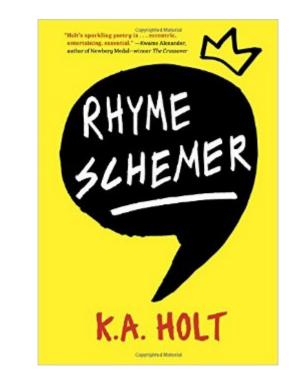
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# **Rhyme Schemer**





## Synopsis

Kevin has a bad attitude. He has a real knack for rubbing people the wrong way. And he's even figured out a secret way to do it with poems. But what happens when the tables are turned and he is the one getting picked on? Using elements of subversive found poetry, Rhyme Schemer is an accessible novel in verse that is both touching and hilarious, and will inspire voracious and reluctant readers alike. It is a celebration of the power of words and their ability to transform lives.

### **Book Information**

Lexile Measure: 520 (What's this?) Paperback: 184 pages Publisher: Chronicle Books; Reprint edition (October 6, 2015) Language: English ISBN-10: 1452145709 ISBN-13: 978-1452145709 Product Dimensions: 5.8 x 0.4 x 8.1 inches Shipping Weight: 12.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (15 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #106,206 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #175 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Friendship, Social Skills & School Life > Bullies #241 in Books > Children's Books > Literature & Fiction > Poetry > Stories In Verse #2215 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Friendship, Social Skills & School Life > Friendship Age Range: 8 - 12 years Grade Level: 5 - 9

#### **Customer Reviews**

Kevin is the youngest of five boys, and it seems to him that his parents have no time to think about him. One of his brothers bullies him, and he in turn takes it out on other kids in school. When the class nerd ends up finding Kevinâ <sup>™</sup>s lost notebook that contains poetry heâ <sup>™</sup>s written, the bully becomes the bullied. His situation starts to turn around when a perceptive teacher figures out how to help him address his issues and acknowledge his strengths.Rhyme Schemer by K. A. Holt examines how a sensitive soul can go off track. Kevin is smart and insightful, but he acts out at school hoping it will get him the attention he craves at home. His parents arenâ <sup>™</sup>t bad, theyâ <sup>™</sup>ve just fallen into a pattern of believing certain things about each of their children and stopped noticing anything that doesnâ <sup>™</sup>t reinforce their perceptions. Theyâ <sup>™</sup>re also a little overwhelmed working and raising five sons.Told in free verse, Rhyme Schemer shows the importance of having someone believe in you and recognize the strengths you have. While the free-verse format makes it easy to read quickly, the text begs for lingering over or even a second reading to get the most out of the meaning. Hereâ ™s an excerpt from one of Kevinâ ™s notebook entries:â œThere are people who talkso muchall the timeforeverwith words falling from their mouthslike crumbsfrom a sandwich.But then there are people who never talkhardly ever.Except with their eyesand their head-tiltsand their lips that can smile and frownat the same time.Mrs. Little says so muchwithout evereverSHOUTING ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY.

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