



### **Jackleen Holton**

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### **Background**

Jackleen Holton received her degree in Fine Arts, with an emphasis in Media Arts, from the University of Arizona in 1992. She is active in the local poetry and writing community and has given many featured readings of her work in venues throughout San Diego County. In addition to working as a poet-teacher with Border Voices and California Poets in the Schools, Jackleen also teaches adult writing workshops and has been the facilitator of a series of poetry workshops for homeless women at Rachel's Women's Center. She lives in San Diego and is self-employed as a life coach and counselor.

### **Publications**

Jackleen's poetry has been published in several magazines and journals including *Ibbetson Street*, *Spare Change News*, *The Mountain Astrologer*, *Red River Review*, *City Works Literary Journal* and *Dream Network* as well as the anthologies *The Giant Book of Poetry*, *The Best of Border Voices* and *The California Poets in the Schools Anthology*. Her first chapbook *Devil Music* was published by Caernarvon Press in 2005. In 2008, Jackleen received a fellowship to attend Summer Literary Seminars in St. Petersburg, Russia.

## **Student Successes**

Jackleen's students have been widely published in the annual Border Voices anthologies and have won many awards in the Border Voices Doorways to Vision contest, including first place in the High School category in 2008 and 2009 as well as the LoVerne Brown Scholarship Award in 2009. Her students' poetry has also been published in the California Poets in the Schools statewide anthology.

## **Teaching Approach**

Jackleen often works with contemporary poetry, encouraging students to begin writing from where the poem takes them. She encourages students to look at ordinary objects with fresh eyes and to become "noticers" of life's hidden mysteries, seeing beauty and finding inspiration in unlikely places. She teaches poetry as a means of finding one's own unique voice, exploring personal, family and cultural history and healing.

## **Special Emphasis/Skills**

Jackleen has taught classes in intuitive development and meditation. She has an educational background in film and theatre. Believing that the creation of art is a multi-sensory endeavor, she has used visualization, spoken word, media, music and visual art to spark students' creativity.

## **Website**

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## **Jackleen's References**

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