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Committed readers, as well as those newer to poetry, will find this an enjoyable read...Fuller's book should encourage many to go off and puzzle out poems for themselves." —*Sunday Times*

"John Fuller is both a well-published poet and a well-tested critic of contemporary poetry. This new book gets to grips with the essential puzzlement of poetry...It is not a densely theoretical book, but written engagingly and approachably." —*Independent*

About the Author

John Fuller is an acclaimed poet and novelist. He has written eighteen collections of poetry, most recently *Pebble & I* and *Song & Dance*, both chosen as Poetry Book Society Recommendations. His 2004 collection, *Ghosts*, was shortlisted for the Whitbread Award for Poetry; *The Space of Joy*, published in 2006, was shortlisted for the Costa Poetry Award. He is an Emeritus Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford.

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