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# Days Like This: A Collection Of Small Poems





### Synopsis

"Each brief verse has the rhythmic lilt and play with sounds and meaning that so engage young children. . . . But James's illustrations are the best feature of this inviting collection." â "THE HORN BOOK (starred review)DAYS LIKE THIS is a book of celebration â " whether it's the novelty of sleeping outdoors, the delight of picnicking on the beach, or the sheer joy of bouncing on the bed in the afternoon. These small poems, some familiar, some new, have been carefully selected by acclaimed author-illustrator Simon James, whose expressive line and watercolors portray an everyday world overflowing with wonder and possibility. With words and pictures given space to breathe, this is a collection of poems to read and revel in from beginning to end.

### **Book Information**

Paperback: 48 pages Publisher: Candlewick; Reprint edition (March 3, 2005) Language: English ISBN-10: 0763623148 ISBN-13: 978-0763623142 Product Dimensions: 8.2 x 0.2 x 11.8 inches Shipping Weight: 5 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (8 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #1,233,161 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #388 in Books > Children's Books > Literature & Fiction > Literary Criticism & Collections #3565 in Books > Children's Books > Literature & Fiction > Poetry Age Range: 6 - 9 years Grade Level: 1 - 4

#### **Customer Reviews**

My students really enjoy the poems in this book ... what a great way to introduce poetry to my second graders. An added bonus is that it is an Accelerate Reader book so they can take an AR quiz once they have finished reading it!

We just bought this book and it is so lovely. The illustrations are beautiful! We bought the paperback and the pictures are rich in color and really bring the poems to life. The illustrations stretch across the entire two pages - which is great for young children. The poems are simple but beautiful and my kids (and I) love them already. I especially love that they speak to the heart of a child and I love that every picture has children and/or parents out exploring the world together. I have a 2.5 yr old daughter and 4.5 yr old son and I know we will read these poems over and over again. The book isn't long-I easily read through it with my daughter in about 15 minutes.

I was looking for children's poetry to read aloud that would be fun and appealing with the senses and imaginations of young ones without being nonsensical or annoying. This one fit the bill. The poems are fun to read, the illustrations cute and whimsical. It is a lighthearted collection of poems about things children are familiar with with their five senses and in their experience. A gentle introduction to poetry. Recommend.

"Days Like This" is the perfect introduction to poetry for a small child. The sketchy, squiggly illustrations are just as captivating as the simple, sweet poems that accompany them. Each illustration tells a story by itself--a refreshing story of the wide, open world--while the poems focus the reader (or listener) to consider a single aspect of that world. The text and the pictures worked so beautifully together that I'm not sure if I can say which was illustrating which. It's a symbiosis I've never experienced in a book of poetry before, but let me assure you, it is thoroughly enjoyable!

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