

Research answers to these questions: cite your sources: According to \_\_\_(site or person)\_\_\_, a verse novel is “\_\_\_\_\_.”

## 1. What is a verse novel?

According to Edward Hirsch and the Contributor Page, “the verse novel filters the devices of fiction through the medium of poetry.” This means that a verse novel is a mixture of poetry and devices of fiction. According to Sarah Donovan, Verse has to do with poetry and novel has to do with a fictional story. So a verse novel is a novel that has verse in it or poetry.

## 2. How is a verse novel different from a prose novel?

According to quora.com, “There’s prose and there’s poetry. Prose is what doesn’t count as poetry. A novel can be composed of prose, as most novels (and short stories, and flash fiction, etc.) are, but you can also have novels in verse, which are basically a series of poems that tell a novel-length story. ... Most novels are written in prose.” Basically this means that prose doesn’t have verses of poetry, while verse novels do. Verse novel has stanzas, rhythm, and meter, while prose is divided up into paragraphs.

## 3. How is a verse novel different from poetry?

According to Edward Hirsch and the Contributor Page, “the verse novel filters the devices of fiction through the medium of poetry.” According to the Dictionary, “literary work in which special intensity is given to the expression of feelings and ideas by the use of distinctive style and rhythm; poems collectively or as a genre of literature.” Therefore, the difference between poetry and verse novels are that verse novels are split up into poems and verse novels use devices of fiction. Also, verse novels is a fictional story that has verses and poetry in it. Poetry on the other hand stands by itself. It is not in a fictional story. Technically poetry

## 4. What makes a good verse novel? Make a list of the requirements.

According to Caroline Starr Rose, what makes a good novel is...

- 1: The Subject matter must be right for a poetry.
- 2: Protagonists must be right for a poetry..
- 3: Poems should be able stand alone.
- 4: Poems must contribute to the whole.
- 5: Varied poem lengths.
- 6: Varied line lengths.

7: Emotion and structure

8: Poetic form.

9: The visual and the aural.

## 5. Who are the most famous writers of verse novels and why?

According to Google, Alexander Pushkin, Vikram Seth, Virginia Euwer Wolff, Ellen Hopkins, and William Shakespeare are among some of the best verse novel writers. According to [ingridsundberg.com](http://ingridsundberg.com), Verse Novels include brief conversations and moments rather than whole scenes. Verse Novels have become very popular with teens also.