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Pocketful of Poesies is unlike any publication you have ever previously perused and that is quite a phenomenal pursuance.

Pocketful of Poesies is a pick of perfectly plangent dark tales. An astonishing array of very short stories that take alliteration to a completely new level with absolutely EVERY word beginning with the same letter.

This mind blowing volume of amazing alliteration, such as “Annie and Adam’s Adventure at Arthur’s Animal Aid Association,” “Betty Bets Billy ‘Bout Blowing Bigger Bubbles Better,” and “Colin Couldn’t Comprehend Chafing Cream” WILL blow your mind.

The alphabet may have 26 letters but there is no rule that each word you use has to start with a different one each time and Toula Mavridou-Messer proves just that in Volume One of Pocketful of Poesies.

## **Pocketful of Poesies Details**

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## **From Reader Review Pocketful of Poesies for online ebook**

### **Sue says**

I am in awe. :) This book is truly unique--a book of short stories--all alliterations. A very original idea brilliantly executed. The illustrations highlight each story perfectly. If I have one criticism, it's that the font is a little hard to read...it might be because of my ereader though..and now that I've read it, I can imagine it in a different font.

Please note, the author was kind enough to gift a copy of the book to me, and I in return have left this honest review.

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### **Christynicolashotmail.com says**

Absolutely adorable alliteration  
Bit Bonkers but brilliant  
Creative charming characters  
Delightful deranged dialogue.

What a funny and wondrous read. Some of those words were buried deep in my Psyche so had to dig deep without a dictionary. After a few tongue twisting moments i was in full flow and chuckling at each short story. I love the way this was illustrated and if i had kids this would be their bedtime read.

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### **Donna says**

‘Pocket Full Of Poesies’ is a simply splendid read. Written by Toula Mavridou-Messer with illustrations by James Messer, this delightful little book of alliteration is a must read. It has a uniqueness that is seldom seen and each little story accompanied by comic illustrations that engage readers of all ages.

With alliteration for everyone, ‘Pocket Full Of Poesies’ is not only a mere children’s book, but also great for those up for a tongue twisting challenge and performers who seek to practice diction and pronunciation.

Can you say ‘Wonderfully written words weave wonderfully witty worlds’ five times at a swift pace without error?

Toula Mavridou-Messer has created a multi-purpose piece of work that will be enjoyed by many, time and time again. I highly recommend it.

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### **Heather says**

Unique, clever, surprising are just a few words to describe “Pocketful of Poesies.” A book of stories made more creative and stunning by the sole use of alliterations. Toula’s artistic brilliance enables readers to

experience awe, laughter and entertainment sharing the quirky journey of her characters.

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### **Tracey Cheetham says**

What wondrous word weasling, with wisecracking wit!

Cheetham children cheerfully chuckled.

And after writing just two lines like that, I appreciate the skill with which this book was created even more! Well done TM-M, (and JM for the fabulous illustrations!). Heartily recommend Pocketful of Poesies for young and old alike.

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### **Heidi-jane Smith says**

Pocketful of Poesies – by Toula Mavridou-Messer

Your eye is naturally drawn to the colourful artwork on the cover – courtesy of James Messer, and you can't wait to take a peak inside... What awaits is a courageously clever collection of short sharp stories, each with an astounding array of alliterations. Quite how it is possible to start every word in every story with the same letter is stupefying!

I find myself wanting to re-read each story faster and faster like a trio of tantalizing tongue-twisters. Even writing this short review I find myself struggling to string more than a few words together with the same first letter, so huge respect to Toula for her achievement.. This book would appeal to big kids of all ages and anyone with a love of words. Magnificent masterstroke!

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### **Nicola says**

Unlike Toula Mavridou-Messer, the author, I have no words. Well, I have one word, WORDSMITH. The Urban Dictionary has almost as many words as Ms M-M and they describe a wordsmith as 'One with the ability to effortlessly string together words, no matter their actual meaning, in an instance and in such a way it brings a smile to the faces of those listening, sometimes often laughter or tears of admiration for having heard someone with such an amazing skill.'

Ms M-M is a wordsmith beyond compare making this book brilliant for both older children for whom it can only nurture a love of words and their clever use whilst keeping them gloriously entertained and for adults who can only marvel at the size of her vocabulary whilst chuckling at her tales.

10/10

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### **Hamish Anderson says**

Never mind tongue twisters, my tonsils are in need of a deep tissue massage after reading out loud. Good

fun. Ideal for the smallest room in the house. Highly recommend.

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### **Nikki Olliver says**

A brilliant book to give and receive. Great fun to read out loud again and again for any age. Lovely illustrations to make you smile as you read. Will be buying this for everyone this year.

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### **Julie Donovan says**

Cleverly crafted comic creation causes chuckles continuously. Commended.  
A great stocking filler for those of us who love words and the people who can play with them in clever ways

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### **R Fell says**

This book was a very fun and hilarious read. Its an alphabetized rhythmic collection of descriptive words and phrases. Each letter has its own funny, quirky story. My favorite one was "Sara Should Stay Sober" because it is funny and clever and i love the illustration on that page. Another part that is very cool are the funny illustrations. As well as the Sara Should Stay Sober illustration i loved the Middle-aged Max Melts Mammoth Mohawk illustration. Overall i really enjoyed reading this book and i think it is for all ages. If you are young i think you will like this book a great deal, as well if you are a teenager such as me. Even adults will enjoy this book i believe as it is a very fun exciting and funny read.

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### **Miranda Heath says**

What a wonderful book! Before I first read this, I didn't think that every story would be complete alliteration and that maybe the use of 'and' 'an' and 'of' would appear. Not at all! So clever! What a wonderful reminder how unique and vast our English language is. A brilliant gift for young and old who have a love and appreciation for the English language and kooky story telling.

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### **Jill says**

Wowee!! A riveting ride! This book delivers alliteration to the max, with fabulous illustrations that capture each character and a journey with each that is not only fun but takes your brain through its paces as you race to keep up with Toula's wordsmith-ery! Fun to read out loud with the family!!

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### **Lai Anderson says**

A tongue twister of a read. Great use of words. Loved Betty blowing bubbles and I'm sure Frightened Frank

was written for me. A funny read for older children and adults. Loved the illustrations too.

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### **Annie Jeeves says**

Delightful book for parents & children to enjoy together. Also, all the alliteration makes this a great learning tool for students and actors.

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