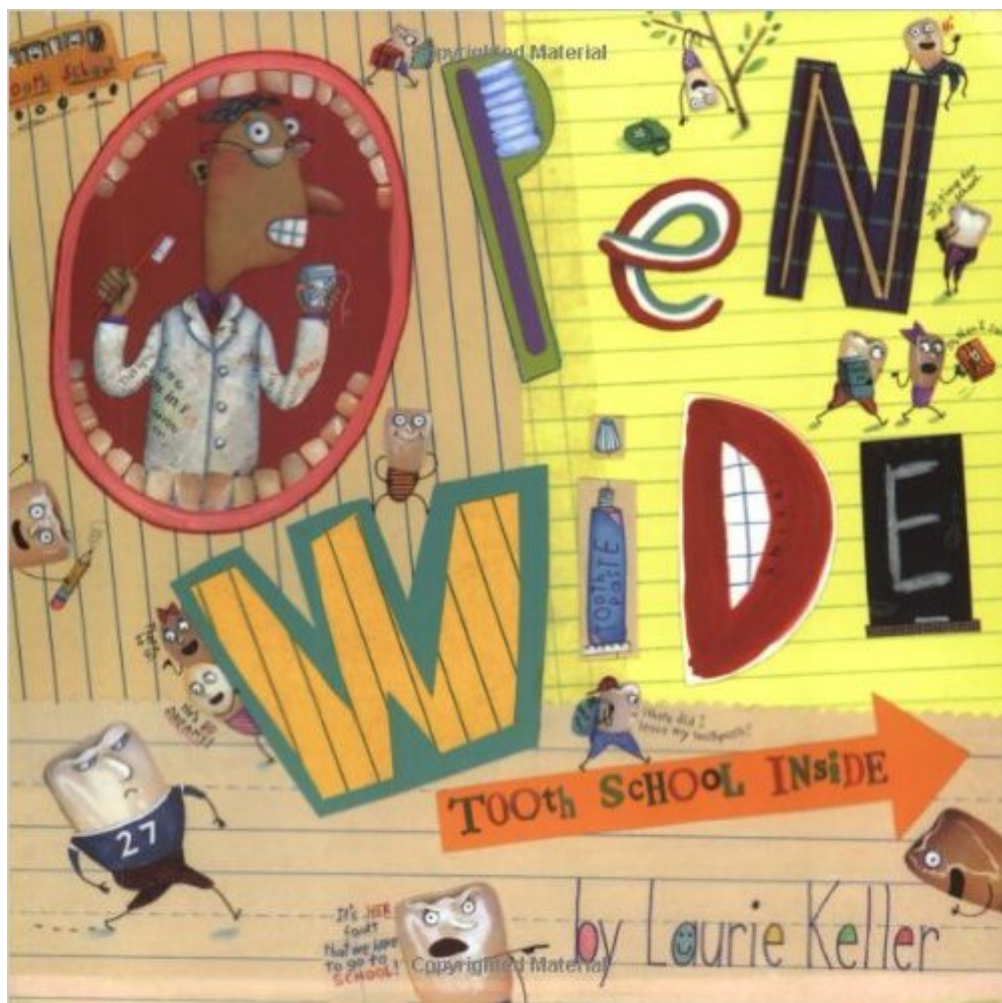


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# Open Wide: Tooth School Inside



## Synopsis

From the author/illustrator of *The Scrambled States of America*, here is a fun-filled introduction to teeth. "Before the principal's announcements, will you all please stand and recite our pledge: 'I pledge allegiance to this mouth and to the dentist who takes care of us. And to the gums on which we stand, strong and healthy, with toothbrushes and toothpaste for all.'" It's time for tooth school and Dr. Flossman is excited to meet the incoming class of 32--eight incisors, four canines, eight premolars, and twelve molars, including the four wisdom teeth. There's just so much to learn--from brushing and flossing to dentin and pulp to every student's nightmare: tooth decay! Best read with a toothbrush in hand, this hilarious book is full of interesting facts (for instance, George Washington's teeth were not made of wood, despite popular belief) and a classroom full of quirky characters. Young readers will laugh their way to a better appreciation for those pearly whites that beckon them to brush. And from there it's just a short hop to flossing. This title has Common Core connections.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

