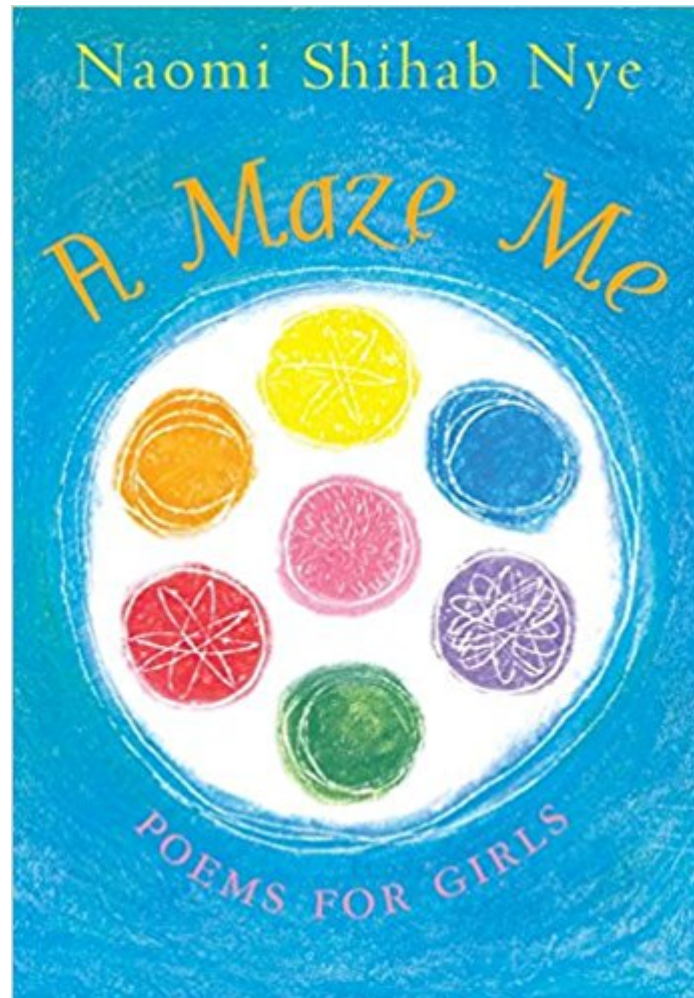




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# A Maze Me: Poems For Girls



## Synopsis

A collection of seventy-two poems written especially for girls ages twelve and up by the much-honored and beloved poet Naomi Shihab Nye. "A lovely, rich collection that promises to be a lasting companion for young writers." — School Library Journal (starred review) First love, friendship, school, family, community, having a crush, loving your mother and hating your mother, sense of self, body image, hopes and dreams . . . these seventy-two poems by Naomi Shihab Nye — written expressly for this collection — will speak to girls of all ages. An honest, insightful, inspirational, and amazing collection. "A wide age range will respond to these deeply felt poems about everyday experiences, which encourage readers to lean eagerly into their lives and delight in its passages." — ALA Booklist (starred review). An introduction by the author is included.

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in my chair?" In beautiful lines, the speaker's hopes extend to the wider world, and she wishes that, like tree frogs, humans had "something / we could / all sing / together, yes." A wide age range will respond to these deeply felt poems about everyday experiences that encourage readers to lean eagerly into their lives and delight in their passages. Gillian Engberg Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Life is a tangle of twisting paths. Some short. Some long. There are dead ends. And there are choices. And wrong turns, and detours, and yield signs, and instruction booklets, and star maps, and happiness, and loneliness. And friends. And sisters. And love. And poetry. Life is a maze. You are a maze. Amazed. And amazing.

A lovely little book I got for my teen daughter. The poems capture feelings and moments and are easy to comprehend. I love the cover art.

Fantastic collection for middle school English teachers. "Sifter" is a great introduction to metaphorical thinking.

Wonderful poetry - sensitive and beautiful. I will give the book to my granddaughter when she turns 12 but it truly is great for all ages. I have ordered other books by the same author since reading this.

I'm not generally a fan of poetry, but I REALLY liked this collection of poems for teen and tween girls. It really captured the heart and essence of those years. I highly recommend it for any tween or teen, or a teacher looking to do a poetry unit with middle school.

Love, love, love this collection!

Naomi Shihab Nye never disappoints. This little volume is packed full of writings that invite you in, open your heart, embrace you, and send you on your way.

Such an amazing book. My 8 year old daughter and I are having a blast reading these poems together and discussing them.

Once I read Naomi Shihab Nye's introduction, I felt I was about to turn the pages of something very

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