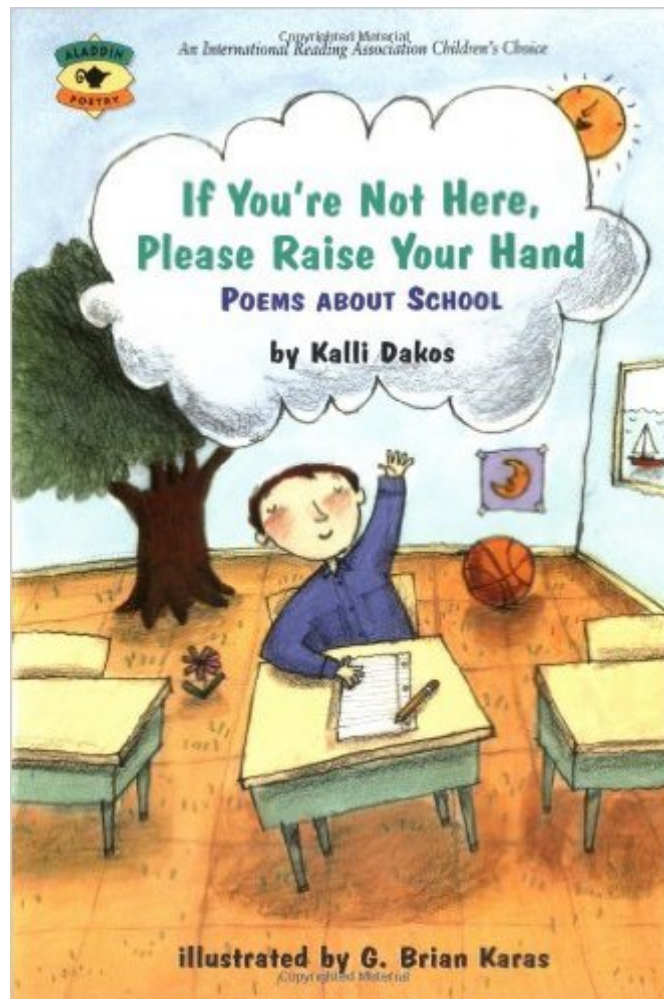


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# If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand: Poems About School (Aladdin Poetry)



## Synopsis

For every student who's ever worried about spending a lifetime in the third grade and for every teacher who's faced a class where nobody remembered to bring milk money, these thirty-eight poems capture the excitement, challenge, heartbreak, and wonder of life in elementary school. Through her fresh, lively word pictures, Dakos manages to find surprises in every corner of the school.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 10 years

Grade Level: 4 - 6

## Customer Reviews

This book, so accurately subtitled "Poems About School," is a hit with students and teachers alike. Ms Dakos takes everyday elementary school situations and problems, and -- through her poetry-- manages to pinpoint the goings on in every classroom in America using humor and sensitivity. The student with the messiest desk, the boy who cries at the drop of a hat, the new kid who hates math, the child who comes to class with more alibis than homework assignments, the children who just can't follow the rules, are all members of the class in Ms Dakos' first book, "If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand-- Poems About School." This is truly a "class" anthology!

This wonderful book of elementary school life poems was a recommended summer reading for my

5th grader. I thank the one who recommended it. She loves it. I recommend it for all ages...I love it too and I'm a few decades past the 5th grade. Get this one for your child and he/she will thank you with their pleasure of the book and their reading to you.

I remember finding this gem in my Elementary School Library back in the 2nd grade. These are still my favorite poems of all time! I read every single one of them so many times that I still have most of them memorized, and I'm in college now! These are poems that young kids can relate to and have a lot of fun with. One of my favorite ones to act out was the Mighty Eye!! My friends and I would have giggle fits in the library giving each other... the Mighty Eye!!! Definitely one of the most fun books for kids, and it got me hooked on poetry for life! I even find reading Shakespeare to be fun, all because of my fond memories of this little book of poems. So if you want your son or daughter to never fear poetry again, start with this book and have tons of fun!

I read a poem or two from this book each night at bed time to my 12 and 6 year old. Many of the poems are quite negative towards school. I prefer to teach my child that school is a good thing and so far they really love school. There is one poem that is very touching about a child's friend dying. Not really appropriate for the 6 year old but it's good to cover these topics as it is part of life. It is an OK book of poems, but I really wouldn't tell my friends to rush out and buy it.

Son likes it...he doesn't enjoy reading much, he's easily bored, constantly on the move & VERY bright! Books of poems have been a Godsend. Something about them being short and the fact that there's a huge variety of things happening/topics & that they make him think - they have been our only way to keep him reading for a year now. He's 8.

I held this book hostage from the library at my elementary school. I'm sure I had it so much that no one else got the chance to read it. This was the start of my love for poetry. I ordered it as an adult and I guess I've matured in my love of poetry but I'm hoping my kids will love it. Even so it's nice to bring back some childhood memories. Book was in perfect condition.

I believe that children should be exposed to poetry at an early age so was delighted to find this book which is clever, funny and uses language beautifully. I recommend this book to any parent or librarian as it is a favorite of our family's.

We bought this for an independent reading project (IRP) for my fifth grader. He really enjoyed reading the poems and rated the book at 3 1/2 stars out of five in his report. The book is set in 3rd grade and is a collection of school based poems. He found most of the poems don't rhyme and ranged from silly to sad. He also describes the author's writing as easy to understand without the use of "big fancy words". He recommends the book to poetry readers everywhere!

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