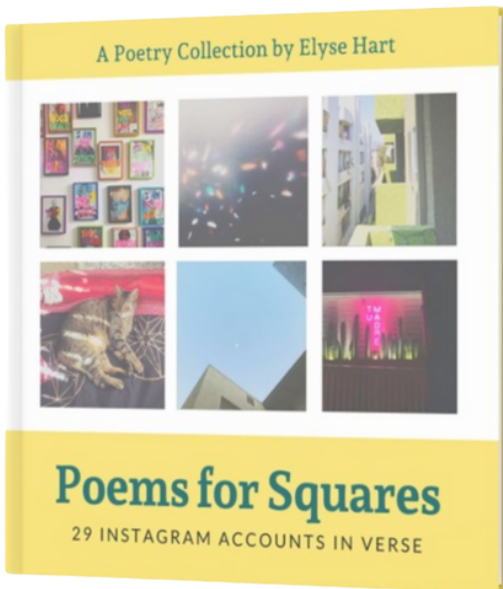


A Poetry Collection by Elyse Hart

Poems for Squares

29 INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS IN VERSE



ABOUT THE BOOK

What would my life look like in poem form? Twenty-nine people asked that of Elyse Hart when she posted on Instagram that she would write a poem about anyone who wanted one. The kicker? The poem would be based on their Instagram photos.

Poems for Squares: 29 Instagram Accounts in Verse is a lively collection of 116 photographs and 29 poems about regular people's lives. Jaunty as it is poignant, *Poems for Squares* is a rollercoaster of the ups and downs of life (at least life as it appears on Instagram).

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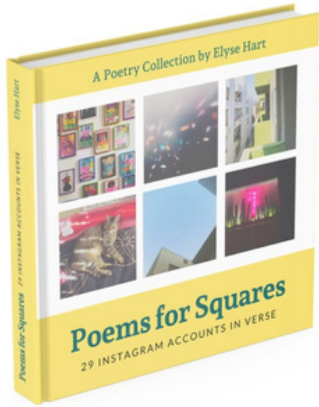
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PFS QUICK FACTS

- PFS contains 29 poems
- Contains 116 color photos
- All poems were written from Aug-Nov 2019
- There are actually 28 participants in PFS, one person double-dipped!
- "Squares" refers to the square format of the Instagram photos
- PFS was written for people Elyse knows and doesn't know IRL

SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Why did you start this project? What prompted you to start writing poems for people about their Instagram photos?
2. How many people requested poems to be written for them?
3. What were people's reactions when you delivered the poems to them?
4. What is your process for writing poems about people's Instagram photos?
5. How do you balance humor and emotion in these poems while still managing to create a cohesive collection?
6. Where did you draw inspiration from for this collection?
7. What do you get out of writing poems for other people?
8. Why did you decide to compile these poems into a book?
9. Do you think there will be a Volume 2 of Poems for Squares?
10. Which is your favorite poem in the collection?

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EXCERPT

Do Touch the ART

for Vanessa

I got bangs for days,
loving myself in all new ways.
I've grown wings
and sometimes fly
over the beach,
my toes dragging through sand,
penning messages
of love and peace
as my skirt flutters,
floral in the salt breeze.

I touch the ART,
at least I touch the T in ART
it wouldn't fly in a museum
but here I am down
by the Riverside,
touching that T.

An arrow is like a T
with slanted eaves,
mine points to my sisters,

and theirs to me—
these points skewer our
hearts, forever entwined.



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