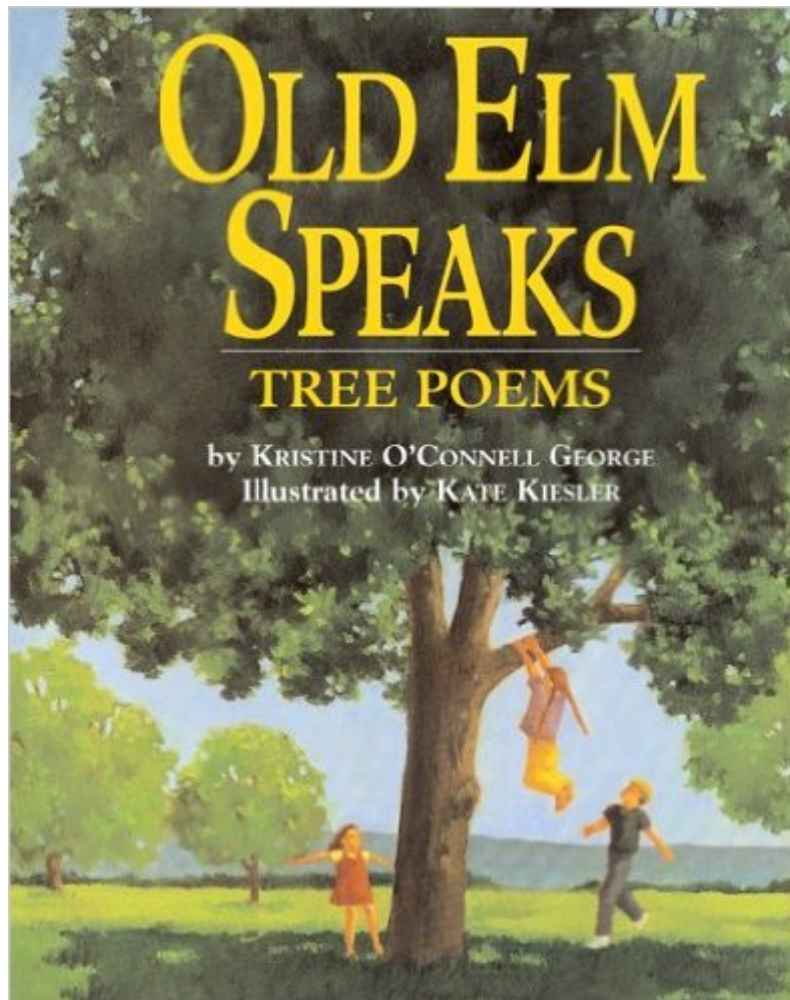


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# Old Elm Speaks: Tree Poems



## Synopsis

This tree across the stream is a trickier bridge than it might seem... The author of *The Great Frog Race and Other Poems* has created a collection of short poems that celebrate trees and the amazing variety of ways they touch our lives. Deceptively simple verses reveal what trees think about and what they say to one another, as well as how they look and all the things they do for us. Humor and an unerring ear for the sounds of language make these poems an irresistible read-aloud; the luminous oil paintings evoke a country setting and the children who enjoy it through the year.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: [Preschool - 3](#)

## Customer Reviews

I'm using this book for my Arbor Day and Earth Day units with a combination 3/4th class. The poetry is magical and gives a whole new dimension to trees and the environment. George's poems have inspired my students to write some of their most creative work so far this year. I don't think any of us will look at trees in quite the same way after reading *Old Elm Speaks*.

I LOVE this book. *Tree Traffic* cracked me up and has been making me and my kids giggle ever since we read it. I like this book even more than *THE GREAT FROG RACE*--and that's saying something! Pick a favorite poem from this new tree collection? No. *Beaver Dam*, *Maple Shoot* in the

Pumpkin Patch (I know JUST how that helicopter pilot feels!), Tree Horse (all the kids think spending time in a tree is an adventure), At Night (deliciously shivery), Tree's Place, Knotholes (...not for naught...I went off on a whole list of knot/not/naught--hole/whole/'ol puns), Poaching (brought to mind not only ripe plums, but also brittle leaf litter and sticky sap-traps!), Lullaby (I teared up--emotions from mothering memories flooded me), Blue Spruce (our front yard!!), Autumn (SO appropriate after the forest fires in the hills last summer--echoed in the city foliage in the fall), Storm (bittersweet after watching the neighbors have their beautiful, tall, authoritative tree butchered last week because they were afraid it would snap and fall on the house), Avalanche (brought back pictures of Mt. St. Helen's after its volcanic tantrum), and of course, Old Elm Speaks. I see I listed nearly the whole book when I just meant to pick out a few for special attention. So much for restraint!!Our family rates this book a "Best Buy."

I searched for Tree Poems and \*poof\* Old Elm Speaks. I love this collection of poetry for all ages. Few things illustrate the life cycle like a tree and there are too many wonderful poems to mention one by one. After you read a few pages, you open your eyes wider to the world around you - isn't that what poetry is for?

I love this collection! There are a few real gems in it, and my middle schoolers seem to enjoy the poems. That alone speaks volumes. A must for every classroom study of poetry.

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