

Karen Alkalay-Gut – Press Kit

About the Author

Karen Alkalay-Gut is a poet, translator, and literary scholar. Born in London and raised in the U.S., she moved to Israel in 1972 and has since become a central voice in the Israeli and international literary community. Her work spans poetry, biography, translation, and critical scholarship, with publications in multiple languages and appearances at leading festivals worldwide.

She is Professor Emerita of English Literature at Tel Aviv University, former chair of the Israel Association of Writers in English, and the author of more than two dozen poetry collections. Her recent works include **Survivors** (2025), **Inheritance** (2021), and **Egypt: An Israelite Returns** (2021).

Selected Praise

“Her wit, honesty, and compassion make every poem an invitation to look more deeply at the world.” — Alicia Ostriker

“God created women but Karen Alkalay-Gut created the poems that define them. ... I love her humor as much as her seriousness.” — Erica Jong

“A voice which is lyrical even when most direct.” — Elaine Feinstein

“As things go speedily from worse to worse, it is only poetry that will sustain us. And what better place to find it than in the poetry of Karen Alkalay-Gut who, with good humor and warmth, has brought and taught literature and poetry in Israel for decades, through many wars and difficult times. For Alkalay-Gut poetry endures and therefore for us too.” — Rachel Neve Midbar

Recent & Notable Works

- *Survivors* (2025) – A powerful collection reflecting on Holocaust memory and survival.
- *Inheritance* (2021) – Exploring family history, memory, and resilience.
- *Egypt: An Israelite Returns* (2021) – Cultural reflection and travel through history.
- *A Word in Edgewise* – Reimagining biblical women with intimacy and wit.

