside are creatively written and beautifully illustrated. Readers will enjoy figuring out which way the poem goes (up or down), and the positioning of the words make the poems more meaningful and interesting. Unfortunately, the unique shape of the book makes it hard to keep open, but the nontraditional dimensions are worth having because they enhance the poetry and drawings within. This is a creative book would help children learn to read, appreciate the beauty of language, and think outside the box when it comes to reading and writing.