

# REQUEST TO TEACHERS FOR BOOK ON STUDENT WRITING MISTAKES



Are you a teacher from elementary school to college, or do you know others who are? I'm collecting examples of the writing mistakes that kids from 5 to 20 years old make for a new book tentatively entitled: *FROM THE PENS OF KIDS* to be published by Sasquatch Books in spring 2006. The mistakes can include anything from misspelling to misusing words to misquoting quotes or using the English language in unusual or inappropriate ways. They can also include humorous comments about history, science, math, literature, psychology, philosophical wisdom, politics, and other subjects; excuse notes, fractured grammar, metaphors, and kids from another culture who make mistakes in learning and writing English. I won't be using any names of the students, just indicating, where known, their age or grade and gender, and I'll be including 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 in your examples by e-mail to [kidsmistakes@kidsmistakes.com](mailto:kidsmistakes@kidsmistakes.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](http://www.kidsmistakes.com).