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Did you actually think shoes, jackets, and hats didn't have personalities? Think again! The outfits in this book are brought to vivid life by Alice Schertle's wry poetry and Petra Mathers's exuberant cast of young animal characters. From Joshua's cozy jammies to Emily's frilly undies, the duds on display in this perfectly stitched poetry collection are as unique as the critters who wear them.

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Elisa Gutierrez says

The poems in this collection are all written from the perspective of the different animal character's object: Bob's bicycle helmet, Violet's hiking hat, Tanya's old t-shirt. The characters, all different animals, are brightly illustrated and very kid friendly. The personification of the clothing pieces, and how they are as involved in the activity as their wearer, is a fun spin on perspective and action. Great for younger readers and those new to poetry.

Holley Gray says

Having observed many first and second grade classes, I know this age would adore this book! First of all, it's catchy because of the funny rhymes. Second of all, it has really great images that go with the quirky words and ideas of the book. This book stands out to me because it is so very different, and students in an elementary setting would notice that as well. My favorite poem out of this verse novel is called "Hand-Me-Down Sweatshirt," because it talks so positively about the subject! I know that a lot of students may not be proud to be wearing their older sibling or another's old clothing, but Schertle speaks of the clothes as having been on a journey. It's even from the point of view from the sweatshirt itself! I think a lesson where students practice their own poem with their favorite article of clothing would be ideal for Button Up!

Olivia Warren says

Fun, comical poems for children of all ages!

Nadine Willis says

I labeled this book, Button Up!, in the poetry genre. This book is full of a collection of poems that give voices to articles of clothing and how they feel about their relationship with their owner. Where the poems are creative and witty, the images lack the energy the poems portrayed.

Chelsea says

Cute and nice little poems. The clothing perspective was interesting.

Hannah Ruck says

This book of poetry personifies clothing through poems. While the illustrations vary from page to page, they provide a story of their own to the poem they are matched with. It is a cute read for a giggle about how silly clothes could be if they could talk.

Ariana Ahlers says

In my search for engaging poetry books I came across this one and realized it would be a very good one for getting children into poetry at a young age. The poems are all about things you wear, and there are quite a few funny ones in the book. I however did feel that there were some that just were difficult to follow along and took me more than one read through. Due to that difficulty I only rated the book 3/5 because if I am struggling then I feel like a child would too.

Frances says

This is a great new addition to my Clothing Study for my preschool children. This book of rhymes gives the clothing a voice. I particularly like Tanyla's old-shirt and Emily's undies. I think it is a great book to read anytime, but the ending got my attention because Bill's Blue Jacket buttons up to go outside to play. What a great way to transition to go outside or get ready to go home at the end of the day. This is a great book for preschool - 2nd grade. The illustrations were ok, but I did not find them that appealing, but the language of the book brings the story alive.

MaryannP says

Button Up is a poetry picture book. This book has a table of contents that lists a variety of poems, all written by the same author but the illustrator is different. These poems are written about all different animals and are fun poems about an animal's accessory. The accessories include shoes, helmets, pajamas, underwear, shoelaces, t-shirts, jerseys, etc.

These are great poems to practice fluency and phrasing with a partner in a reading station. They're great to read aloud and hear the beat. They can also be used as a poem of the week, to teach theme, to show how language works, rhyming, writing such as voice or word choice, and more. I would use this for 2nd-3rd graders.

Mama Bibliosoph says

In Button Up!, each short poem tells a story about a new animal character from the point of view of an article of clothing that character wears.

"The Song of Harvey's Galoshes" is about a four rainboots belonging to a pig who loves to splash in muddy puddles. "Bob's Bicycle Helmet" is about a red helmet who is "on the job" protecting a dog named Bob who rides a bike. There are poems about wool sweaters, Halloween costumes, swimsuits, soccer jerseys, pajamas, underwear, sweatshirts, hiking hats, shoelaces, dress-up clothes, jackets, shoes, and even an old T-shirt that

doesn't fit anymore.

The poetry is top-notch, with great rhyme and rhythm to keep kids engaged. I find that picture books with a longer length are most successful when they are poetry collections like this one. It's easier to keep a child's attention when each page has something new to offer.

I don't think either of my sons understood that the "point of view" of each poem was the clothing's. That's a pretty abstract concept! But I like the idea of continuing to use Button Up! to work on point of view.

I review books for children from the perspective of a parent of kids with autism. The review above is part of a longer post on books about clothing and dressing: <https://www.lineupthebooks.com/dressing/>

Donna Mork says

Very sweet poems from the point of view of various articles of clothing (shoelaces, galoshes, etc). Cute word twists.

Robin Raines-Bond says

Fun silly rhymes most kids will giggle at.

Monica says

This book is filled with many rhyming poems about articles of clothing! It is clever and has adorable illustrations that all audiences will enjoy. Each poem is about an animal with its own name and their article of clothing and what they do with them. It's perfect for and end of the day read for lower elementary children with its fun illustrations and many detailed, rhyming poems.

Abbie Stice says

I loved this book to introduce poetry to students at a young age. It is very kid friendly and helps students make connections in poems. It is also well illustrated that gives poems life. I think that using animals and real life things that students can make connections with.

Dominique Andrich says

This collection of poems has a unique theme- the clothes you wear! With a subject matter that hits home to most kids it serves as a great introduction to all clothing articles that they may encounter in their daily lives. With its charming illustrations and catchy, song like poems "Button Up," is a great book to use for children

as a way to introduce poetry on an easy level.
