

View Ridge Elementary is excited to welcome poet Charles Waters to school on January 23rd!

His first book, ***CAN I TOUCH YOUR HAIR? Poems of Race, Mistakes and Friendship***

(co-written with Irene Latham) was published on January 1, 2018.

His poems have appeared in many anthologies including:

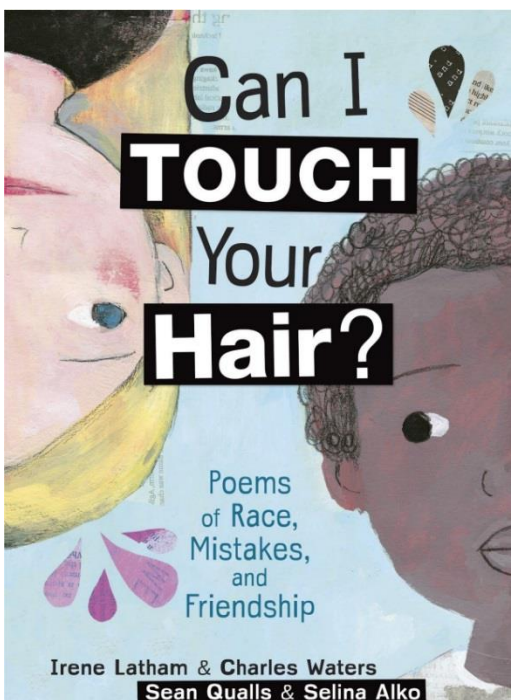
- *Amazing Places* edited by Lee Bennett Hopkins.
- *The National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry* edited by J. Patrick Lewis.
- *The Arrow Finds Its Mark: A Book of Found Poems* edited by Georgia Heard.
- *The Poetry Friday Anthology Series* edited by Sylvia Vardell and Janet Wong.
- *One Minute Till Bedtime* edited by Kenn Nesbitt.



Authors' Note

You could say this project began with an e-mail in which one poet (Irene) asked another poet (Charles) to be a writing partner in a conversation about race, about how our individual experiences have shaped our lives. But that explanation doesn't account for the conversations that came before that e-mail—or the books, the questions, the childhoods,

and all that happened in the years before we were even born. A conversation about race and how we relate to one another is never limited to just that moment but must encompass all that came before—as well as our hopes for the future. The poems in this collection went through different permutations before we decided to write about what it would be like if we had met in a current-day fifth-grade classroom in a suburban school with a 60 percent white and 40 percent minority population.



See the backside of this sheet for an order form for a signed copy of his book. Proceeds of the sales of this book will support school libraries in need. For more information on Charles Waters, visit his website at

<https://www.charleswaterspoetry.com/>



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My Name: _____

My Grade: _____

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Would you like to add a personal message to accompany the author's signature? (For forms submitted by the deadline only, please do not exceed 10 words.)

Title	Individual Book Cost	Quantity Ordered	\$ Total Order Cost
<i>Can I Touch Your Hair?: Poems about Race, Mistakes, and Friendship.</i>	\$15.00		

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