

# KERI SMITH

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Keri Smith is an illustrator and the author of several bestselling books about creativity including **This is Not a Book** (2009 Perigee), **How to be an Explorer of the World** (2008 Perigee), **Wreck this Journal** (2007 Perigee), **The Guerilla Art Kit** (2007 Princeton Architectural Press), **Living Out Loud –Activities to Fuel a Creative Life** (2003 Chronicle Books), and **Tear up this Book! :The Sticker, Stencil, Stationery, Games, Crafts, Doodle, And Journal Book For Girls!**, (2005 American Girl). Her newest book, **Mess: A Manual of Accidents and Mistakes** will be released fall 2010 by Penguin Books. She is the author of the popular weblog the Wish Jar, and writes on occasion for How Magazine. Keri's books have been translated into over six languages. A working illustrator for the last fifteen years, Keri has worked for a wide variety of clients worldwide, most recently Family Fun Magazine, Chronicle Books, Hallmark, Body & Soul Magazine, Random House, and the New York Times.

## REPRESENTATION

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## EDUCATION

1995 A.O.C.A. -Graduated with Honors from the Ontario College of Art and Design, Toronto, ON, 1995 –Illustration/Interdisciplinary studies

## PUBLISHED WORK

2010 **Mess: A Manual of Accidents and Mistakes**, Perigee/Penguin Books, New York, spring  
2009 **This is Not a Book**, Perigee/Penguin Books, New York, fall  
2008 **How To Be An Explorer of the World: Portable Art/Life Museum**, Perigee/  
2007 Penguin Books, New York, Fall  
**The Guerilla Art Kit –Leaving Your Mark in a Modern World**, Princeton Architectural Press, New York, Fall  
**Wreck This Journal**, Perigee, New York, Spring  
2006 **The Non-Planner Datebook**, Little Otsu Press, San Francisco  
2005 **How Magazine**, Article- "Starting Out as an Illustrator", F & W Pub. May /June  
2003 **Tear Up This Book**, American Girl Pub.  
**Living Out Loud –Activities to Fuel a Creative Life**, Chronicle Books, San Francisco  
2001 **Story in a Box –Princess and the Pea**, Chronicle Books, San Francisco 2001  
**Story in a Box –Cinderella**, Chronicle Books, San Francisco 2001

## ILLUSTRATION ONLY

2009 **Boyology 101**, Chronicle Books, San Francisco  
2005 **My Friends, My World**, Gallison/Mudpuppy

## RECENT MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2010 **Family Fun Magazine** Feature article “Inspired by Keri Smith”  
**Uppercase Magazine** Feature article “This is Not an Interview” by Aaron Leighton
- 2009 **Flow Magazine** (the Netherlands) Feature article “Creatief Met Keri”  
**Dwell Magazine** -mention “The Non-Planner Datebook”  
**Wired Magazine** Blog–article “Geek Dad Holiday Book Roundup”  
**The Dana Foundation News**, feature –“Educators schooled by Guerilla Artist”  
**An Illustrated Life** (How Books, Dec) feature –“Keri Smith’s illustrated journals”
- 2008 **New York Times** -Article (April) -“Names that Forge a Bond”  
**Whole Living Magazine** (June), mention -The Guerilla Art Kit  
**Time Out Chicago** (November) mention–the Guerilla Art Kit  
**Craft Magazine** (Dec) Guerilla Art Kit –article “holiday book roundup”
- 2007 **USA Today** (Dec) Guerilla Art Kit –article “Books that are more than Books”  
**Time Out Chicago** (Nov) Guerilla Art Kit –article “gift guide”  
**London Times** (Oct) Guerilla Art Kit –article “underground art”  
**Artful Blogging** (Oct) feature article –“Keri Smith’s Art Journaling for the Digital Age”
- 2006 **The Artist’s Magazine** (Sept) feature article, Wreck this Journal –Creative Destruction  
**Somerset Magazine** (April) -feature article
- 2005 **Martha Stewart Radio**, “Louden Clear”–interview with Jennifer Louden  
**Venus Zine** (Oct) –article about Poketo artists  
**Bust Magazine** (April/May)–article “Wage Slaves -Day job schemes for girls with arty dreams”
- 2004 **Skirt Magazine** –Living Out Loud, interview, book excerpts  
**Woman’s Day Magazine** (spring) -Interview  
**Writer Digest** (October) –Feature article “Selling yourself Creatively”  
**How Magazine** (June) -Feature “Create Connect”  
**Photoshop for Windows & Macintosh** (book, Peachpit Press) –work featured  
**All Things Girl Magazine** (May) –“Behind the Covers, Women in Publishing and Media”

