



World Class: Poems Inspired by the ESL Classroom (Paperback)

By J C Elkin

APPRENTICE HOUSE, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 224 x 147 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.There are 325 languages spoken in the United States and over a million immigrants enrolled in federally funded English classes. Most are beginners. In this collection of poems, an ESL teacher and former expat illustrates her students struggles and triumphs by addressing their linguistic challenges and culture shock alongside broader social issues such as poverty, spousal abuse, religious traditions, illegal immigration, education, the role of women in other cultures, and the mental scars of war. Their stories are heart-breaking, uplifting, and tinged with unexpected humor that shines a new light on their place in America. You will never think the same about immigrant workers and their children after you read these poems. And you will better appreciate the passion, frustration, pain and joy of those who teach English as a second language. A remarkable achievement in a few words. - Newt Gingrich, 58th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Elkin manages to capture the amusing without poking fun and to embody the heartbreaking without resorting to pity. Instead she employs the strong rhythms of accentual verse...



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