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Inside Out: Poems on Writing and Reading Poems with Insider Exercises.

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The poems in this collection not only show how to write different types of poems but also cleverly define the various forms and writing “tools.” Following a series of poems that illustrates how words can be used to appeal to each of the five senses, other entries tackle topics such as similes and metaphors, onomatopoeia, iambic pentameter, and sestinas, showing by example even as the lines offer young poets tips on creating their own verse. Descriptive poems bring experiences to life, utilizing both classic and modern references in such a way that will cause readers to marvel at the power of language. Nine exercises follow the initial poems, offering additional explanations, suggestions, and tips for writing alone or among others. They also provide thoughtful questions for the writer to answer. A glossary gives helpful, detailed definitions that clarify any uncertainties students may still have. An excellent, interactive resource for high-school classrooms as well as young-adult nonfiction sections in school and public libraries.

— *Selenia Paz*