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Autumnblings

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Florian, Douglas. *Autumnblings*. Illustrated by Douglas Florian. Greenwillow, 2003. ISBN 0060092793. \$16.89. 48 pp.

Reviewer: Marsha D. Broadway
Reading Level: Preschool; Primary;
Rating: Outstanding;
Genre: Contemporary realistic poetry;
Subject: Autumn--Juvenile Poetry;

Wordsmith Florian explores with incisive poems the ups, downs and turn-a-rounds that capture the colorful change of season and those mixed feelings that most people experience as summer is put away and crisp autumn is greeted.

Florian has proved himself a masterful poet, and this companion volume to *Winter Eyes* and *Summersaults* is among his best. A great read-aloud for home, classroom, or library, and a great springboard to encourage young poets to capture their own observations and feelings.