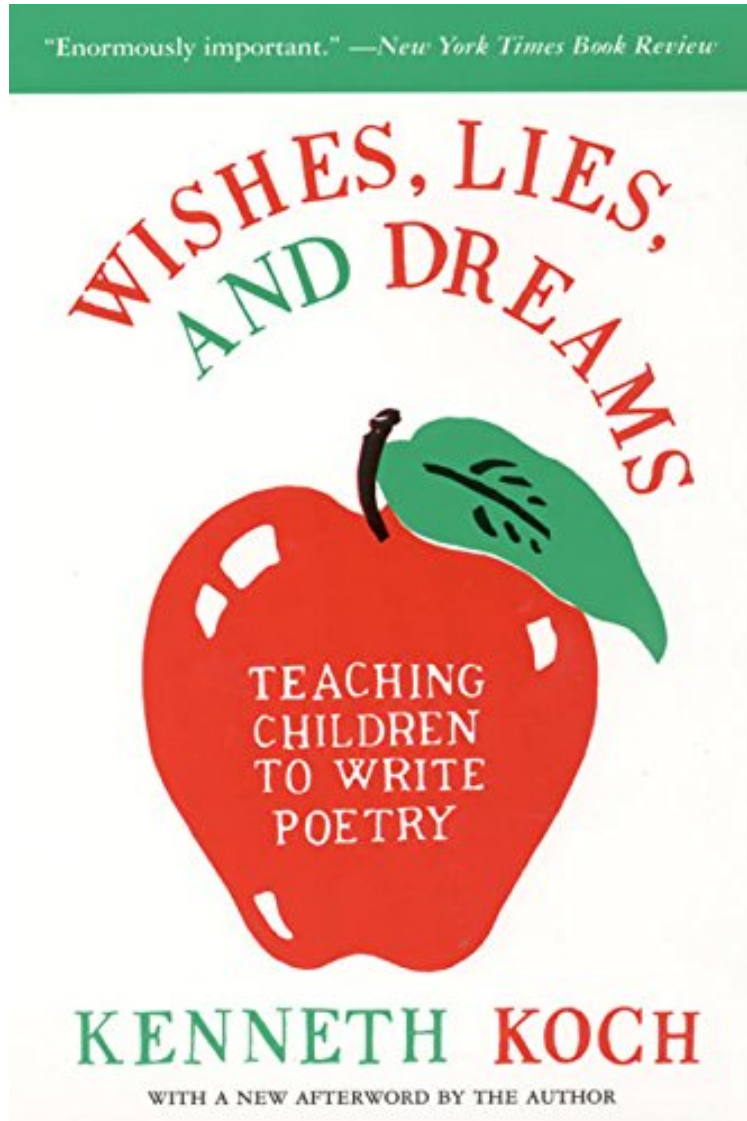


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**Kenneth Koch, Ron Padgett : Wishes, Lies, and Dreams: Teaching Children to Write Poetry** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Wishes, Lies, and Dreams: Teaching Children to Write Poetry:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great for homeschool co-ops By L. Phillips I teach at a homeschool co-op, and I have been using this as a primary text for poetry writing ideas for k-3rd graders. They are having so much

fun with it, and their confidence and creativity is really blossoming. I have to add that my background is not in poetry or even literature, so I was pretty much starting from ground level with this. It has even helped me create some poems with confidence. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not bad - but not what I expected. By Momof3 If you are looking for a book chock full of ideas about writing poetry - you will probably be disappointed. This is not to say that this book is a waste. The writer inside me was actually awakened in high school writing and I now know that my teacher used this book for guidance. I remember these assignments. The only disappointment is that the book has a lot of examples of student writing - so it spends more time on showing people's work and less time on ideas for writing. I would have loved to see a manual of ideas - prompts - inspiration to share with my students. It is still a valuable tool though. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very Useful! By bohemianpoet I bought this book because I borrowed it from the library and wanted my own copy. Very useful information that is accessible and engaging for kids. They really did a good job especially with the cartoon/color/city prompt. Great book!

The classic, inspiring account of a poet's experience teaching school children to write poetry When Kenneth Koch entered the Manhattan classrooms of P.S. 61, the children, excited by the opportunity to work with an instructor able to inspire their talent and energy, would clap and shout with pleasure. In this vivid account, Koch describes his inventive methods for teaching these children how to create poems and gives numerous examples of their work. *Wishes, Lies, and Dreams* is a valuable text for all those who care about freeing the creative imagination and educating the young.

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