## RADIO & TELEVISION INTERVIEWS

- 2009 Sirius Satellite 161 -Mornings with Lorri & Larry  
KWNA “Statewide Nevada”  
WFAW-AM/WSJY-FM “Morning Magazine”  
WZUS “Scott and Scott in the Morning”  
WBFJ Morning Show
- 2007 WILL radio show NPR “Afternoon Magazine” with host Celeste Quinn -The Guerilla Art Kit  
WICN-FM Boston –show “Inquiry with Mark Lynch”, topic –Wreck this Journal  
KUCI 88.9FM. radio interview-”Justice, or Just Us?” topic -How to Be A Guerilla Artist.
- 2006 Martha Stewart Living Radio –Interview for the show Louden Clear, with host Jennifer Louden.

## SELECTED CLIENT LIST

Penguin Books  
Hallmark  
Random House  
American Girl  
Forbes  
The Boston Globe  
Better Homes and Gardens  
Ford Motor Co.  
The Body Shop U.K.  
The Washington Post  
Teen People  
Yahoo Internet Life  
American Salon  
Bon-Appetit  
Wall Street Journal  
Canadian Airlines  
Utne Reader  
The Canadian Opera Company  
Chronicle Books  
Ladies Home Journal  
New York Times  
Industry Standard  
Chapters  
Chicago Tribune  
Body and Soul Magazine  
Galison/Mudpuppy  
Llewellyn  
Hotelier Magazine  
Conde Nast

## AWARDS & COMPETITIONS

2009            **Winner of Social Designer's "Down to Earth" competition**  
2006            **Canadian Business Press Kenneth R. Wilson Award** –Best Illustration, Hotelier Magazine, "Shake it Up", David Heath art director  
2005            **Print Magazine Award** –Editorial illustration  
2004            **Writer's Digest** –Award for Best Writer's Website  
2001            **Virtu Award** -"Best in Canadian Design" for "Story in a Box"  
                  **Print Magazine Award** -Editorial Illustration  
1999            **Applied Arts Award** -Corporate Illustration  
                  **Applied Arts Award** -Editorial Spot  
                  **Applied Arts Award** -Editorial Illustration  
1998            **Art Directors Club of Canada Award** -Spot Illustration

## ARTISTIC AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Photoshop, Illustrator, Indesign, Flash, Dreamweaver, bookbinding, printmaking, papercraft, book design, drawing

## LECTURES AND TEACHING

- 2010 **Parsons The New School for Design**, New York, spring –workshop for Faculty in School of Fashion  
**Millersville University**, Millersville PA, spring -workshop for teaching artists
- 2009 **Johns Hopkins University** spring, Baltimore Maryland –lecture “Learning Art’s & the Brain”
- 2008 **Icon 5, The Illustration Conference**, New York –lecture “Come Together –Networking Pioneers, Creating Community in the Field of Illustration”
- 2007 **Blogger** –panel “Blogging is More Than Words”
- 2006 **University of Davis California Craft Center**, instructor “Introduction to Drawing”, Davis California  
**University of Davis California Craft Center**, instructor “Introduction to Papermaking”, Davis California  
**University of Davis California** –lecture for the graphic design program
- 2005 **How Design Conference**, San Diego August, Workshop –“Living Out Loud, Using your personality to attract the work you really want”
- 2004 **Graphic Artist Guild of Ontario**, Lecture –“Living Out Loud”  
**Book Expo Canada** -lecture “Illustrating for Kids”  
**Word on the Street** Toronto, July –book reading
- 2003 **Education Week –North Park Secondary**, Lecture -“Letting yourself Soar”  
**Ontario College of Art** –class lecture, illustration department
- 2001 **Brampton Board of Trade Luncheon**–Keynote speaker

## COMMISSIONS

- 2010 **The New Children’s Museum**, San Diego California, “Mobile Explorer Kit” based on “How to be an Explorer of the World”.