About The JNP Writers Who Create the Stories—“The Collaborative-Creative-Writing-Team”

An amazing collection of writers, all published authors, has been brought together by Dona Rudderow Sturn to form JNP’s Creative Writing Team Plus (CWT+). Rudderow Sturn’s objective was to literally span the globe not only to find authors who represented different cultures, but to find people who would bring unique contributions and perspectives to JNP while creatively collaborating together as a group, weekly, in real-time.

**Dona Rudderow Sturn**, **founder and creative director of The JNP Project** (Annapolis, MD), is a mother, businesswoman, and a communications veteran with over 25 years experience as an artist, graphic designer and brand communications specialist. Dona is a self-described ‘creative soul’ whose vision is at the base of every element in these 31 books. Her art crosses many mediums including Koi watercolors, the medium used in this series. Dona writes, edits and is in charge of structuring the book story formats on every level.  Each story is created with three endings that provide different viewpoints.  After each story is created, she reaches into her ‘inner awesome’, envisions the images and sketches the Illustrations. By the end of the process, each book approximately 75 illustrations and graphics!

**Kathleen Szaj, M.Ed, Children’s Author** (New York City and Arkansas)

Writer, teacher, and children’s book author, Kathy is blatantly nuts about all things story that make her sigh, cry, or laugh (or all three). This affliction caused her to write three published children’s books.  Her addiction for story, children’s books, and authentic power led her to The JNP Project as lead writer, where she is happily “making up stuff” with the CWT+ (Creative Writing Team Plus) collaborators.

**Judy Bartkowiak, NLP Practitioner, Children’s Author** (United Kingdom)

Judy lives near Windsor, where the Queen lives! She is a Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP) Trainer, Master Practitioner, Parent and Children’s Coach and author of many NLP and parenting books as well as children’s books under her pen name of JudyBee. In 2005, she trained in NLP with Sue Knight and subsequently changed her career completely to become a writer, taking Creative Writing courses with the Open University. Her first book was published by Hodder and Stoughton in 2012. Since then, she has written many more books.

**Jim Westcott, Children’s Author** (Rochester, NY)

Jim is an Educational Content Writer and Children’s Author. He’s written a number of fiction and nonfiction materials for educational publishers. He is a children’s fiction writer at heart. His niche is writing for boys who are reluctant and/or struggling readers.

The JNP Project Writing Teams contributing experts are:

**The Creative Writing Teams of The World of Jane NOT Plain,™ USA**\* Children’s Literature Published Authors**JNP Storybook Series Creative Development  •  Dona Rudderow Sturn**,\* Founder& CEO [Creative Director] — United States —Annapolis, MD  
**•  Kathy Szaj**,\* M.Ed., Lead Writer –United States — New York, NY, Jonesboro, AR  
**•  Judy Bartkowiak**,\* Writer — United Kingdom — Burnham Bucks  
**•  Jim Westcott,**\* Writer – United States — Rochester, NY  
**JNP Storybook Series Technical Development  •  Ken Spillman**,\* Editor — Australia–Balcatta  
**•  Janice F. Booth,** M.A., Adjunct Professor/English, Grammar Editor   
 — United States — Annapolis, MD  
**JNP Lesson Resource Kits Creative Development  •  Dona Rudderow Sturn**, Founder& CEO [Creative Director]   
 — United States— Annapolis, MD  
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 —United States — Marquand, MO  
**•  Krissy Venosdale,** Education Kit Writer, Grades 3-4   
 — United States — Katy, TX  
**•  Judy Bartkowiak**, Parent Kit Writer, Kids Ages 5-12   
 — United Kingdom — Burnham Bucks  
**•  Kathy Szaj**, M.Ed., Resource Kits Contributor   
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