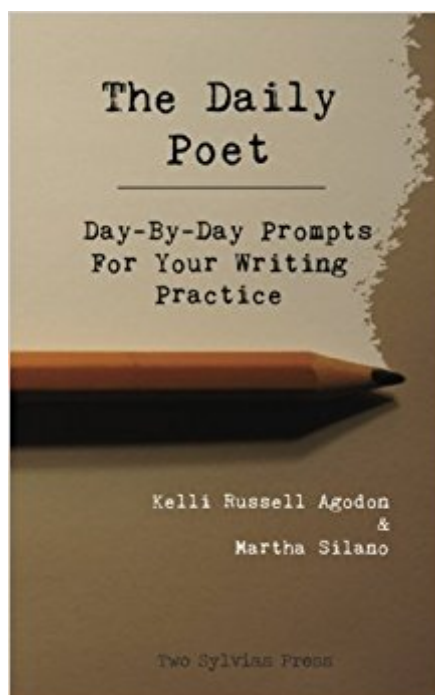


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# The Daily Poet: Day-By-Day Prompts For Your Writing Practice



## Synopsis

Featured in O, THE OPRAH MAGAZINE! \_\_\_\_\_ Write a poem a day every day of the year! The Daily Poet: Day-By-Day Prompts For Your Writing Practice (Published by Two Sylvias Press) offers a unique writing prompt for every day of the year. Created by poets for poets, this calendar of exercises offers inspiration and a place to begin. Whether you are a novice or well-established author, The Daily Poet is an essential resource for poets, teachers, professors, or anyone who wants to jumpstart their writing practice. The Daily Poet is portable, coffeeshop tested, and offers quick warm-ups for any writing group or classroom. An excellent guide for students, The Daily Poet is also a handy reference for poets looking for fresh ideas to share in their writing workshops.

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Need inspiration? Tap into your creativity with activities and exercises from the poets the Two Sylvias Press. O, The Oprah Magazine Featured in O, THE OPRAH MAGAZINE for National Poetry Month Recommended by The Huffington Post Books: Okay, so you're not a poet. Neither am I. But what if we wanted to tell a friend, family member, lover, or the general public about a change in our life. . . The Daily Poet is easy to incorporate into your daily routine. Since the dates are not tied to the days of the week, you could use The Daily Poet year after year and track how your writing evolves. Or you can just crack open the book, pick one out and have at it. They're all equally thought provoking. Jeb Harrison, HuffPost Books [bit.ly/HuffPostDailyPoet](http://bit.ly/HuffPostDailyPoet) The Daily

Poet's is a sturdy but compact book of 366 poetry prompts! That's right: you basically have no excuse for not knowing what to write about. Ever again. . . . These are the books we love most, right? - those that endure for us over time, that keep giving, giving, and giving. I truly believe The Daily Poet will be one of those books for me. If you're a poet, I highly recommend that you fold it into your writing practice. This book is also a great find for those of you who teach writing, and for those who lead or participate in writing groups that write together. --Molly Spencer I see this as an investment in writing exercises for many years over as you can use the same prompt at different times and find it will take you different places. It's my recommendation that you add it to your own library and enjoy the journey.--Michael Wells, Poet Kelli Russell Agodon and Martha Silano teamed up to provide daily prompts for poets in The Daily Poet (Two Sylvias Press, 2013). It's set up calendar style like a book of daily meditations, but the authors suggest in their short introduction that you should feel free to skip around. Each prompt is only a short paragraph long and is sometimes linked to an event on that particular day. When there's a linkable poem connected to the prompt, the authors provide it. --Escape into Life, [escapeintolife.com/](http://escapeintolife.com/)

Dear Poet, We created The Daily Poet: Day-By-Day Prompts For Your Writing Practice to help spark your creativity with 365 days of poetry-writing prompts. Each day offers a unique exercise to get you closer to a new poem. As you begin this book of daily writing exercises, here's some helpful advice:

- 1) There is no wrong way to complete a writing exercise. Each exercise is designed to inspire and get you writing; this is our number one goal. If the exercise prompts you to write about a monkey and you write about a purple smoking jacket, or the time you lost a tooth on the train, that's wonderful. The goal is to write a poem a day, not feel bad your poem isn't following the exercise exactly.
- 2) You don't have to begin January 1st. You can start your year of writing on whatever day it is by beginning on that page/date. Or just start writing with January 1st as your first prompt. Our prompts follow the seasons, holidays, and specific events that may have happened on that day in history, so you may want to complete the exercise for each specific day on the actual day, but you don't have to.
- 3) You are welcome to read any poem we may have suggested before writing, but it's not a requirement. Again, your main goal should be to simply write.
- 4) Consider creating a word list to enhance and augment your daily writing. Throughout the day, write down interesting words you come across. Perhaps a neighbor said he was lollygagging. Or someone pointed out to you a specific kind of flower or bird--a lady's slipper or foxglove, a killdeer or ruby-throated hummingbird--write

that down.~ ~ Any words that may help inform or inspire your poems should be added to this ongoing list. ~ ~ 5) Have fun. Really, we created these exercises to help inspire you to write your best poems.~ ~ Be as untamed and untethered as you like, letting your imagination run wild. ~ ~ 6) If you get stuck, refer to Rule #1:~ ~ There is no wrong way to do a writing exercise...except to not write.~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ So enjoy, go forth, and write the poems you need to write. Our hope is that these exercises lead you to compose inventive, original, and downright daring poems, leaving you with a healthy stack of work that will enrich not only your life, but perhaps the lives of fellow readers. ~ ~ Wishing you encouragement, bravery, and a daily motivational spark,~ ~ Kelli and Martha ~ ~

I wrote a poem for nearly every day of the year with this wonderful book. What a rich collection of ideas, with references to history and art and biography and much more. I loved learning about the poems the authors reference. After coming upon the prompt with which I began my year with this book launching almost each morning, I was a little undone. Who will help me get going today?

I kept skipping prompts that looked simple or uninteresting. Made myself stick to it for several days in a row. Found the prompts that looked simple, trite or boring were important exercises to find that pot of gold that can create a great poem out of anything. Probably more important lessons than those how to books where every exercise makes sense.

This book is really worth having to help you keep writing on days when you think you have nothing to write about. The unusual May 24 prompt actually helped me produce a poem that surprised me and which I liked.

Great ideas to get your brain thinking.

I dive in here every few weeks for inspiration. Some of the best prompts I've seen. I enjoy this book so much and it is a must for every poet's bookshelf.

Lovely and thoughtful book of prompts to inspire your daily poetry practice.

Great book, interesting prompts, helpful

Great book with a wide variety of prompts. I don't let myself look at the prompt until that day. It has been very fun in January already.

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