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Bonnie Kelso is an award-winning picture book author and illustrator from Las Vegas, Nevada. With a background as an exhibit designer for organizations such as Smithsonian Institution, National Geographic, and NASA, Bonnie enjoys taking complex information and distilling it into bite-sized pieces. Her passion for nature and environmental awareness shines through in her books, murals, and community art workshops. She is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and has seven published picture books. Her picture book, *Dexter the Stand Up Dog*, received a California Reading Association Eureka! Silver Honor for nonfiction. Visit her website at www.BonnieKelso.com.

Published Books:

- *Dexter: The Stand Up Dog*, author and illustrator. Gnome Road Publishing, ©2025.
- *Nudi Gill: Poison Powerhouse of the Sea*, author and illustrator. Gnome Road Publishing, ©2023.
- Childhood Milestones Series: *Sea Smiles*, *Sleepy Sea*, and *Sea Suds*, author and illustrator. Gnome Road Publishing, ©2024, ©2025, and ©2026..
- *Wonder of the Woods*, author and illustrator. Little Press / One Little Earth, 2024.
- *Quail Trail*, author and illustrator. Muddy Boots, ©2024.
- *Goat Maa-th: An Addition Story*, illustrator. Written by Kari Ann Gonzalez. Gnome Road Publishing, ©2026.
- *In A Cave*, illustrator. Written by Heather Ferranti Kinser. Gnome Road Publishing, ©2023.
- *Anyone Else Awake?*, illustrator. Written by Carmela LaVigna Coyle. Muddy Boots, ©2026.
- *Your Nevada: A Young Reader's Collection of Stories and Poems about Nevada*, editor and contributing author/illustrator. Independently Published, ©2026.
- *Gnomes and UnGnomes: Poems of Hidden Creatures*, contributing illustrator. The Writers Loft Press, ©2023.
- *Quinn's Closet Monsters*, contributor and selected for cover illustration. An anthology published by Make-A-Wish Foundation, ©2021.

Awards and Honors:

- 2021 Winner of the SCBWI Karen Cushman Award for chapter book work in progress.
- 2023 Library of Congress Center for the Book Award, *Nudi Gill: Poison Powerhouse of the Sea*.
- 2025 California Reading Association: Eureka Silver Honor Award Winner for Nonfiction: *Dexter, the Stand Up Dog*.