

I LOVE TO READ

HUM by Jamaal May



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Jamaal May has written an enticing, thought-provoking book of poetry that in no uncertain terms, keeps it real! It is in his words, “Dedicated to the interior lives of Detroiters and the memory of David Blair.” It takes you on a journey that you will not soon forget. It’s like a movie being played out in front of your eyes, with no foreshadowing, so that you have no idea what is going to happen next, and you want to find out!

That anticipation forces you to read on and you experience the magic as it is happening. It opens your mind to a new way of seeing things you’ve never thought about! After you have read the first poem, you are anxious to see what happens next. Take it in and go with it. Like songs on a newly released album, the first one gets you and you can’t wait to hear the rest! A string of freshwater pearls can best describe the poetry, each pearl is different, but when strung together, they create an elegantly crafted piece of jewelry!

Check out the book from your local [Dallas Public Library](#).

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WRITTEN WORD



SUPPLIES NEEDED

writing paper
pencils

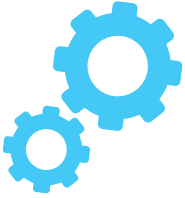


OVERVIEW

The poems in Hum are incredible and full of vivid language! In this activity, you’ll create your own incredible poem by brainstorming descriptive words about yourself.



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ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your first name on a sheet of paper vertically. Skip a space after each letter. Each letter should have its own line.

(Example) T
O
M

2. Next to each letter, write a descriptive word that describes you. Your descriptive word must start with the letter it is beside. If you're stuck, ask friends or family for help! Aim for 3-5 descriptive words per letter.

(Example) T - tall, timid, tranquil, thin
O - old, obedient, original, odd
M - mighty, moody, manly, modern

3. Using those descriptive words you just wrote down, create a poem! Imagination is the key. It does not have to rhyme.