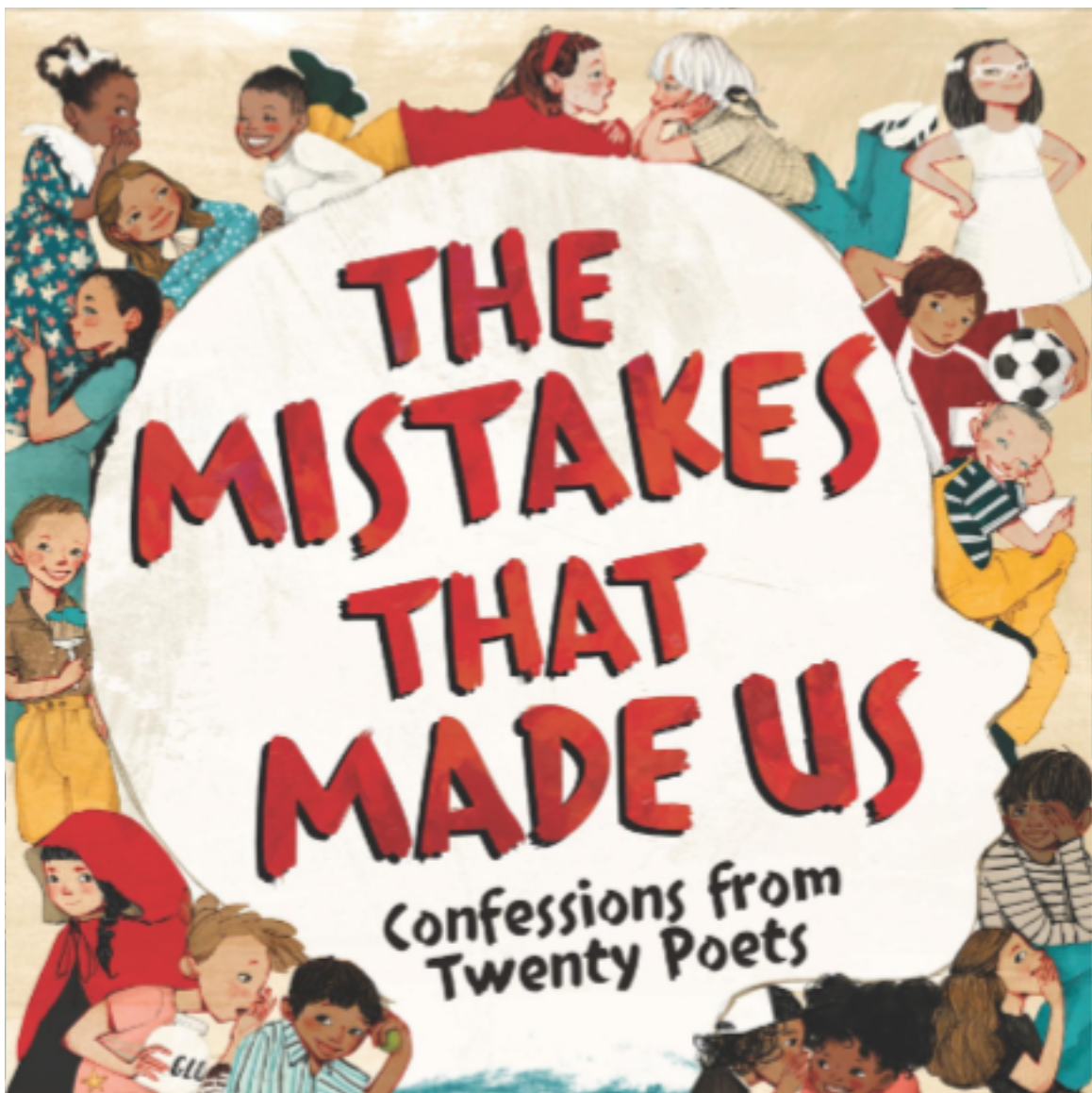


Adventures in Ink



LET'S CELEBRATE MISTAKES!

It's here! *The Mistakes That Made Us: Confessions from Twenty Poets* releases today!





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What poetry and a banana split have in common!

Mistakes. Yep. I've made a few...

In our first anthology to hit the market, Charles Waters and I invited a few brave poets to share real-life mistakes and discuss how they impacted their lives. We so honored and proud of the poems they shared! [You can read more about the illustration and read a poem that was cut from the collection at *Live Your Poem.*](#)

Praise for *The Mistakes That Made Us*:

"An anthology packed with a broad spectrum of human emotion and experience."

Publisher's Weekly ★ STARRED REVIEW

"Charming and insightful...A gentle reminder of the stepping stones making up the path to growth, discovery, and creativity." - *Booklist* ★ STARRED REVIEW

"This accessible, well-tuned collection of poetry will reassure and delight young readers in equal measure." - *School Library Journal*

"Comforting reminders that nobody's perfect, infused with lessons large and small." - *Kirkus*

A Junior Library Guild selection

Nothing has taught me more about making mistakes than being a cellist.

Recently I participated in an amateur string orchestra. The conductor also runs a youth orchestra, so he finds working with adults who care so very much about their playing a refreshing experience! He said to us: *you will make mistakes. When you do, it's your job to forget about them by the next measure. Don't be in measure six lamenting the mistake you made in measure five. LET IT GO.*

As someone with a tendency to ruminate, can I just say I needed to hear this?

It's a mistake. So what! We all make them. Move on!

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WRITING PROMPT

Think back to a mistake you made as a child. What happened? How did you and others respond to the error? How does that experience impact your current attitude toward making mistakes?



Wishing you beautiful mistakes today and always!

Love,
Irene

p.s. Here's a poem for the season...enjoy!

Inside October
waits a field
of plump pumpkins

Inside a pumpkin
nests a clutch
of white seeds

Inside a seed
echoes a breath
of fresh hope

Inside hope
exists a world
of joined hands

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OCTOBER DREAMS

Inside a hand
rests a spoon
to scoop a pumpkin

Inside a pumpkin
lives a lifetime
of Octobers

Inside October
sleeps a child
with orange dreams



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