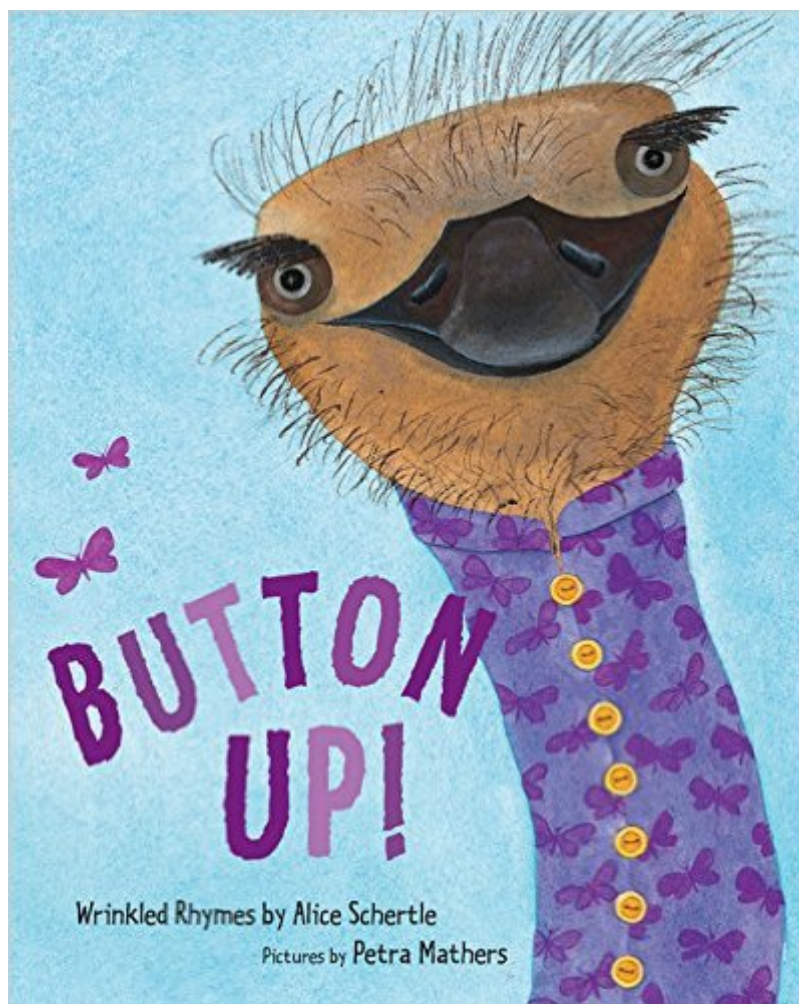


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Button Up!: Wrinkled Rhymes



Synopsis

I'm a hand-me-down sweatshirt with zipper and hood. I'm everyone's favorite and still looking good. Clothes take on a personality all their own in this "fashionable" poetry collection. A colorful array of outfits are brought to vivid life by Alice Schertle's wry poetry and Petra Mathers's exuberant cast of 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. Giggles galore!

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

I reviewed this for a graduate class on children's literature, and found it to be a fun read! My kindergartener loved it too! Award-winning poet Alice Schertle has come up with a generally delightful compilation of poems centered on the topic of clothing. The clothes are the central focus in this collection, and each poem is written from the particular clothes' point of view. The articles of clothing are worn by adorable little animals such as a galoshes-wearing pig, an underwear-wearing mouse, a pajama-clad alligator, a dog wearing a soccer jersey, and many more. Children will relate easily to these characters and the articles of clothing they are wearing as many of them wear these clothes in daily life and in a variety of activities. The illustrations by Petra Mathers are colorful and fun which further enhance the listening and reading experience. The language used is also easily accessible to young children and what makes this collection of poems particularly appealing is the

variety used in the verse. There are rhyming verses, e.g. "Jack does the running, I do the showing - number 6 coming, number 6 going" in Jack's Soccer Jersey. There are also many instances of free verse, e.g. "Ready, set, jump! Scrunch up small - Look out down below - in Wanda's Swimsuit. Mostly, this blend of free and rhyming verses work, but there are instances where it feels forced such as in Jamelia's Dress-Up Clothes which ends with a rather abrupt "Jamelia wears us all at one. We're her dress-up clothes." Some of the verses have an infectious beat that encourages audience participation which is always a great feature to have in poetry especially in reading aloud sessions with young children.

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