



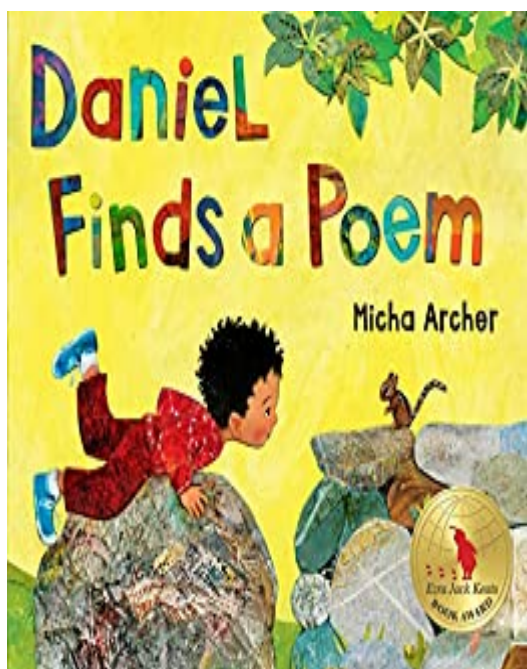
## Suntrap Book Review

### Daniel finds a poem

By Micha Archer

Published by Amazon £16.99

**Age range:** Five – eight years old



### Description

Stunning collage art full of rich colour, glorious details, and a sense of wonder illustrate this delightful story celebrating the poetry found in the world around us.

What is poetry? Is it glistening morning dew? Spider thinks so. Is it crisp leaves crunching? That's what Squirrel says. Could it be a cool pond, sun-warmed sand, or moonlight on the grass? Maybe poetry is *all* of these things, as it is something special for everyone—you just have to take the time to really look and listen.

The magical thing is that poetry is in everyone, and Daniel is on his way to discovering a poem of his own after spending time with his animal friends. What is poetry? If you look and listen, it's all around you!

### Reviews

"Collage illustrations offer early readers an introduction to the beauty of poetry through the warm hearted relationships between a young boy and the friendly animals in his local park. . . . The liveliness of the language discloses early poetic mechanics such as alliteration ('sun-warmed sand'), onomatopoeia ('crisp leaves crunch'), a pinch of consonance (those internally rhyming 'cool pools'). . . . In accessible yet colourful language, Archer reminds readers that poetry exists all around us. A vividly illustrated, inventively told opportunity for early readers to grasp the power of language to observe, entertain, and mystify."--**Kirkus Reviews**

"Rich, multi-layered collages illuminate a celebration of nature's beauty. . . . A story like this might take place in the country, but in setting hers in a large urban park, Archer asserts that poetry and nature belong to city children, too."--**Publishers Weekly**

"Atmospheric and evocative collage illustrations enhance the sense of peace and contentment shared by Daniel and his animal friends. . . . Readers who revel in the everyday small miracles in nature will identify with Daniel and appreciate this lyrical story."--**School Library Journal**

"Fetching testament to the maxim that 'poetry is all around us.' . . . Glorious flora and handsomely textured rocks are abundant. . . . The lush oil illustrations, which consist of collages made from tissue paper and patterned with handmade stamps, create a world saturated in colour and texture, complementing the animals' well-chosen words about beauty and poetry in the natural world. Readers will take many repeat visits to Daniel's inviting park."--**Booklist**