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Words of wisdom, whimsy and wonder fill this collection of tall tales and silly stories. As you wander through the pages you just may come across a rare Giraffapotamus, or meet The Remarkable Hector McTwee, and maybe even take a ride on a Unicornicycle. There are Cannonballs and Cartwheelers, Tree Climbers and Trampolinists, Moon Swimmers and Moose Riders, and an amazing assortment of funny, strange, and unforgettable rhymes that will have you wondering just what's coming next. A timeless collection of poems and art keeping the tradition of hardcover books and bedtime reading alive. This is the first in a projected trilogy which will include the sequel Running To The Sun, to be followed by Sailing To The Stars.

In the spirit of the wonderful books by Shel Silverstein, these beautifully illustrated verses and story-poems come to life with memorable characters and messages that will appeal to youngsters, parents, grandparents, adults, teens, and basically children of all ages. This poetry collection will become a favorite that you will turn to again and again, for bedtime reading, family time, or if you just need a smile to brighten your day.

## **Swimming to the Moon: A Collection of Rhymes Without Reason Details**

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## **From Reader Review Swimming to the Moon: A Collection of Rhymes Without Reason for online ebook**

### **Skylar Burris says**

This is a collection of children's poems that attempts, I think, to be in the same vein as Shel Silverstein or Jack Prelutsky. The illustrations are decent enough. Unlike many indie books, this one does not suffer from extensive typos (although one poem, "My Shadow Gave Me a Dirty Look," does appear to be missing a line). The rhyme is consistent, but the meter of the poems does not always flow perfectly smoothly. The humor is not sophisticated. Rather, these poems have an imitative quality to them that just misses the mark for me. "Bargain?" for instance seems to take an idea from Shel Silverstein's "Smart." This really isn't a bad collection at all; it's just that, when you are accustomed to reading Shel Silverstein or Jack Prelutsky, you immediately notice the difference. The author seems to do best with the shorter poems ("Dance Lessons" and "Nickname" come to mind.) If you have a child who is looking for more poetry, and has already blown through the best, this might be something to add to the collection.

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### **Brandy Collins says**

I received this book through a Goodreads Giveaway. I had been searching for a new collection to read to my children, and what I've discovered in Swimming To the Moon is nothing short of magical.

I usually read one to two poems/stories a night, and despite having read all of the stories at least twice, my children continue to insist, "Mommy! Read Swimming To the Moon!" every single night. That's saying a lot! In a month, my kids have yet to grow tired of this collection.

It's full of silliness and joy, and I expect it to remain our family favorite for years to come. The illustrations are perfectly quirky, and combined with the wonderful poems create a fun and imaginative experience for kids and grown-ups alike.

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### **Sam says**

Let me start off by saying this is a beautiful hardback book. On the inside there is a delightful collection of poems with illustration that are really cute. I sat down with my granddaughter and started reading this to her and she loved it and so did I. This is a book that she and I will share over and over again. Would make a wonderful gift for any occasion

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### **Meghan says**

He reminds me a lot of Shel Silverstein and Dr Seuss - silly words, funny rhymes, lots of great pictures. An enjoyable read for both adults and children. I'm really glad I read this book - it had me laughing quite a few times throughout it and lifted an otherwise dull evening up quite a bit.

Poems in this book you definitely should check out: Under All This Dirt, The Dresser, The Shopping Cart Adventure (a personal favorite), Driving Doesn't Seem So Hard, Above the Bottom, Poet Try, A Most Outstanding Cannonball, Gum on My Shoe, I Threw a Rock, The Declaration of Jim Dependence, Rolling Down a Hill, and They Only Give You One. All are definitely worth the read, though. :)

Note: I received a copy of this in exchange for my honest review.

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### **Gaia Serene says**

Swimming to the Moon is a fun, quirky read. It feels like a mix between Shel Silverstein's Where the Sidewalk Ends and Alan Klatz's I'm Still Here in the Bathtub. The poems are stock full of melody and rhyme. The illustrations are adorable and accompany the poems perfectly. A book well worth the read.

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### **Janie Johnson says**

I received this book from a good friend. She thought that my grandson would love it so I started reading this with him earlier in the year. We would take some time each day to read some of the poems together and there were so many that we both loved! When summer came around I did not see him as often, but I decided I would still read these poems and finish the book, and I will urge him to do the same.

What a great poet this Author is. I feel so blessed to have been able to read this collection of poetry. He knows just how to write these poems so that children can understand and enjoy what they are reading throughout the entire book. I am sure that most kids can easily relate to a lot of these poems in this book. Very well done Mr. McMahon!

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### **Ichorica says**

Wrap up: This was a pleasant read! There is certainly more than a handful of rhymes in this book that I would read to a young child if I had one. The illustrations are just as lovely as well, and I felt that they really captured the comical-ness of the rhymes (both in content and in style). I would certainly give a copy of this out to a parent or elementary-school teacher...the content is appropriate, innocent, meaningful and witty. What more can you really ask for? All in all it's a lovely collection—I would enjoy seeing what else McMahon has to offer for a young audience.

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<http://onherbookshelf.blogspot.ca/201...>

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### **Teresa Munoz says**

I read some of the rhymes. there were funny and clever. My students are going to love it.

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### **Jillian says**

This is a lovely book of poems that made me smile and laugh. They were extremely creative and adorable often with a childlike view. Some were from the view of a child with an old soul. Regardless, this book is perfect for people of all ages with an interest in poetry or reading or even a smile. I highly suggest this to anyone who is interested. Alongside the writing, the illustrations are wonderful. Beautifully drawn and they add something to the poetry. Just look at the cover! Five stars.

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### **Sarah Kat says**

4.5/5.0

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### **Kimberly Westrope says**

This is simply a beautiful book. I enjoyed reading each poem and found myself smiling or, in some cases, laughing out loud. A highly recommended read for both children and adults. Mr. McMahon takes simple acts and observations that occur daily in the life of a child and creates wonderful imagery and humor around them with the imagination of a child. I often wish that, as adults, more people looked at the world this way...whimsically. This book was such a joy to read and I have so many favorites I'm sure I will read again. I used to read nonsense poetry to my boys when they were young, and I can't wait to share these poems with my grandchildren. The illustrations and cover are also very well done.

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### **Mrs Mommy Booknerd <http://mrsmommybooknerd.blogspot.com> says**

What a delightful and fun collection of poems and stories. I was laughing and smiling the whole time. Some of my favorites are: Planting Jellybeans, Everybody Needs a Nap, Where Did Summer Go and Getting in Shape, just to name a few. There is so much imagination in the stories. The pictures are just as fun. This collection is the best of bedtime stories and a book to hand down to your children. I absolutely adored it. It brought me and my boys together and I love that we have started a new book for bedtime reading. We have added it to our rotation, which only contains our FAVORITES!!! McMahon has been compared to Shel Silverstein and that is not to far off. If you love whimsy and fun this book is for you! I CANNOT wait for the installment: Running to the Sun!!! 5 stars to the moon and back!

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### **John says**

I can't say enough about this book. Very much like a Dr. Seuss book but I found some of them even funnier. I planned to give this book to my partners daughter who teaches first grade, but once I started reading I

decided I needed to enjoy each one before I passed it on. This book was so good I am going to get another copy to give to my nephew. The book is perfect for an elementary school classroom. This book is great for kids, but can also be enjoyed by adults, if you are reading to your kids, you might as well get something you can find some humor and joy in as well. I highly recommend this collection of Rhymes without Reason!!

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