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Welcome to the whimsical and outrageous world of author Tom Skinner!

Get Your Wordsworth is a collection of illustrated, bodacious poetry for bright young readers aged 8-15.

Tom's playfully poetic twists challenge developing brains to look at language — and life — from a whole new perspective and will help them discover that poetry is anything but boring.

Praise for Skinner's work:

'As a teacher, I know that kids and teens love ideas from left field, a play on words that makes them giggle, and stretches their creative language skills. Tom's book lifts poetry, puns and ideas from the ordinariness of life, to playful comments and musings...'

This paperback contains ALL SIX BOOKS in Volume One of the renegade poetry-prose fusion collection, *Get Your Wordsworth*.

#1 Einstein's Cat

This book of offbeat poetry blends creativity and entertaining turns of phrases to get readers aged 8-15 to think outside any boxes convention may try to impose.

#2 Pavlov's Dog

This less-than-serious review of serious (?) scientific principles such as Pavlovian responses and ... er ... drool, also includes thought-provoking passages on parenting, the digital age, and forgotten simple pleasures.

#3 It's Slapstick

See how easy it is to laugh yourself to a larger vocabulary as English becomes your playground. Try not to slip on a banana peel as you slip into this rambunctious exploration of modern youth.

#4 Plain Crazy

Now boarding for your flight to fantasy on Ludicrous Airlines, with stops to shop for peanut butter and jellyfish and a tour of a wacky Zen bakery where life is about being kneaded.

#5 Too Much TV

From the danger of Too Much TV (square-eye syndrome) to the hare-raising perils of produce pilferage, this book offers delightful brain-twisters from a twisted brain.

#6 Tractor Gate

Tractor Gate continues Tom Skinner's tradition of having fun with language. We 'bark up the wrong tree,' 'log on to our computers' and routinely 'go out on a limb.' When the chips are down, all you can do is laugh — and learn.

Interview with the Author

Q - So, what makes the Get Your Wordsworth series special?


A - It's a mix of things, really. When I set out to write these books, I wanted to create a new type of poetry. A poetry-prose hybrid that was much less rigid, formal or technical than the traditional model and one that did not bore the buttocks off bright young people.

Overall, the Get Your Wordsworth series is designed for those, young and old alike, who appreciate the English language in all its nuanced, layered and textured glory and who can handle a judicious mix of the super silly and gently philosophical all imbued with a healthy dose of wry and dry humor!

Q - So, why should readers give these books a try?

A – Because the Get Your Wordsworth series is for Generation Z, mavericks and early adopters who are looking for urban, contemporary poetry prose with a twist and who may not have the time, attention or inclination to wade through the classics or other more traditional forms of poetry.

Ultimately, readers who think poetry is a tad tedious but who enjoy wit, whimsy, puns, satire and wordplay in a highly succinct, quick-read format, will get a kick out of this series.

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