I am an adult, but I'm a big fan of Laurie Keller's two books. "Open Wide" is an hilarious, creative

book about teeth which I thoroughly enjoyed even though, the day before, I had myself been through a painful dentist appointment. I know a couple of young children who read and loved Laurie's first book, "The Scrambled States of America" and I would imagine children will get a huge kick out of this one also. Her depiction of an elementary school environment, even though it's one filled with students who are teeth, is very accurate and observant and her illustrations are wonderful.

After "Scrambled States," what else can a children's book author come up with? Plenty, if you happen to be Laurie Keller, and envision the mouthful of human teeth as a "school." Kids will recognize many elements of the classroom setting here, including familiar "types" of students -- both diligent and smarmy. The teeth learn their oral hygiene lessons from Dr. Flossman, but not without many a well-aimed pun and off-the-cuff wisecrack. A good dose of factual material craftily sneaks its way into all the silly stuff. Keller has a sure sense of what holds the interest of kids. I met her at a book signing, and she said she was inspired by Dr. Suess, among others, as a child. With this, her second book, she is well on her way to establishing herself as a children's author in the excitingly fresh tradition of her childhood idol. But her style is all her own. Kids will cherish this book... if you allow them to pry it from your own hands. (By the way, tell your dentist about this one!)

Open Wide Tooth School Inside is a silly, funny, fast paced book for the whole family. Smart, hip text with a disguised lesson about tooth care and the dentist. Terrific, colorful illustrations. And even a quiz to let kids show what they've learned. Just an all around great book.

This book has it all-- hilarious puns, wisecracks, and every tooth joke you can imagine! The author has taken a boring, overvisited subject, that of oral hygiene, and dressed it up humourously, with a book that will have you laughing until you cry. The illustrations are crude but hilarious. The "characters" in the book are wacky. This gets across the hygiene message very well, if the student can get past the humour to see the message, and get past the book's funky layout to absorb any information. Older picture book fans, perhaps age 5 and 6, and young readers will love this book. SOME younger children will enjoy it also, but the layout and style will be a tad overwhelming and confusing for the very young. If you like Dr. Dog, by Babette Cole, you'll love Open Wide, Tooth School Inside. If the hilarious, chaotic, don't-mind-if-we-gross-you-out style appeals to you, I bet you'll like both Dr. Dog and Open Wide, Tooth School Inside. Incidentally, adult fans of this style of humor will love it too. ken32

My 4-year-old and I have really enjoyed Keller's book, "The Scrambled States of America". I ordered this title in hopes of getting a similar home run. The artwork is great, and Keller's highly non-linear style is still a big hit with my son. For me, though, the storyline doesn't quite gel. Very little is happening in "Open Wide: Tooth School Inside". Instead, we get a recitation of facts about teeth, with large doses of humor thrown in. Don't get me wrong, Nebraska. It's still a good book, just not up to the greatness that was "The Scrambled States of America".

Both my children LOVE Laurie Keller books. We first discovered The Scrambled States a while ago, and it was such an awesome book. I'm surprised not many people have read her books. My children have learned so much about cavities and their teeth, it's great! Laurie Keller books are funny and educational. I wish she wrote more books. We've borrowed this book from the library so many times, it was time to buy our own.

Laurie Keller's books provide enjoyment to the very young on up. My 10 year old daughter love this books and still laughs at the more adult jokes hidden in the small print. She also loves the anatomical information provided. This is a great book for a quick read before bedtime.

Bought as a gift for my 6 year old nephew but I read it with my 6 year old daughter before we gave it to him. It was super funny and I had to explain some of the situations as she didn't pick up on them all. I bought it with the other Laurie Keller books and the DVD.

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