

Alan R. Shapiro



Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Alan Shapiro was educated at Brandeis University. During Bill Clinton's presidency, Shapiro was invited to read his work at the White House. He read "On Men Weeping," a poem about Michael Jordan winning one of his six NBA championships. Shapiro has taught at Stanford University, Northwestern University, and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. As the author of numerous collections of poetry, Shapiro has explored family, loss, domesticity, and the daily aspects of people's lives in free verse and traditional poetic forms.