Books by Kalli Dakos – Poems About School

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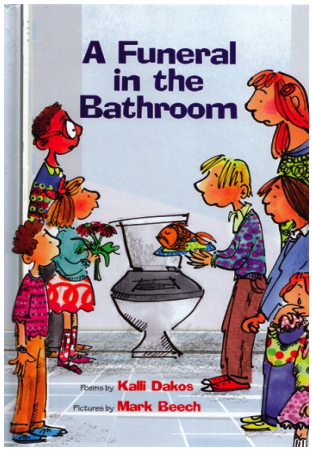


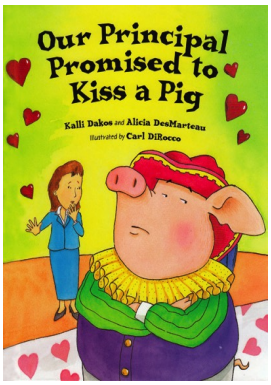
A Funeral in the Bathroom

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 the bathroom. Marc Beech's zany illustrations perfectly express the ups and downs of school life.

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

A heartfelt collage of relatable moments. ~ Kirkus Reviews *Grades 1 – 5

****Children's Choice, 2012***
****Children's Book Award Finalist***

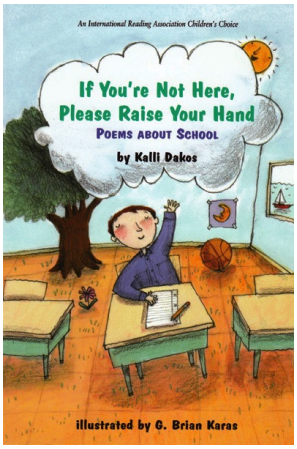


Our Principal Promised to Kiss a Pig

The full-color pictures reveal the inner turmoil of HAMLET, the pig, as he contemplates the humiliation of being kissed by the principal, MS. JULIET. Nineteen references to Shakespeare's plays introduce students to the majestic language of one of our greatest writers, all within the context of a hilarious tale that takes place in a typical school.

Kissing a pig is an invitation to make a child's heart sing. ~ Kirkus Reviews

****All Grades***
International Reading Association, Children's Choice Selection, 2005

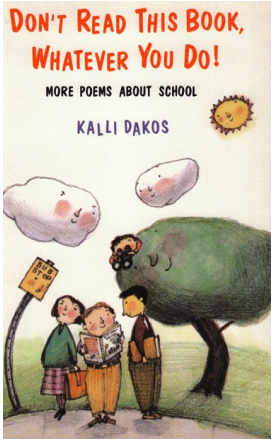


If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand

Kalli Dakos finds stories and surprises in every corner of a school. In this bestselling book, she humorously, and at times poignantly, explores the universal thoughts and feelings of elementary school children.

***"I know of no single book that captures the pulse of the elementary school world the way this collection does,"* writes *Jim Trelease* in his Read-Aloud Handbook.**

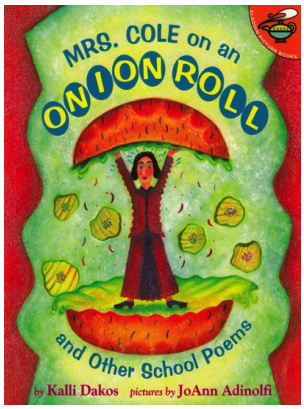
****Grades 2 – 6***
Children's Choice Selection, 1991



Don't Read This Book, Whatever You Do!

Thirty-seven poems and mini-plays celebrate elementary-school life and the funny, poignant, and wondrous moments that can happen only in a classroom. From the hilarious "Eric is Allergic to Girls" to the frightening "Day My Mother Came to School in her Nightgown," these selections are sure to delight and entertain students of all ages.

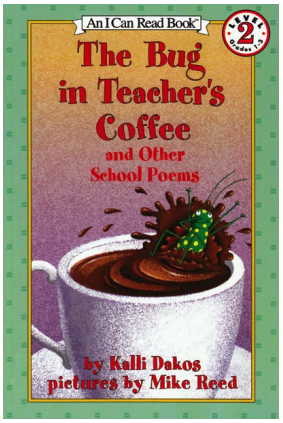
****Grades 2 – 6***
Children's Choice Selection, 1994



Mrs. Cole on an Onion Roll

Kalli Dakos displays the mastery of her renowned classroom wit and insight in this full-color collection of school-inspired poems that truly celebrate a child's wacky sense of fun and that nurture the love of reading and writing.
A great selection of poems to help children both *read* and *write* poetry.
A perfect choice for beginning and struggling readers.

****Grades K – 4***

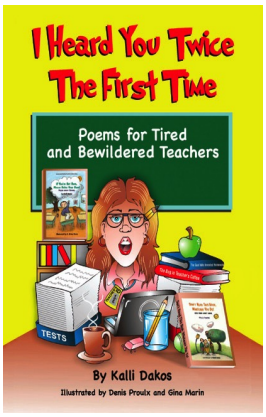


The Bug in Teacher's Coffee

Jack's pencil has been taken hostage, the school gym has a headache, and the class goldfish wants to visit Mexico.

In this collection for beginning readers, Kalli Dakos reveals what really goes on in schools.

****Grades K – 2***
Children's Choice Selection, 2000



*** Book for Teachers**

I Heard You Twice the First Time – Poems for Teachers

Meet the teachers who struggle with stress, failure, difficult students and a lack of time to "enjoy the joy" in their classrooms. Meet the teacher who arrives at the Pearly Gates and asks the most important question of all: "Were my years in school / Worth all that work and time? Join author Kalli Dakos on a poetic journey that will rest your teaching soul and inspire your career!

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