



Moon Juice

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A collection of poems by a new voice writing for children is an event to be celebrated. **Moon Juice** by the poet, Kate Wakeling is just such an event. However, these are not poems created to grab the attention with the quick laugh and a lot of noise; these are poems to seduce, to attract because they reflect the imagination of the young reader. In *Night Journey*, Wakeling captures the almost limbo like feeling of driving through the dark so that the car becomes 'not a mile machine./it is a thought machine?'. How perfectly this describes what many young readers will have felt. Or what about the *Bad Moods* who, naturally, wear weird shoes? *The Demon Mouth*? Or those *Ten dark toes at the bottom of the bed*? These are no cosily romantic lyrics but original works vividly capturing thoughts, ideas, musings and pinning them precisely to the page. Wakeling's choice of words is pitch perfect? 'moon is/silver sliver?' - as are her varied rhythms. These are poems to be welcomed, savoured and read aloud to oneself - and to the class or the family. Welcome.

Moon Juice is the winner of the [2017 CLiPPA](#) [4] (CLPE Children's Poetry Award).

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