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Simon says

I could lap this stuff up all day. Have always loved his poems, no matter what age, no matter what mood.

Anna Hotchkiss says

Every time depression sets in I read Ogdon Nash to find something to laugh about. This kind of medicine usaly works very well.

Anne says

I'm not quite certain how many of Nash's books I have read. But I love his poetry -- probably the first poet I really ever enjoyed. It is humorous and direct. One doesn't have to wonder what in the world the poet is talking about -- with Ogden you get it! I started reading him when he first was published -- years ago.

Joy says

This was one of my greatest discoveries ever. It's a book to keep handy if ever one is slightly discouraged. I listened to it on tape while I scrapbooked, with frequent stops to laugh out loud. It is very quotable, so a hard text would have been handy.

Oh, I must go down to the beach, my lass,

And step on a lot of broken glass.

Daybreak is one of the greatest disadvantages in living in the solar system.

When I throw rocks at sea birds,

I leave no tern unstoned.

A glass fills half a pint when filled,

Half a gallon when spilled.

Julie says

My grandpa helped me discover a love for Ogden... Candy is good, but liquor is quicker

James says

One of my favorite poets. Great stuff.

Steve Walsh says

I don't read much poetry, but Nash is the best!

Jimmy says

Someone wrote a Goodreads review and gave only two stars saying "If you've read one Ogden Nash poem, you've read them all." Very true. I agree. But what Nash has done is create a brand of humor that succeeds in every poem. There are no bombs here. Every poem is funny. And there are hundreds of poems. So hey I can see someone reading only part of the book and stopping. I read it all and loved it.

Gail says

If you've never read Ogden Nash, you need to. I started reading his poetry in 5th grade and found it hilarious!

Alec Longstreth says

Over the course of a year and a half I read this book with my daughter, two or three poems a night. I'm not sure how much of it she enjoyed, but hopefully my enjoyment of the material was shared with her. I already own most of these poems in other collections, but they were worth revisiting and I thoroughly enjoyed the new ones. Nash remains my favorite poet.

Lavinia says

My dad keeps this book in his bathroom and I always have to pick it up and read a few while I'm in there. I wonder if people wonder why I'm laughing in the bathroom?

Douglas Wilson says

A wonderful collection. Although I must say that it dawned on me that I wouldn't really call Nash a poet. He was, top to bottom, front to back, a wit. Just a lot of fun.

A regular poet published a book,
And an excellent book it was,
But nobody gave it a second look,
As nobody often does.

Or . . .

Robert Browning
Avoided drowning,
Unparallelelly
to P.B. Shelley.

Janice says

Fun but can only read a few at a time because sometimes they are too too. Points out frailties of humans but never seems to be serious about anything.

Gael says

I will read anything by Ogden Nash...anytime, anywhere...

Carol says

I've loved Ogden Nash since 5th grade.

The Panther

The panther is like a leopard,
Except it hasn't been peppered.
Should you behold a panther crouch,
Prepare to say Ouch.
Better yet, if called by a panther,
Don't anther.
