



Kalli Dakos

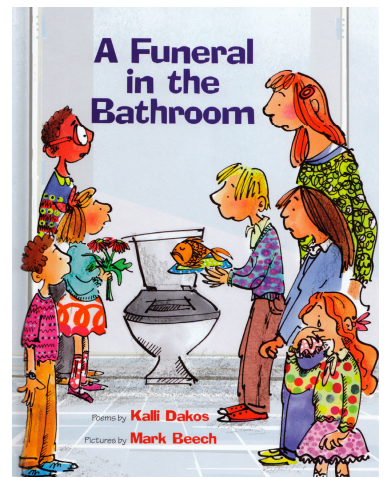
Poet of the School World

School Book Tours – March, 2012
(Prince William, Fairfax, Loudoun)
Celebrating Life in YOUR School

Kalli Dakos has been celebrating the school world since the release of her best-selling book, *If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand, Poems About School*. Jim Trelease writes in his *Read-Aloud Handbook*, "I know of no single book that captures the pulse of the elementary school world the way this collection does."

She has written many collections of school poems. These include five IRA-CBC Children's Choice selections such as *The Bug in Teacher's Coffee* and *Don't Read This Book, Whatever You Do!*

Her new book, *A Funeral in the Bathroom*, is built around the idea that "There should be a place/kids can go/when life has dealt/another blow." From "Blabbermouth" to "Flushophobic" to "There's a Sock in the Toilet," Kalli's poems reveal the funny – and sometimes poignant – stories that take place in an elementary school bathroom. Marc Beech's zany illustrations perfectly express the ups and downs of school life.



A solid addition for classroom shelves . . . Kirkus Reviews

A delightful source of humor and creativity. . . .
School Library Journal

The best stories of all are not in the movies or on television or even in books; they are the stories we live everyday of our lives! It's time to celebrate these stories in our literacy programs! If we can find amazing stories in the bathroom, we can find stories everywhere in our schools!



Students at Loudoun County Day School in Leesburg, Virginia celebrate with Hamlet, the Shakespeare-quoting pig from Kalli's book, *Our Principal Promised to Kiss a Pig*.

Author Visits to Schools

Increase test scores, **enrich** reading and writing programs, and **boost** teachers' and students' spirits by celebrating the most important stories of all – the stories you *live* in your own school

- *large-group assemblies
- *writing workshops (all grade levels)
- *inservices for teachers

- *Kalli uses her knowledge as a reading specialist to design programs that provide sound reinforcement for standards of learning disguised as high-energy fun and filled with audience participation
- *she uses a fast-paced, interactive approach, delightful toys and props and a cast of performers from each school to keep children involved and learning while celebrating the drama of the school world
- *Kalli's joyous, fun-filled assemblies and workshops will inspire your reading and writing programs and pull in even your most reluctant students

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A poem can change a child, and a child can change the world.

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Book Launch

Sunday, March 11, 2012 2:00 p.m.
Bookworm Central
12207 Livingston Road
Manassas, Virginia

Enjoy a rollicking good time with Kalli Dakos as she presents poems from her newest book as well as past favorites. Then stay on for a book signing, funny photos and special treats. Teachers, parents and school-aged children are all invited. Please RSVP Marcy Phone: (703) 367-0045

E-mail: request@bookwormcentral.com
Participation is free, but space is limited. **JOIN THE FUN!**