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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.

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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 Kevin's lost notebook that contains poetry he'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 aren't bad, they've just fallen into a pattern of believing certain things about each of their children and stopped noticing anything that doesn't reinforce their perceptions. They'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. Here's an excerpt from one of Kevin's notebook entries: "There are people who talk so much all the time forever with words falling from their mouths like crumbs from a sandwich. But then there are people who never talk hardly ever. Except with their eyes and their head-tilts and their lips that can smile and frown at the same time. Mrs. Little says so much without ever ever SHOUTING ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY."

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