



Kay Kidde

Kay Kidde is the founder of the former Kidde, Hoyt and Picard Literary Agency in New York City. She is a member of the Association of Author's Representatives and has been a Senior Editor at New American Library and Harcourt Brace Jovanovich. Ms. Kidde is also a former 4th grade teacher in New Canaan, Connecticut.

She serves on the boards of the Quogue Association of Long Island and the Peconic Community Council, and founded the Peconic Housing Initiative in Riverhead for the homeless which is now known as Maureen's Haven.

Ms. Kidde graduated in 1948 from Chatham Hall in Virginia, in 1952 from Vassar, majoring in Creative Writing, and received an Emergency Teaching Certificate from New Haven State Teachers.

She is listed in *Poets and Writers* and her 100 poems have appeared in *Context South*, *Pegasus*, the *Long Island Quarterly*, *Maryland Poetry Review*, *North Atlantic Review*, and others, as well as a number of anthologies. She has co-authored a book on mental health entitled *Speaking Out*. In 1994 the *North Atlantic Review* published Ms. Kidde's books of poems, *Home Light: Along the Shore* and in 1998, Linear Arts Books (NYC) brought out her book of poems, *Sounding for Light*. In 2002, *Early Sky New and Collected Poems* was published by Writers Ink Press.

In 2007 Ms. Kidde won the East End Arts Council Poetry prize.

Kay has given readings and signings of her collections in New York City and around Long Island in New Jersey and Virginia. Ms. Kidde lives on Quogue, Long Island.

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