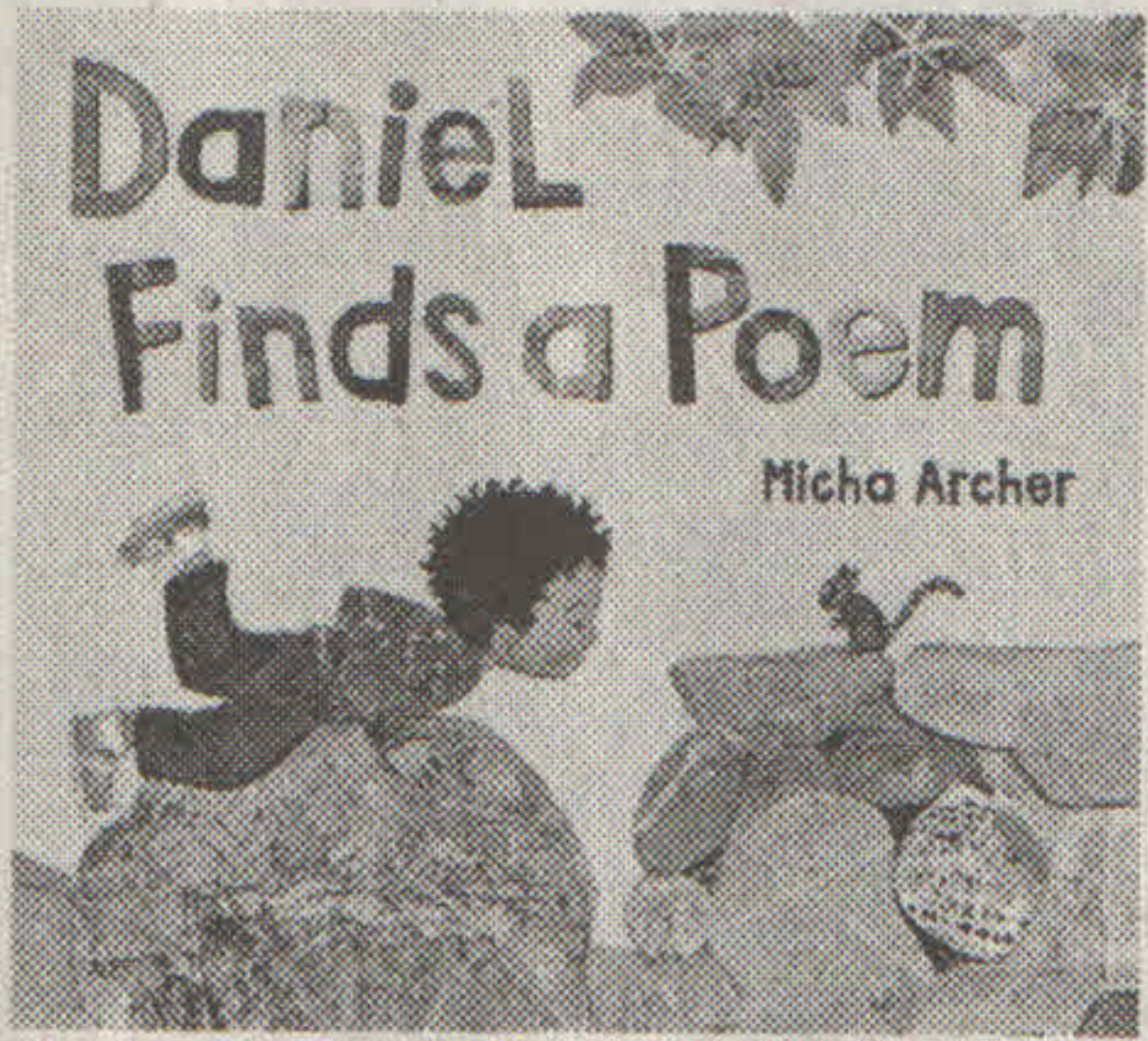




The Village School's Children's Book of the Month



'Daniel Finds A Poem'

By Micha Archer

Young Daniel knows every inch of his local park.

One day he comes across something he hasn't seen before: a sign that says: Poetry in the Park — Sunday Six O'clock.

"What is poetry?" Daniel muses.

From there, Daniel asks all the creatures in the in the park to describe their idea of poetry. To spider it is "when morning dew glistens." To squirrel it is "when crisp leaves crunch," and for frog it is "a cool pool to dive into."

Daniel soon realizes that there is poetry everywhere in the beauty and rhythms of the natural world and he himself recognizes poetry when he stops to appreciate "the sunset sky reflecting in the pond." Poetry is about observing and appreciating, and Daniel soon learns that he is a poet in his own right.

Micha Archer's collage illustrations are vibrant and delightful and joyfully capture the reverence the park creatures feel for their natural habitats. Archer's book reminds us that poetry can be an experience, not just words on a page. There is poetry everywhere as long as we take the time to see it.

This is a sweet read-aloud book to children from pre-school through 3rd grade.

You can meet Micha Archer at the Central Mass. Children's Book Festival on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Mount Wachusett Community College. Archer will be signing her books, along with 25 other authors of children's books. Books will be available for purchase. There will also be lots of fun activities for children, and author panel discussions. For more information, go to centralmasschildrensbookfestival.org.



Book reviewed by
Wendy Davenport,
Curriculum Director