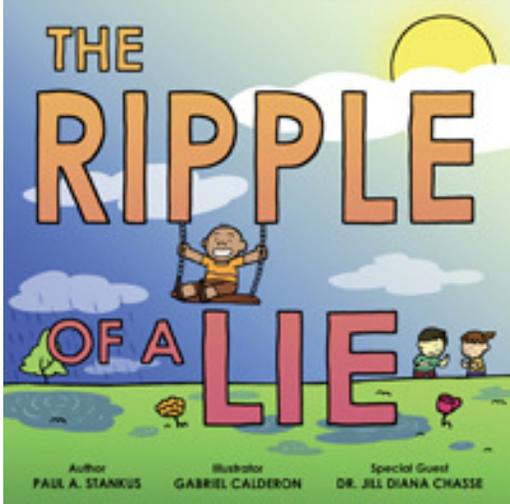


## Paul A. Stankus, Author, The Ripple of a Lie

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### Book Description

Every time a lie is told, a raindrop falls.

When the lie is revealed, a thunderstorm rages.

When the lie is repaired, a flower appears.

Yet, even when the sun is shining again, puddles still remain-- The Ripple of a Lie.

This children's book is geared for ages Kindergarten through 3rd grade, when lies or half-truths are told on the playground and spread like wildfire. It includes a section with games to talk to your child about the consequences of lying.

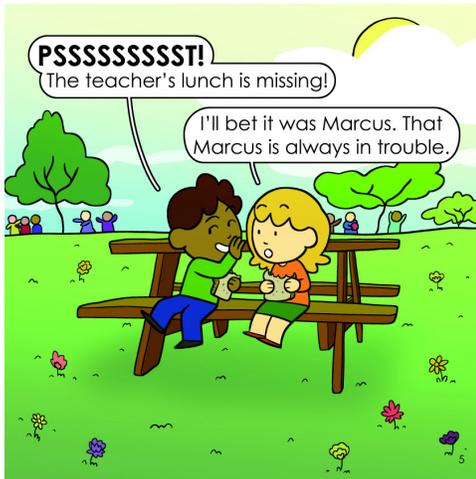
### Author Bio

**Paul A. Stankus** is a poet, short story writer, and author of three books, including his first children's book, *The Ripple of a Lie*, a visual representation of the effects of playground gossip and lies. Always observant, he finds a simple absurdity in life -- that single grain of truth --that he weaves into a masterful tale. Paul churned nearly 250 short stories about his experiences as a new father into his book, *Dad Desperately In Need of Training Wheels* while commuting daily in the last car of the DC Metro train.

As the DreadPoet Roberts, Paul led a virtual poetry jam every Monday evening for nearly five years, composing over 150 poems on the spot with nothing more than a name, a place, and an action shouted out by the audience. His audience has grown from a small handful to a routine of 5 storytellers to an assembled crowd of over 100 patrons nightly.

Paul currently has several writing projects in the works, including a book of poetry, and an 18th century pirate trilogy. In his spare time, he is a board member of the Gaithersburg Book Festival where he was a featured presenter in 2012 and hones his craft by editing books for friends. He balances his time writing with daytime gig wrangling federal funds for schools. Mostly he does it for the children -- but it also pays for his writing vices.

## Images from **The Ripple of a Lie**



### What Reviewers have said about **The Ripple of a Lie** on Amazon.com:

*--No one needs to teach a child how to lie. This book is a great tool to address all the complex levels a lie holds in a simple manner for Children to understand. I like the fact it not only dealt with the lie, but also modeled a way to repair and behave as a group. A great lesson for adults as well. The illustrations are not only eye catching but an interactive part of the book. Jill's suggestions on how to use this book and speak to your child about this subject make this book a must have for parents, teachers and councilors. --Casta Spell*

*--The first day we had this book, my nine-year-old daughter read it to herself, then with a friend, and finally with me. She was intrigued by the story and charmed by the illustrations. There are some interesting suggested activities in the book that can be done after reading the story, as well as a helpful note from a psychologist on talking to your child about lying. The Ripple of a Lie is a great little book with an important message.--Judy B*