

ADVENTURES IN COLOR

Hailstones and Halibut Bones

By
MARY O'NEILL

newly illustrated by

JOHN WALLNER




What Is Purple?

Time is purple
Just before night
When most people
Turn on the light——
But if you don't it's
A beautiful sight.
Asters are purple,
There's purple ink.
Purple's more popular
Than you think. . . .
It's sort of a great
Grandmother to pink.
There are purple shadows
And purple veils,
Some ladies purple
Their fingernails.






There's purple jam
And purple jell
And a purple bruise
Next day will tell
Where you landed
When you fell.
The purple feeling
Is rather put-out
The purple look is a
Definite pout.
But the purple sound
Is the loveliest thing
It's a violet opening
In the spring.



What Is Gold?

Gold is a metal
Gold is a ring
Gold is a very
Beautiful thing.
Gold is the sunshine
Light and thin
Warm as a muffin
On your skin.
Gold is the moon
Gold are the stars;
Jupiter, Venus
Saturn and Mars,



Since its original publication in 1961, *Hailstones and Halibut Bones*, Mary O'Neill's renowned work of poetry about the colors of the spectrum, has become a modern children's classic. This newly illustrated edition features lavish full-color illustrations from an award-winning artist, yet the poems have been left intact with all the powerful rhythm and rich language of the original.

"Long-time readers of *Hailstones and Halibut Bones* who thought it was beyond improving are in for a treat. John Wallner's brilliant colors have added new richness to Mary O'Neill's wonderful word palette."

—Jim Trelease, author of *The Read-Aloud Handbook*

"John Wallner has added rich drawings for this new edition, full of intense yellows, blues, orchids and oranges. They complement O'Neill's whimsical poems."

—*People*

"After more than 25 years, the poems, like colors, still sing... Kudos to Doubleday for letting *Hailstones and Halibut Bones* continue to live."

—*School Library Journal*

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