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A Meal of the Stars: Poems Up and Down

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Houghton Mifflin. 1 Cloth(s), 2012. hard. Book Condition: New. "Dear reader," poet Dana Jensen addresses us, "Each of these poems either starts at the top and goes down or starts at the bottom and goes up. Hmm which is which? That's up to you to find out." This lovely book of poetry and perspectives is arranged in one-word lines, stacking up vertically to form a ladder leading us to balloons up in the blue or dandelions down in the green, up to the top of the Ferris wheel or looking down to the carnival colors spinning below. Tricia Tusa's merry ink and watercolor cartoons help guide readers 4 to 8 in the right direction. "Such a simple, beautiful, satisfying book. Dana Jensen perfectly taps into the mystery of a child's world with this up-ness and down-ness. With each page turn, there is a sense of suspense: Should we read up or down? And as we climb the ladder of the poem or descend, rung by rung we are like Jack with his beanstalk, not sure where we will end up, and what we will be when we get there." Joyce Sidman "Imaginative and accessible, these verses show how the most ordinary of pleasures can pique..."



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