

App Review



Poetry creator verses (review by Chantal de Medeiros)

Tiny Mobile Inc. (2012). *Poetry creator verses* (Version 1.5) [Mobile application software]. Retrieved from <http://tiny-mobile.com/tiny-mobile-apps/poetry-creator-verses/>

Poetry creator verses, by Tiny Mobile Inc., is a free app designed for iPhone and iPad. "Ever wonder what it would be like to mash-up a Shakespeare poem with a Hip Hop song?" *Poetry creator* proclaims. The app lets you find out! *Verses* puts a whole new spin on the classic refrigerator magnet poetry by allowing users to turn on their creativity in a unique way. There are limitless word mixing possibilities and users can become a "dictionary DJ."

I downloaded *Verses* onto my iPhone and gave it a try. I found the interface very simple with very few colours and fonts. I was a little disoriented when I first used this app, as it did not really explain what to do. However, based on the words displayed on the main screen, it is easy to see that this is where the poetry is created. One must make sure to click on the "done" button in order to see the screen properly though.

The other features of this app are easy to find. There is the "Mix-tionary" where all the dictionaries are displayed. Here the user can decide how many words in each dictionary will be displayed on the main screen. Users can also share their creations by uploading them to Facebook, saving to a photo album, or emailing to someone.

Another interesting feature of *Poetry creator verses* is the achievements section, as is common with game apps. Users can gain different achievements based on word combinations, or how they navigate through the app. Unfortunately, although the user can see the titles of the achievements, they cannot click on them to find out what each achievement is. There is also a help feature for those who are new or having difficulties using this app.

Verses is good for all ages. This app can be especially fun for teens, but unless they buy all the dictionaries, I can see them losing interest quickly. I would also recommend using this app on an iPad instead of an iPhone as it is difficult to view poetry-in-progress with too small a screen.