

REQUEST FOR HUMOROUS WRITING MISTAKES BY KIDS FOR A NEW BOOK



I'm looking for the funny mistakes in writing made by kids from 5 to 20, from elementary school to college. Do you have any whether you are a teacher, parent, or student? Can you pass on this request to others? I'm collecting examples of these humorous writing mistakes for a new book tentatively entitled: *FROM THE PENS OF KIDS* to be published by Sasquatch Books in spring 2006. After a brief discussion of the types of mistakes kids make and why, the book will feature short quotes with anything from misspelling to misusing words to misquoting quotes or using the English language in unusual or inappropriate ways. These mistakes can include comments about history, science, math, literature, psychology, everyday wisdom, politics, excuse notes, fractured grammar, metaphors, etc. I won't be using any names of the kids, just indicating, where known, their age or grade and gender, with credits and "thank you's" for submissions in the back of the book.

I have previously published other books on popular culture with different publishers, such as *Can We Talk?* on talk shows, and am an anthropologist whose specialties include popular culture. Can you send your examples by e-mail to kidsmistakes@kidmistakes.com or by mail to Gini Graham Scott, Kids Mistakes, Changemakers, 6114 La Salle, #358, Oakland, CA 94611. Our Website is at www.kidsmistakes.com.