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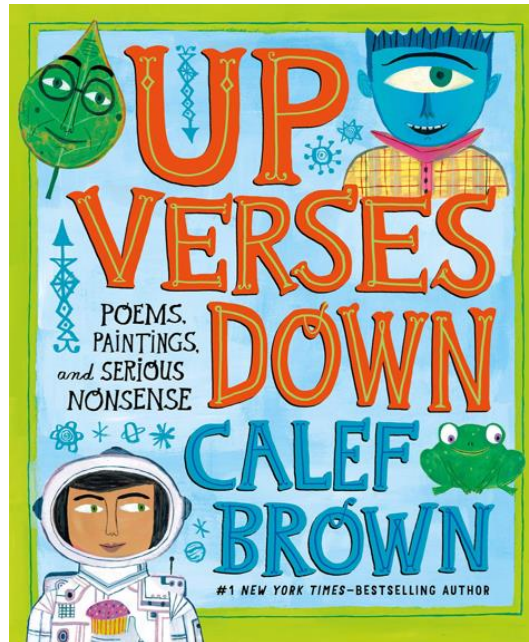
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**Review of *Up Verses Down: Poems, Paintings,
and Serious Nonsense*
Written by Calef Brown**

Adult/Educator Reviewer: Courtney Croker

George Walton Academy, Monroe, GA

Student Reviewer: Addie Grace Croker, 4th grade



Brown, C. (2019). *Up verses down: Poems, paintings, and serious nonsense*. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company.

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Adult Review: Courtney Croker

This is a book of poetry with funny, silly, crazy poems. It has great illustrations. The use of the words keeps the reader interested. Teachers could use this book as a class read aloud to work on rhyming, poetry, and silly stories. Students will enjoy hearing the poems read aloud as it allows them to engage their mind and fill it with pictures of what they believe the poem/story is about.

This book would be interesting and engaging to young children. The illustrations draw the reader in and engage them in the poems and short stories. The stories and poems are funny and they keep the reader's attention. It feels like a modern-day Shel Silverstein. Teachers would enjoy have this book in their classroom to engage students in works of poetry and short stories. A few of the words can be difficult for some readers, so using this book as a class read aloud will allow all children to understand and engage in the book.

This would be a great book to have in any classroom. This book leaves you feeling good and it will give you a good laugh as you explore the authors creative language and rhyming throughout the book.

Student Review: Addie Grace Croker

I thought this book was important because poetry can help you think of new words. It is fun to read. It can help with your rhyming of words. Poetry can make you laugh with the silly stories it tells.

I would recommend this book to other kids because other kids should read more poetry instead of just reading chapter books all day long. This book was funny and made me laugh and it was serious nonsense.

People that like silly stories and funny rhymes and poetry will really enjoy this book because it has everything you will need in it. Whether you are young or whether you are old, this book is for you!

My favorite part was the illustrations that were throughout the book. The poem I enjoyed the most was "Up Verses Down" because it made me smile.

I really enjoyed this book and would like for my friends to be able to read it. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to read and enjoy this book.