

# The Author's Purpose

Your mom reads a magazine,  
your dad reads the news  
You would read a note  
instead of a textbook,  
if you got to choose  
But everything that you could read  
was written by an author  
And everybody who writes something  
has a reason why  
they would even bother  
Somebody had to take the time  
and we wanna know why  
So all we gotta do is figure out  
which piece of the PIE

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When you read the weather report  
and it says there's gonna be storm  
Since it provides you with information,  
it was written to inform  
But when you read an editorial  
from a political campaign  
and it tells you who to vote for,  
it was written to persuade  
And when you read a book  
about zombies eating your brain,  
well then, it's pretty clear that  
the author's purpose was to entertain

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