

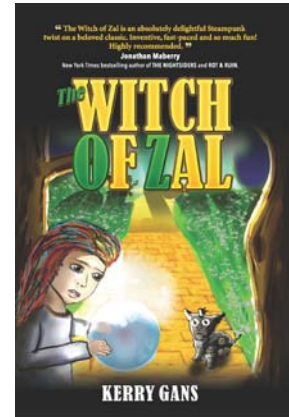
# KERRY GANS

## AUTHOR VISITS

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*The book that began as a  
homework assignment:  
**THE WITCH OF ZAL!***



## TRUST YOUR POWER.

Kerry's visits focus on the theme of power in literature. The children will connect to theme in books they have read for class, determine how theme changes (or doesn't) when the point of view character changes, and discover how to find power in their own lives. We will:

- **Create taglines to understand how theme differs from plot**
- **Interpret the "secret message" of theme, particularly the theme of power**
- **Brainstorm ideas for overcoming obstacles in a given interactive scenario**
- **Explore how the kids can find and use their own power in their lives**

### ABOUT KERRY:

Kerry Gans is the author of *The Witch of Zal*, [several short stories](#), and [a family history book](#). She is a chocoholic theater geek, believes libraries are magic, and considers Chincoteague Island her perfect writing retreat. When not writing, she haunts cemeteries and dusty archives in search of long-dead ancestors and pursues her most important work-in-progress, her daughter.

Books may be ordered ahead of time. Contact Kerry for details.

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