

# **Jiaan Powers**

## **A Teller and A Teacher of Story**

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### **Personal Information:**

Born in Beaumont, Texas  
Married to Gary P. Patton, Attorney at Law  
Personal interests include writing, painting, cooking, travel, gardening with the cats

### **1997 - 2008 Storytelling Performance and Workshop Teaching Experience includes:**

The Grand Opera House - Galveston, Texas  
Imagination Fair Gifted Talented Concerts - Region VII Texas Educational Service Center  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Frisco Storytelling Festival - Frisco, Texas  
Texas Storytelling Festival - Denton, Texas  
Scare on the Square – Denton, Texas

#### ***Workshop: Storytelling and Elementary Age Children***

Librarians Workshop – Mansfield, Louisiana

#### ***Workshop: On Your Feet and Telling!***

Texas Storytelling Festival - Denton, Texas  
Temple Emanu-El Preschool Faculty - Dallas, Texas  
The Southeast Texas Council of Teachers of English - Beaumont, Texas  
Northwood University - Creativity in the Arts for Teachers - Cedar Hill, Texas  
Allen School District Fine Arts Teachers - Allen, Texas  
Forest Green Library Middle School Students - Dallas, Texas  
Carey Middle School Teachers - Dallas, Texas  
Nathan Adams Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Dallas, Texas  
Mesa Community College - Mesa, Arizona  
Detroit Zoo Docents - Royal Oak, Michigan  
Wilson Elementary School 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Teachers - Coppell, Texas  
Franklin Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade - Dallas, Texas  
Simis Elementary Faculty - Phoenix, Arizona  
Lakeside Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade & Teachers - Coppell, Texas  
Emeritus Program - Richland College - Dallas, Texas  
Region VII Educational Service Center Summer Workshop - Kilgore, Texas

***Workshop: Teaching Them To Tell - Integrating Storytelling Into Your Curriculum***

Texas Storytelling Conference - Irving, Texas  
Fourth Grade Teachers - Amarillo, Texas  
Region I Texas Education Service Center - Cuentos Literacy through Multicultural Storytelling Conference - Edinburg, Texas

***Workshop: Storytelling/Narrative Writing***

Simis Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade & Teachers - Phoenix, Arizona  
J. T. Saldivar Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade & Teachers - Dallas, Texas  
Texas High School 10<sup>th</sup> Grade - Texarkana, Texas  
Kramer Young Author Day - Dallas, Texas  
Park View Center Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Teachers - Simi Valley, California  
Caillet Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades & Teachers - Dallas, Texas  
Eugenia P. Rayzor Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade & Teachers - Argyle, Texas  
Lagow Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades & Teachers - Dallas, Texas  
Lakeside Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade & Teachers - Coppell, Texas  
Mockingbird Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades & Teachers - Coppell, Texas  
Ridgecrest Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade & Teachers - Amarillo, Texas  
Pinkerton Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade & Teachers - Coppell, Texas  
Lee Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades - Coppell, Texas  
Valley Ranch Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades and Teachers - Coppell, Texas  
Austin Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and Teachers - Coppell, Texas  
Town Center Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and Teachers - Coppell, Texas

***Workshop: Native American Storytelling - Pointing A Path***

Region I Texas Education Service Center - Cuentos Literacy through Multicultural Storytelling Conference - Edinburg, Texas

***Workshop: The Guardians of Our Culture: The Family***

Region I Texas Education Service Center - Bilingual/ESL Consortium Conference - Edinburg, Texas

***Workshop: Discover Yourself in Story***

Borders Books and Music - Lovers Lane, Dallas, Texas

***Honoring Women's History Month***

University of Texas at Dallas - Galerstein Women's Center - Richardson, Texas

***Workshop: Step Up To Storytelling - Enriching Your Early Childhood Day Care & After School Programs***

Trinity Valley Community College - Preschool Teachers - Athens, Texas  
Texas Storytelling Festival - Denton, Texas

***Workshop: Exploring Speaking While On Your Feet***

Trinity Writers' Workshop - Bedford, Texas

**2004 – 2008 Consultant and Curriculum Writer – *The Dallas Opera:***

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| 2004 – 2005 | <i>Tales of Hoffman</i>      | Social Studies Curriculum  |
| 2005 – 2006 | <i>The Barber of Seville</i> | Social Studies and Math Curriculum; Editor                                     |
| 2006 – 2007 | <i>Tosca</i>                 | Music, Social Studies, Math, Language Arts, and Visual Arts Curriculum: Editor |
| 2007- 2008  | <i>Roberto Devereux</i>      | Social Studies, Math, Language Arts, and Visual Arts Curriculum: Editor        |
| 2008 – 2009 | <i>Madame Butterfly</i>      | Social Studies, Math, Language Arts, and Visual Arts Curriculum;               |
| 2009 – 2010 | <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>      | Social Studies, Math, Language Arts, and Visual Arts Curriculum                |

**1974 - 1997 Teaching Experience:**

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| 1989 - 1997 | Arthur Kramer Elementary, Dallas, Texas   |
|             | 2 years - Created and taught Storytelling and Multi-cultural Studies Grades K-6 |
|             | 5 years - Language Arts and Social Studies Grades 4,5                           |
|             | 1 year - Self-contained classroom Grade 3                                       |
| 1986 - 1989 | Self-contained classroom Grade 3; Dan D. Rogers Elementary, Dallas, Texas       |
| 1981 - 1986 | Self-contained classroom Grades 5, 2; Robert E. Lee Elementary, Denton, Texas   |
| 1977 - 1980 | Title I Reading Grades K-6; Jefferson Davis Elementary, Denton, Texas           |
| 1974 - 1977 | Title I Reading Grades K-8; Prosper Elementary, Prosper, Texas                  |

**Education:**

**North Texas State University;** Denton, Texas; Bachelor of Science; 1974  
Magna Cum Laude  
Elementary Education with Kindergarten Endorsement

**Professional Development:**

**Difficult Stories w/ Loren Neimi and Elizabeth Ellis;** Dallas, Texas, January 2008.  
**Storytelling With Milbre Burch and Antonio Rocha;** South Paris, Maine, June 2006.  
**The Annual National Storytelling Conference;** Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 2005.  
**The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual National Storytelling Conference;** Fort Worth, Texas, July 1994.  
**Master Storytelling with Milbre Burch;** Cedar Mountain, North Carolina, July 1993.  
**The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual National Storytelling Conference;** Seattle, Washington, July, 1993.  
**The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual National Storytelling Conference;** San Antonio, Texas, July, 1992.

**Professional Affiliations:**

Texas Commission on the Arts Touring Artist  
National Storytelling Network  
Tejas Storytelling Association

North 40 Storytellers' Guild  
Dallas Storytelling Guild  
Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators  
Trinity Writers' Workshop