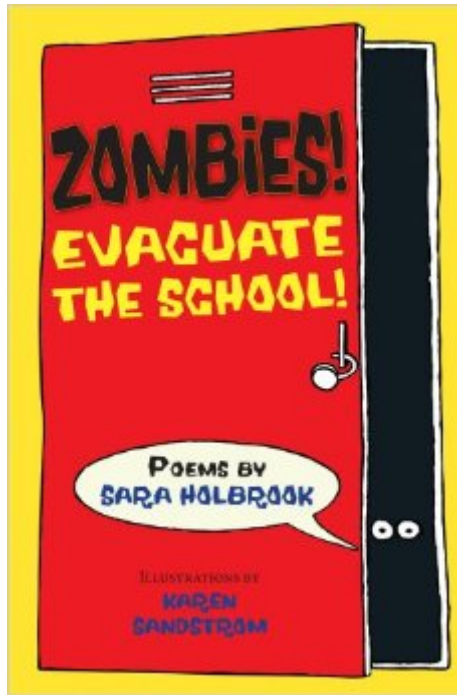


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# Zombies! Evacuate The School!



## Synopsis

This entertaining and quirky collection of school poems covers everything from a â œslam-dancing rideâ • on the big yellow bus to the teacher who picks up signals with â œantennae in her hairâ • to a full-on zombie invasion. Sidebars introduce readers to many elements of poetry and invite kids to write poems of their own.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 11 years

Grade Level: 3 - 6

## Customer Reviews

It is difficult to imagine a collection of poetry (children's or otherwise) that would compel readers to hurl a book into flames, but unfortunately we do not have to. *Zombies! Evacuate the School!* by Sara Holbrook stoked not only our disapproval but raised our ire at what is inexcusable, disturbingly purposeful, heinously bad poetry. More than this, *Zombies!* is a didactic mess that promises an amusing interlude with the undead but provides only the near-dead state of boredom. The assumption that children must be tricked into opening a book of poetry--like a trip to the toy store that turns out to be to the dentist--is, at best, an egregious miscalculation of genre and readership and, at worst, a collection of uninteresting poems drenched in condescending reassurances to children that poetry is not all that hard--even they can do it. (Hint: *Zombies!* leans aggressively toward the latter.) Not to mention the lack of zombies until almost the last page - which do not, after all, provoke the advertised mass evacuation. This book tries to be a teaching book, tries to be a

poetry book, and also fits the trim size of a middle grade novel. We cannot envision anyone picking this book up and knowing what to do with it. The plethora of information on each page unfortunately (or fortunately) disrupts the reading flow of what really is very bad poetry. LATE! Iâ™ve got to learn my limit. LATE! It hurts to have no breath. LATE! Iâ™ve got to break the habit LATE! of causing me such stress. This poor-rhyming quatrain concludes a poem about (you guessed it!) being late. Not only is the poem internally incongruous--How art thou out of breath, when thou hast breath to scream âœLATEâ• at me?

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