



Kalli Dakos

Poet of the School World

School Book Tours – Upstate New York

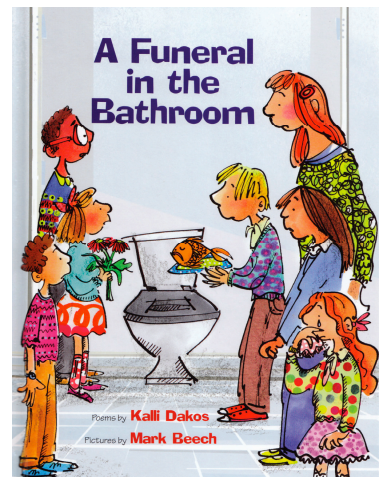
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Kalli Dakos has been celebrating the school world since the release of her best-selling book, *If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand, Poems About School*. Jim Trelease writes in his *Read-Aloud Handbook*, "I know of no single book that captures 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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Kalli Dakos is a former resident of Syracuse and has studied journalism at Syracuse University. She taught at Manlius Pebble Hill School in Dewitt, NY.

She has visited schools throughout Upstate New York for over 15 years, and often works through BOCES. You may contact your local BOCES coordinator (Arts in Education) to help with this visit.

Kalli presently has an office in Ogdensburg, New York with a wonderful staff dedicated to bringing innovative programs to children and teachers that inspire not only their academic skills but their personal growth as well.