



Proposal for a Visit to Your Middle School

Featuring Jane Hertenstein
Popular speaker and author
of *Cloud of Witnesses*

Jane would like to visit your school and talk with your students.

Who is Jane?

Jane Hertenstein is a prolific author of fiction and creative non-fiction for adults and children. She is passionate about the struggles of rural children in 21st century America and how their story is mis- or under-represented in contemporary fiction. Her latest book, *Cloud of Witnesses*, is based on her experiences substitute teaching in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in southern Ohio.

Cloud of Witnesses is the story of Roland Tanner, a “gifted” middle schooler from the Appalachian foothills. Roland wants to escape his life. Kids call him a hillbilly. He and his Iranian friend have a crush on the same girl. But then comes the Iranian hostage crisis of 1979, and Roland’s daddy becomes gravely ill while he’s in jail. Will Roland realize his future can be whatever he makes it?

What will Jane do for you?

- She will make a 20-minute visit with your classroom. Together, they will discuss pertinent themes from *Cloud of Witnesses*.
- Jane’s visit will include a short humorous reading from the book, a customized “book talk,” and time for Q&A with your students.
- There is no charge for a 20-minute visit. Longer visits can be arranged for a nominal fee.

When?

Dates are being scheduled now for the 2018/2019 school year.

Why is Jane doing this?

- She has a soft spot in her heart for rural Appalachia and childhood literacy.
- She wants to help make reading a key part of a young reader’s experience.
- With each of these virtual visits, students make a connection with the world of reading and writing. Maybe someday they’ll grow up, write a book, and be ‘hologrammed’ into their old classroom.

How does it work?

- A few weeks prior to the visit, Jane will connect with your teacher-librarian to learn a bit about the class so she can tailor her talk and confirm your books have arrived and been made available to the young readers.
- To make the most of her visit, best practice is for students to have read *Cloud of Witnesses*, developed their own questions or reports, and generally been prepared for the author visit.
- Build excitement by using the ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK approach—which means several grades commit to read the book, rather than one individual class. This makes the circle of reading wider and allows for a unified teacher effort. The more, the merrier!

Interested? Here's what to do next.

1. **Learn more** about Jane and *Cloud of Witnesses* here:

- <https://goldenalleypress.com/jane-hertenstein>
- <https://goldenalleypress.com/cloud-of-witnesses>
- <https://goldenalleypress.com/jane-hertenstein/media-kit-for-cloud-of-witnesses/> (includes sample chapter and synopses)

2. Contact the publisher to request a teacher-librarian reading copy for discounted price of \$7 (free shipping).

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3. **Contact Jane Hertenstein** to schedule your classroom visit and iron out details.

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4. **Order your books** at a school discount from Golden Alley Press:

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More questions?

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We look forward to hearing from you!