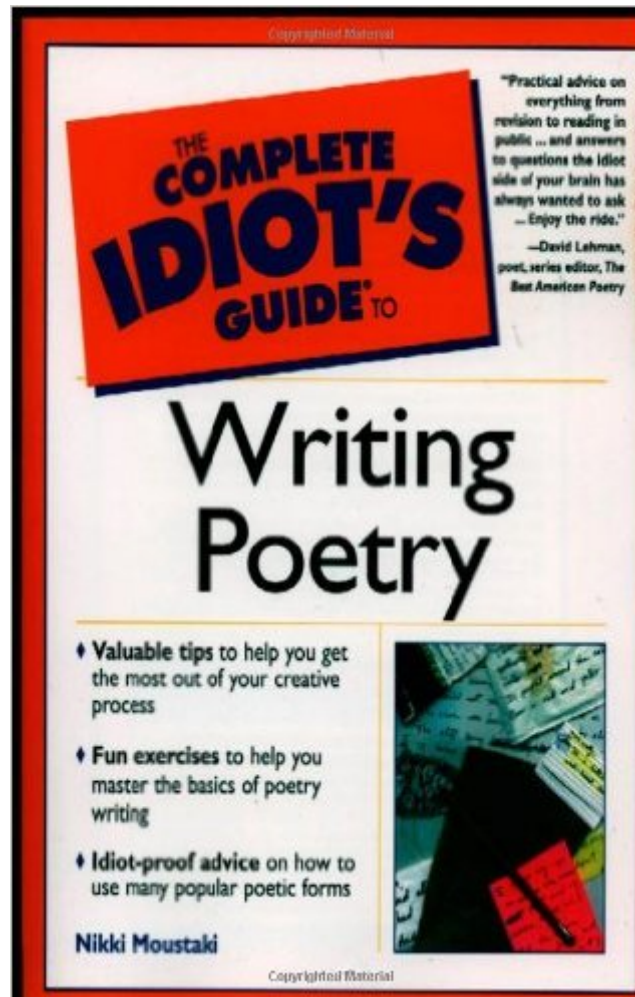


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I'm completely new to the world of writing poetry; in fact, it's one of those things I never thought I'd be picking up a book for, let alone an Idiot's guide. I'd like to learn the basics because not only am I a big word nrrd whose idea of an exciting night in is hunkering down and learning what "iambic pentameter" really means, I know darn well that all those economy of words and lyrical language skills are really going to come in handy on the fiction writing tip, too. Overall, the other reviewers here are right on the money: this book does a great job of explaining the basics, is an excellent reference for all those poetry terms you never learned, and is packed with fun exercises that are

sure to get you writing. I've been very happy with this book -- I carry it around on the subway and whip it out when I have a free minute, and always have a good time when I do. However, there's one thing that really sticks in my craw about this book, so much so that I'm sitting down to type out this review. And that's the unrelenting admonishments designed to steer us humble students in the direction of writing "good" poetry. I'm thinking that anyone who is picking up a Complete Idiot's Guide to Poetry has probably got a heck of a long way to go before their work is what you would consider "good". I'm also pretty confident that, for anyone picking up said Complete Idiot's Guide, writing "good" poetry is probably a little further down the list of priorities, perhaps nestled somewhere between "adapting all of MOBY DICK as a fixed-form ballad" and "writing 'Twas The Night Before Christmas 2: Electric Boogaloo'". One thing that really troubles me, here, is that the author never misses the opportunity to bring up the "good poetry" issue.

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