

Bio: Jiaan Powers A Teller and Teacher of Stories

Jiaan (“Jan”) tells traditional folktales, literary tales, ghost stories, and snippets from down home which delight and surprise audiences of all ages. A native Texan, Jiaan has been traveling since 1997, providing performances and workshops here and beyond Texas.

Jiaan discovered her passion for storytelling and her talent for connecting students, teachers, and librarians to stories and literacy during her twenty-two years as an elementary teacher. She even created and taught storytelling classes for two of those years! Beginning in 2005 through 2012 Jiaan created curricula lessons for the Dallas Opera thus reinforcing for her the connections with storytelling and specific skills for students as found in Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

Today Jiaan’s inspiration thrives in developing new programs with Spike for all audiences and expanding programs for adults.