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What is a haiku? It sounds like a sneeze. And isn't a lantern a light source? Actually, they are two types of ancient Japanese poetry. Award-winning author Brian P. Cleary explains how each form works--and shows how these little poems can contain big surprises!

If It Rains Pancakes is packed with poems to make you chuckle, puzzle, and ponder. And when you've finished reading, you can try your hand at writing your own haiku and lanterns!

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Amy says

Very cute examples of haiku and lantern poems.

Ramon Requena says

This book is comprised of poems and also of Haiku-format poems, they are all about random things. But more specifically, the book teaches how to write these poems to young readers. The book is funny and insightful, in terms of how the poems can be written about anything as long as the rules of them are followed.

The media of the book is colored pencil and more importantly it appears to be very cleanly used to draw the art in all the pages. The art is sharply drawn which gives a feeling of care to the material being supported by the art.

While poetry is not something I like to read, the way this book shows how to write in the different formats and the different examples it shares is an easy task to read. I even thought of multiple topics I could write about in poem form, and this must be true for other readers, especially for younger readers. This book can be a supporting tool for teaching how to write simple poems in a 4th grade class. The poems used in this book alongside the instructions are an important tool for a teacher to have while doing lessons on poetry.

Dolores says

I'm a fan of Brian P. Cleary and this is another winner.

After a brief description of how to write haiku and lantern poems, Cleary provides oddles of examples using kid-friendly topics and eye-catching illustrations. These types of poems are simple enough for even the most reluctant writers. And if my boys don't pick up a pencil and start writing after reading "Yummy", I'll eat my dry erase marker. I do so love a book that inspires creative writing.

Peyton Matthews says

I liked how there were two different types of poetry in this book. Most of the poems are silly and make no sense, but it is a good intro book for kids 2nd grade and younger. The illustrations also perfectly represent what is exactly going on in the poem.

Nicole Graham says

Interesting images, bright, relatable, different use of presenting information, interesting to read, evokes creativity and imagination.

Cheryl says

It might do the job of showing reluctant kids that poetry doesn't have to be intimidating. If you call this poetry. They're actually pretty random sentences, shaped liked Haiku and Lantern poems. No resonance, no metaphor, no heart, no puns or satire or much of anything, really. Some rare bits of good sound like rhythm and alliteration but not enough.

The thing is, there are so very many better poems and anthologies available for kids. Why bother with this?

AmandaF says

If It Rains Pancakes is filled with haiku and lantern poems. It teaches readers what a haiku and lantern poem is with many laughs. We can use this as a tool to show students the steps it takes to create a poem. When its all over, they can create their own to share with their peers.

Laura Bricker says

Quirky collection of poems and haikus.

Nancy Kotkin says

Poems: 4 stars

Illustrations: 4 stars

Picture book of children's poetry. Half of the book is devoted to haiku and the other half of the book focuses on lantern poems. Many of the haiku are actually senryu, a haiku-like form that is not mentioned in the book. The lantern poems are especially lovely. Each of the two sections is introduced with a page explaining the poetic form. Includes a table of contents and suggestions for further reading. Good for use in a classroom poetry unit or a children's writing workshop.

Jana says

With fun, kid-friendly topics like bubblegum, pizza, burps, and snow days from school, this book of poetry introduces young readers and writers to two forms of poetry: haiku and lantern poems. With simple text and humorous illustrations, this would be a terrific mentor text to help guide budding poets. The book includes a page of print and web resources for further guidance.

Madi Ekholm says

poetry book, not about anything specific other than haiku' and lantern poems, funny, cartoon style, explains what a haiku is, explains what a lantern poem is, not a book to teach grammar, little photos for each poem

Maddie says

If it Rains Pancakes by Brian P. Cleary illustrated by Andy Rowland is a book filled with individual haiku poems for children. Due to the fact that there are over 20 different poems within this book, it is difficult to come up with one specific summary. There poems about nature, food, seasons and animals yet no two poems are identical. Each haiku would be interesting for young children as they talk about relatable and sometimes silly topics.

The illustrations throughout this book are very bright and colorful. Depending on the page, there can be from one to 4 poems on each specific page. The title is bolded in navy and there is a small picture bordered with white that illustrated what the words are saying. Since the haiku poems are so brief, so are the illustrations and they only show kind of the main message.

Cindy Mitchell *Kiss the Book* says

Cleary, Brian P. If It Rains Pancakes: Haiku and Lantern Poems. PICTURE BOOK. Lerner Publishing Group, 2014. \$6.95.

What is a Haiku? What is a Lantern Poem? Readers are given the definition of each of these poems and then given multiple examples in this great book. "Watch Out: My pet pig, Betty, in her full karate stance, performs the "pork chop." (Haiku). "Bed: pillows are twin clouds. Stretch, read, doze, sleep. Peace." (Lantern Poem). In addition to fun poetry children will enjoy, the illustrations are detailed and inviting. This would be a great addition to a poetry unit.

EL (K-3). OPTIONAL. Reviewer: SL.
<http://kissthebook.blogspot.com/2018/...>

Makaila Schmidt says

"If It Rains Pancakes" by Brian P. Cleary is a book with many Haiku poems that do not have anything to do with each other. They all are interesting subjects to kids, but are not relate to one another. Each poem is either half a page or a whole page, and they each include an illustration to go along with the Haiku.

Haikus have three lines with the first lining have 5 syllables, the second having 7 syllables and the last line having five again. Each haiku had a title that foreshadowed what the poem was going to about. The colorful, cartoon like pictures are amusing for kids, and enhance the overall gist of the poem.

Maiko says

A good starter book of poetry for kids K to 2.

This book has an easy going note. The poems are short, simple, and the scenes are ultimately familiar for the little ones.
