

Kim Berkhof Bolt

Teacher, Writer,
Professional Development Leader



BIO

"I can't imagine my life without being in a classroom." Kim is a veteran teacher and writer. The past 25 years of her life have involved teaching students in a variety of classrooms and leading other teachers in professional development. At home she is a mother to 3 children, the spoiler of a dog named Teddy and an avid reader (her preference is middle grade fiction).

Roles

TEACHER

- Has 25 years experience teaching students ages 8 through college in a variety of settings: multi-age, seated, online, hybrid
- Holds a Masters in Education in 2006 from Grand Valley State University
- Is a 20 year participant in the Lake Michigan Writing Project (a chapter of the National Writing Project)
- Has led week-long writing camps in both grades 3-5 and 6-8

WRITER

- Earned a Masters in Fine Arts (focus in fiction) in 2022 from Queen's University in North Carolina
- Wrote a Capstone Thesis on why we must write about death and dying in fiction
- Was published in EveryDay Fiction in 2023
- Has written a middle-grade novel and is working toward publication in 2025

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Worked as a Language Arts Curriculum Writer/Professional Development Presenter from 2006-2012
- Is a Member of the Michigan Reading Association, National Council of Teachers of English and Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators
- Presented at the MRA on Engaging Middle School Readers
- Presented on GRCC Learning Day on evaluating assessments

Possible Topics

- Exploring death and dying through fiction and poetry
- Better understanding the writing process: brainstorming, drafting, revision, publishing
- Engaging middle school readers through choice books
- Evaluating assessments

Let's Work Together!

Email me to set up a time to visit to your classroom/school:



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As an emerging speaker, I charge no fee for speaking engagements, both in person or virtual. AND I promise a return visit as an author when my book is published.