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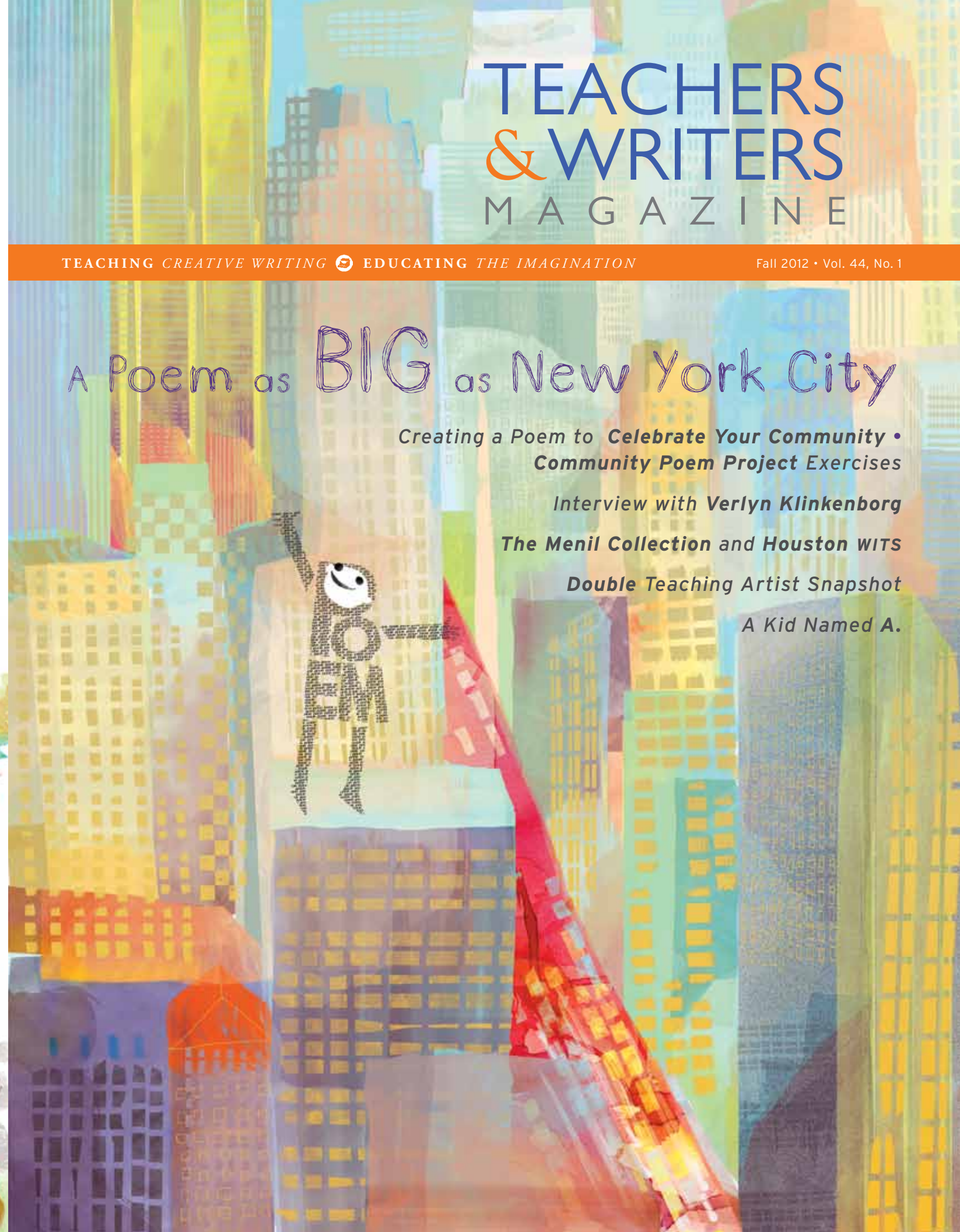
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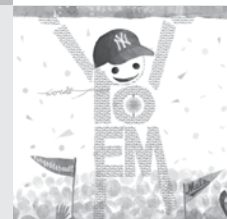
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*Special thanks to the Simon and Eve Colin Foundation for its support of A Poem as Big as New York City in memory of Robert Kenneth Flug (May 19, 1945–July 7, 2011).*

The core of Robert's being was love. Kind, generous, intelligent, funny, he was a true philosopher, a visionary, a lover of truth who lived fully open to the world. His life was a watershed; people on the furthest edge of his tributaries, even perfect strangers, felt his gallantry and attentive nature as something personal. He could make anyone smile or laugh even when he was serious. Beloved son, brother to two brothers and two sisters, and their spouses, the core of a close family that expanded to include children, grandchildren, a god-son, surrogate children, and friends as close as family. He was a real personality, an original. Once he knew you, he made you part of his world—forever. He remains.

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