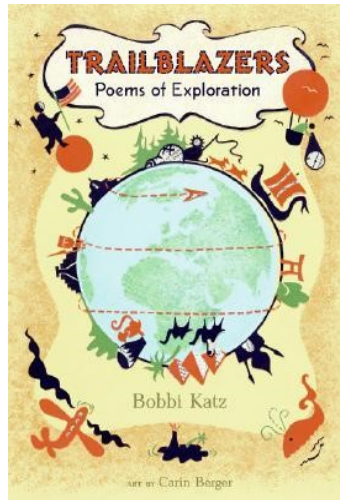


Trailblazers: Poems of Exploration

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Imagine a world where there were no maps or satellites. How would you know if you travelled onto a new land? What kind of people might you encounter? *Trailblazers: Poems of Exploration* by Bobbi Katz is exactly that: a book of fictional entries whose detailed adventures serve as a window to the past. With over sixty poems to read and learn from, this book brings history into a whole new light. Each one- to two-page entry is written in first person; however, no two poems look alike. Some stanzas are spread across the page like a rocking wave, as seen in the poem about Vikings titled, “Summer Sport”. Others are meant to recount similar but separate thoughts, as in the poem about Doctor David Livingstone and Henry M. Stanley titled, “Two Voices Heard on the Dark Continent.” Unique in both voice and presentation, this book is sure to attract readers of all ages. For those unfamiliar with a specific character, the “About the Explorers” section provides a brief summary of each person and their significance to history. Overall, Katz does an outstanding job of storytelling through rhyme. Check out *Trailblazers: Poems of Exploration* today to find out how you can teach poetry with a lesson in world history.

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