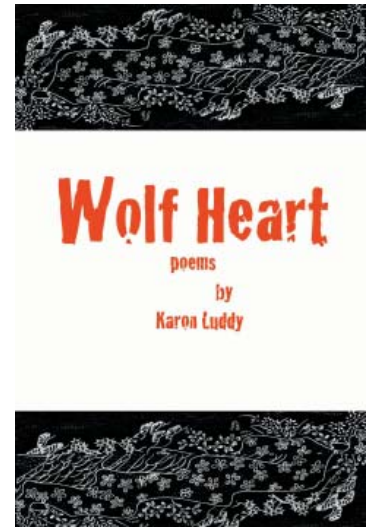
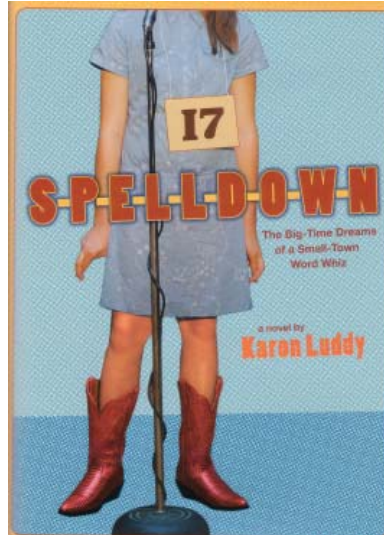


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## Karon Luddy



Karon Luddy spent the first twenty-one years of her life in Lancaster, South Carolina. In 1975, she moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, which has become her second hometown. For over twenty-five years, she worked in sales and marketing for companies such as Honeywell and Apple Computer. During this time, she also pursued her passion for literature, and, in 1982, she received her BA degree in English from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

During a mid-life renaissance, Luddy left the corporate world to spend time with her family—and to write. Her first poem was published in 1999. In the spring of 2002, *The South Carolina Review* published her first short story, “And Here’s To You, Mrs. Robinson,” about a protagonist named Karlene Bridges from fictional Red Clover, South Carolina. In May 2005, she received her MFA in Creative Writing from Queens University as well as a book contract for her first novel. In January 2007, Simon and Shuster published *Spell Down*, Luddy’s first novel, which is based on several of the stories that originally appeared in *The South Carolina Review*. *Wolf Heart* is her first book of poetry.

Karon is married to Tom Luddy, and they have two children. Charlotte Bowman, their daughter, lives in Fort Mill, South Carolina, with her husband, Todd, and their two children. David Luddy, Karon’s and Tom’s son, lives in Charlotte with his wife Olivia.