



Alexis O'Neill

Children's Author

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Alexis O'Neill is the author of *The Recess Queen* (Scholastic), a bully book; *The Worst Best Friend* (Scholastic), a story about friendship and forgiveness; *Estela's Swap* (Lee & Low Books), a book about generosity and a unique California experience; *Loud Emily* (Simon & Schuster), a tale about being yourself; and *The Kite That Bridged Two Nations: Homan Walsh and the First*

Niagara Suspension Bridge (Calkins Creek/Boyd's Mills Press), a work that highlights the skill and persistence of a remarkable boy in a challenging setting. Alexis has also written fiction and nonfiction for *Cricket*, *Spider*, *Cobblestone*, *Calliope*, *Faces*, and *Odyssey*.

A former elementary school teacher with a Ph.D. in Teacher Education from Syracuse University, Alexis teaches writing for the UCLA Extension Writers' Program and served as a Regional Advisor for the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators (SCBWI) in the Central-Coastal region of California. Alexis has also worked as a museum educator and consultant for the Erie Canal Museum, Onondaga Historical Association, the Everson Museum of Art, the Museum of Ventura County and the J. Paul Getty Museum.

Alexis visits schools across the country, conducting interactive assemblies and workshops designed to inspire students to read, research, write and revise - and to have fun playing with words. She also uses her experiences as a teacher and presenter to advise other children's authors on designing high quality school visit programs and through SchoolVisitExperts.com.

As a literacy advocate, Alexis established, and for several years chaired, the annual Children's Book Week Celebration in Simi Valley for the Simi Valley Friends of the Library, providing author visit programs for over 12,000 students each year. She currently serves on the board of the Ventura County Reading Association.

The California Reading Association has honored Alexis with the prestigious Dr. Marcus Foster Memorial Reading Award for her outstanding contributions to reading advancement in California and for her long record of achievements and constant dedication to the advancement of literacy for all children throughout the state.

Alexis lives in Southern California with her husband & three cats in rooms lined with books. www.alexisoneill.com

