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Book Review

Title: Book Speak!

Author: Laura Purdie Salas

Reviewer: Sydnee Burr

Illustrator: Josee Bisailon

Publisher: Clarion Books

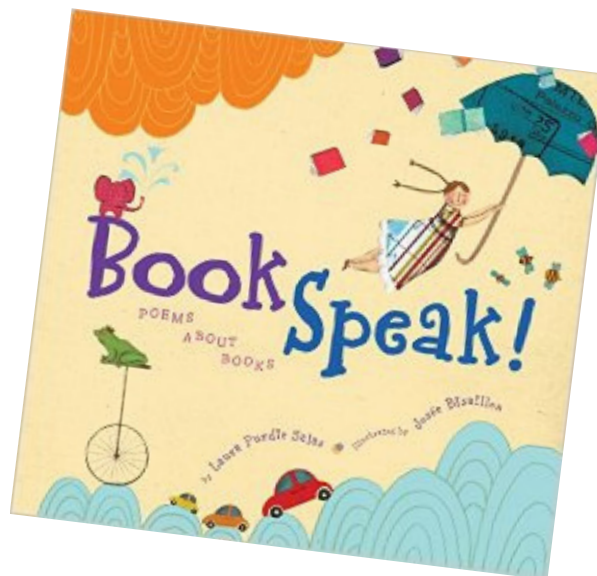
Publication Year: 2011

ISBN: 9780547223001

Number of Pages: 26

Interest Level: Intermediate, Young Adult

Rating: Dependable



Review

In a collection of poems, Salas shares her love of books. Reaching all the ingredients that make up a book, from chapter books to flashy covers to the index, Salas has rhyming words to soothe her fellow book lovers' hearts. The use of personification is utilized in many aspects to give books life and create a greater appreciation for all they do for society. A friend, an escape, an adventure, and time travel—the possibilities contained within a new book, or an old well loved book, are endless.

Intermediate readers will be able to understand and appreciate the bibliophile poems. More advanced readers will possibly have a greater appreciation for the idea behind the poems, although *Book Speak* will be far below their reading level. Perhaps the most appropriate audience is an English teacher or a book editor or someone who works in great detail with literature on a daily basis. *Book Speak* would make an excellent antiquity piece for any book lover's library.