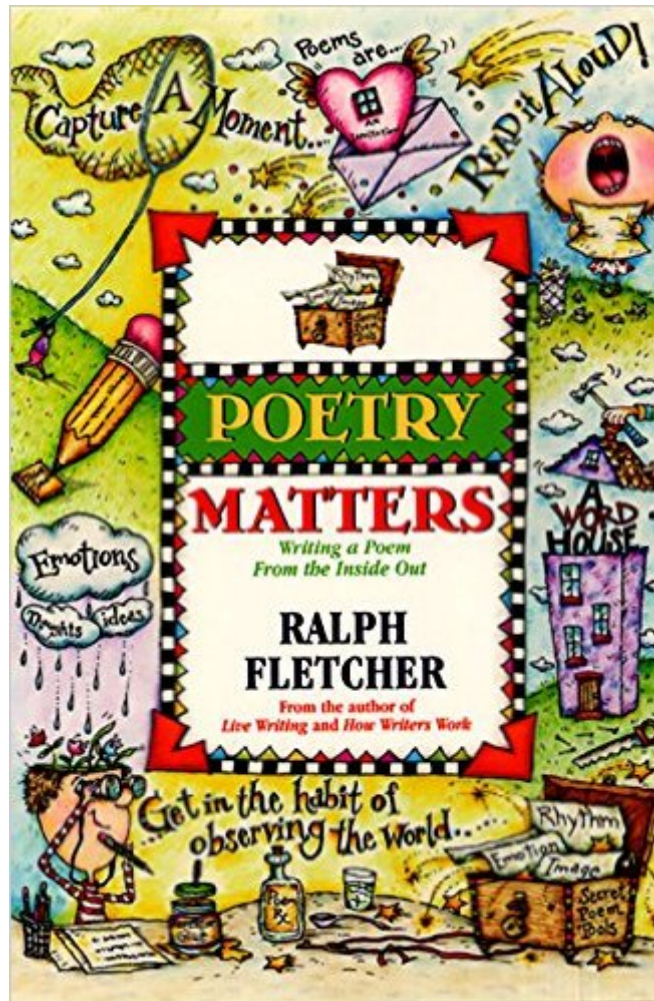


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# Poetry Matters: Writing A Poem From The Inside Out



## Synopsis

Maybe you've heard before that poetry is magic, and it made you roll your eyes, but I believe it's true. Poetry matters. At the most important moments, when everyone else is silent, poetry rises to speak. I wrote this book to help you write poems and to give practical ideas for making your poems sound the way you want them to sound. We're not going to smash poems up into the tiniest pieces. This book is about writing poetry, not analyzing it. I want this book to help you have more wonderful moments in the poetry you write. I want you to feel the power of poetry. It's my hope that through this book you will discover lots of ways to make your poems shine, sing, soar...-- Ralph Fletcher

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I really enjoyed the details in this book about from where poetry stems. I loved the idea of just watching the world around you and seeing if a poem comes to you. It does! My only concern is the book uses language that would be too difficult for the average 5th-6th grader to understand. I like that poems from kids are included, but this book seems more appropriate for a teacher to reach and integrate into his/her curriculum.

This book is inspirational and makes the most reluctant writer or non-writer want to read and write poetry. My 10-year old son and I read the book together and wrote poetry together. Neither of us likes to write, but it turned out to be so much fun. I would highly recommend this book, especially to

those who don't think they like to write or read poetry. They will be surprised!

One of the best books I have ever read on writing poetry. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who has taken up writing poetry and wants to improve their writing. Clearly-written with many wonderful stories by poets who share their experience and their angst. I belong to a Poetry Writing Workshop in Fearington Village, NC and I have recommended this book to all of the workshop participants. Jan Doolin

This book is amazing! I had to take notes on it and use sticky notes to remind myself of things to use when teaching. The book teaches you how to write poetry and to actually revise your poems! Poetry Matters is a book I would recommend to anyone.

Wonderful resource for a teacher that isn't strong in teaching poetry. My 5th graders have thrived from the writings of Fletcher. I have taught Poetry for many years but never have I been more effective than with using this book. Thank you Ralph Fletcher! P.S.- The Milkweed poem has challenged me and touched my heart!

What I like about this book is that it's aimed at middle-school students who want to write poetry, and it encourages them through examples and advice. The poems, both the good ones and the bad ones, are instructive of the subject being discussed. They're short, they're current. What I don't like about this book is its rapidity: everything that's said seems to be said very quickly, then we're off to another subject. Also, I think the chapters are in no logical order, nor does the book progress logically from one aspect of poetry to another. This book could have been stronger.

Hi, I really enjoyed reading Ralph Fletcher's book "Poetry Matters: Writing a Poem from the inside out." He gives lots of good examples. He has interviews with two other poets in the book for ideas on poetry. He makes poetry interesting and fun to learn! I also enjoyed his poetry!

This is a great book for young poets - (I bought it for my grandson who is 17) and it's also inspiring for people of any age who are new to the creation/revision of poems - including the kind that rhyme and the kind that don't.

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