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## **Editorial Review**

From Publishers Weekly

Poetry's bad boys are back again, teaming up to take another swipe at stuffiness. Prelutsky's predilection for playfulness percolates throughout this collection of slyly subversive rhymes, and he couldn't ask for a better partner in crime than Stevenson, whose droll, minimalist sketches so enlivened the duo's previous escapades (*The New Kid on the Block*; *Something BIG Has Been Here*). Once again Prelutsky demonstrates a robust appreciation of the absurd and an uncanny knack for turning every possible subject on its head. Here his verse ranges from the short and sweet ("My mother makes me chicken,/ her chicken makes me cough./ I wish that when she made it,/ she took the feathers off") to poems of Jabberwockian silliness (the entry that begins " 'I'm ceiling fad!' a money boned./ 'Alas!' a carrot pride" is just one example). The pages are peppered with kinetic black-and-white drawings; like Thurber, Stevenson wrings a wealth of humor and emotion out of a few dashes of ink. If a laugh is what's needed, just hand over the keys and let these two drive. Ages 5-up.

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From School Library Journal

Kindergarten-Grade 6?Yet another masterful collection of poems by the prolific Prelutsky, filled with zany people, improbable creatures, and rhythm and rhyme galore, all combining to celebrate the unusual, the mundane, and the slightly gruesome ("Eyeballs for sale!/Fresh eyeballs for sale!/Delicious, nutritious,/Not moldy or stale."). Each page is brimming with Stevenson's complementary, droll watercolors, reproduced here in black and white. As with their other collaborations (*The New Kid on the Block* [1984] and *Something Big Has Been Here* [1990, both Greenwillow]) this book is a sure bet. Perfect for reading aloud or alone, it will be reached for again and again by teachers, parents, kids, librarians, and anyone else who likes poems that make them chuckle. As a matter of fact, this book should be required reading for those out there who claim they don't like poetry. If you can only afford one poetry collection this year, make it this one.?Carrie Schadle, New York Public Library

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From Scientific American

Gr. 3-6. Prelutsky is up to his old tricks, using verbal sleight of hand to create another magical anthology of light verse. Poems such as "Penguins" display an elegance of wit and style: "Penguins cautiously reside / on our planet's underside, / Where they're careful not to cough, / lest they trip and tumble off." Others appeal to a grosser humor ("Eyeballs for sale! / Fresh Eyeballs for sale! / Delicious, nutritious, / not moldy or stale") or to children's delight in wordplay (I hide my dromedary / inside of our garage, / my parents don't suspect it's there / it's wearing camel-flage"). Librarians who have trouble locating concrete poems (in which the words are placed on the page in a shape suggested by the poem's subject) for school assignments will be glad to find a few examples here. The verse finds perfect visual expression in Stevenson's witty ink drawings touched with gray wash. A delightful addition to poetry collections that will not stay on the shelf for long.

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