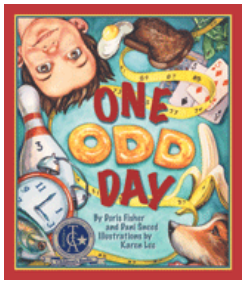
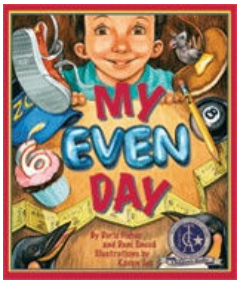
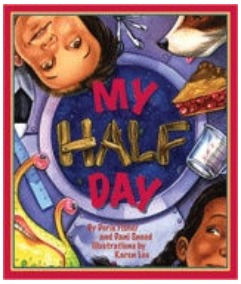
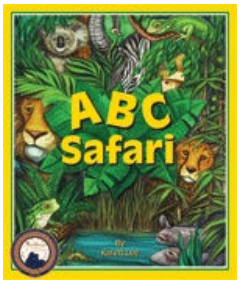
Schedule a School Visit with Award-winning North Carolina Children's Author and Illustrator

Karen Lee!









One Odd Day, illustrated by Karen, tells the humorous story of a young child who awakens to find everything around him is "odd." He has three sleeves on his shirt, and his dog has five legs. Things are no better at school, either, when he stares at a calendar with only odd days. Will his odd day end when he goes to bed that night? A great introduction to the concept of odd and even numbers, *One Odd Day* will have students learning without even realizing it.

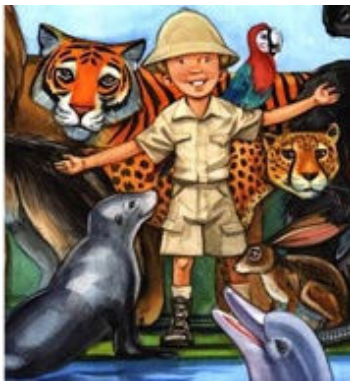
My Even Day, illustrated by Karen, is the delightful, rhythmic sequel to *One Odd Day*. The young boy awakens to find that it is another strange day– now everything is even, and his mother has two heads! This time, a school field trip to the zoo is dealt with in an odd, but even-handed manner. And, like its predecessor, children will spend hours looking for all the hidden objects in the incredible art. Square it all off with more "number fun" in the "For Creative Minds" section.

In ***My Half Day***, illustrated by Karen, the wacky fun continues as a young boy awakens to find a half-head of hair. After chugging down his glass of milk that's two-thirds gooey paste, he and his friend are off to camp for a day of fraction fun and an out-of-this world soccer game. The first two books in the series, *One Odd Day* and *My Even Day*, won *Learning Magazine*'s 2008 Teachers' Choice Award for Children's Books. Imaginative illustrations are sure to please young readers as they scour the pages for countless oddities hidden in the art!

ABC Safari, both written *and* illustrated by Karen, won the 2007 Moonbeam Bronze Award and the Bank Street College Best Children's Book of 2008. *ABC Safari* is a colorful and active trip through the wilderness and the alphabet of the animal kingdom. Karen entertains her readers with descriptive rhymes and beautifully drawn scenes. *ABC Safari* teaches children about the characteristics of each animal in a way that stimulates a young reader's interest.

What is the most interesting part of illustrating books for children?

"When I first began illustrating picture books, I didn't understand the complexity of what it takes to carry a story from cover to cover. There is so much work that happens before you get to the final art. Each character must be developed into a believable, likable being. Their environment needs to suit the tone of the story. The page design needs to add interest and encourage the reader to both dwell on the page and be eager to turn the page to see what happens next. I try to extend the words of the story to add an extra level of meaning and interest. My very first steps – the brainstorming, the little thumbnail ideas and scribbles - become the foundation for all of this, and for me it is the most creative and mentally engaging process."



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Not only are Karen's books fun, they're educational, too!

The back of each book features a "For Creative Minds" section:

My Half Day

- Measuring and Fractions in Recipes
- Match the Fraction to the Picture
- How We Use Fractions

ABC Safari

- Animal Cards with descriptions and unique characteristics
- Animal Matching Game

Additional Online Resources include: Cross-curricular Teaching Activities, English/Spanish eBooks, Audiobooks, child-friendly Related Websites, Comprehension & Math Quizzes. Aligned to national and state curriculum Standards, and AR & Reading Counts Quizzes.

Visit Details:

- Karen does several different programs geared towards different ages.
- Show and Read Aloud for Pre-K - 2: Karen will show her art as students predict what the story is in the pictures. Karen will also read aloud from some of her books during this interactive presentation.
- *ABC Safari* for grades 2-5: Explore the path to becoming an illustrator. Karen will guide your class through her journey to becoming an illustrator. Every student will complete their own illustration of an animal from Karen's book, *ABC Safari*. At the end, the classroom will have a finished picture book to keep as a souvenir!
- Tracking a Brainstorm for grades 3-6: Harness a hurricane of words and tame a torrent of image ideas! Karen shows what it takes to generate unique writing and illustrating ideas. Learn how to create a blizzard of concepts through word association, alliteration, rhyme, and rhythm.

Rates:

- A 50 minute workshop with up to 35 students is $150.00.
- An assembly only costs $250.00. One assembly plus one workshop is $300.00 and an additional $100.00 for each additional workshop.
- Travel 50-100 miles outside Raleigh, North Carolina, is an additional $30.00. Travel and lodging must be provided for overnight stays.

How To Schedule:

1. Coordinate with other classes (or schools or libraries), and decide what day works best.
2. Contact author directly to schedule date, time and details.
   Karen Lee, Karen@leeillo.com
3. Send letter home to parents announcing the author visit and offering them the opportunity to order autographed books for their children. (Form letter enclosed!)
4. Preorder books and coordinate book sales with author.

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that award-winning children's author Karen Lee (*One Odd Day, My Even Day, My Half Day, ABC Safari*) will be visiting our school on _____ to meet our students, talk about her books and lead the classroom(s) in fun, educational discussions and activities! To purchase a copy of any of her books so that your child can receive an autograph and remember this special day, please fill out and return the attached order form by _____ _____.

Best wishes,

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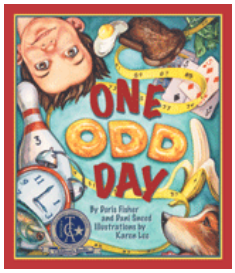
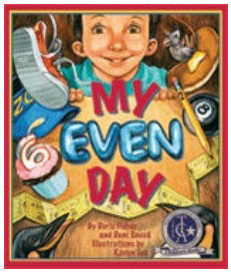
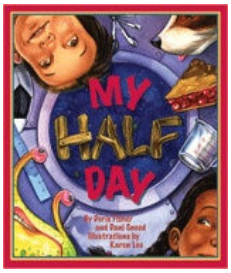
Yes! I would like to help my child remember Karen's school visit!

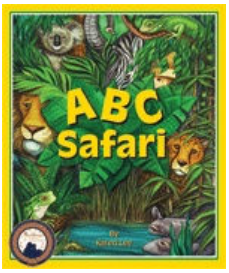
Name of Child: _____ Name of Teacher: _____

Grade: _____ Personalize Autograph To: _____









Title		Retail Price	School Fair Price	Quantity	Total
One Odd Day	Hardcover	$15.95			
	Paperback	$8.95			
My Even Day	Hardcover	$15.95			
	Paperback	$8.95			
My Half Day	Hardcover	$16.95			
	Paperback	$8.95			
ABC Safari	Hardcover	$15.95			
	Paperback	$8.95			

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Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

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