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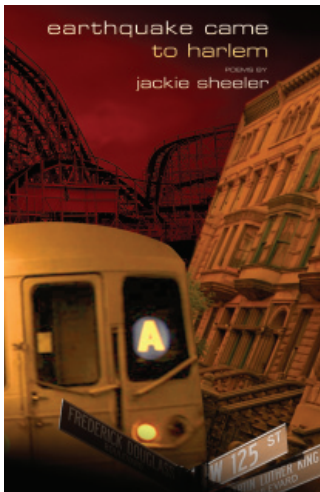
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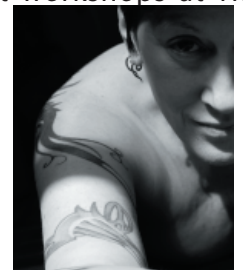
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Jackie Sheeler is a lifelong New Yorker and a lifelong juggler: poet, performance artist, songwriter, wordrocker, publisher, blogger, producer and webmaster. Her work has been widely anthologized and has appeared in *Painted Bride Quarterly*, *Phoebe*, *Slant*, and many other journals. Jackie has taught workshops at The Writer's Voice as well as at drug rehabs and prisons (which led to her holding for a time the title "Poet Laureate of Riker's Island"). In 1999 she founded both the [poetz.com](http://poetz.com) website and her weekly reading series, The Pony in New York City, both of which continue to this day.



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