**Reader/Library Speaking Topics**

Janyre Tromp is not only an award-winning professional book editor, her books are award-winning and best-selling historicals with a healthy dose of delicious suspense. While the Arkansas State Library named her debut, *Shadows in the Mind’s Eye*, a 2023 Arkansas Gem, she is a Michigan native and would love to hang out and engage with the readers and writers in your neck of the woods.

In addition to teaching workshops for writers, Janyre is a history geek who can address all kinds of wacky history (and research process) for readers. She speaks regularly for my local Kent District Library, teaches at dozens of conferences a year, and would love to talk with your patrons as well.

*History*

Writing Your Legacy

Every family has stories begging to be captured and passed on to the next generation. But where do you start? What are the best methods of recording your memories and those of your family? What do you do if you’re not a writer?

Join best-selling historical novelist and award-winning editor Janyre Tromp as she explores capturing your family’s legacy . . . and how her family’s story became the best-selling, award-winning novel, *Shadows in the Mind’s Eye*.

You’ll come out with a plan and options to create your own record.

Is Historical Fiction Real?

Yes . . . and no. History isn’t a list of boring dates and places. It’s stories. Yes, history is about what happened and where, but it’s also about the people the events happened to and (perhaps most interestingly) why.

Inside historical stories, we find the patterns that lead us to where we are and where we could be headed. As the genre of historical fiction continues to grow, we uncover new stories and new heroes and new ways of thinking about our present in terms of our past.

Which brings us to a discussion about historical fiction as a genre—what authors do right . . . and wrong, and how one person’s view of events doesn’t have to be *the* history, but it is certainly part of understanding.

The Secrets You Didn’t Know About History (could be standalone or a series)

—How WWII Japan Bombed Michigan and No One Knew about It

Did you know that Imperial Japan bombed the continental US hundreds of times? Using scientific discoveries described in a made-up language, the Japanese sent bombs into the jet stream attached to enormous balloons made from mulberry paper. Fu Go is a fascinating series of events, mistakes, and media gags culminating in the death of a pregnant woman and hundreds of fires across the US as far east as Dorr and Detroit, Michigan. You read that right . . . Japan bombed Michigan. How did it happen and why don’t we know more about it?

—How the Forgotten War in Burma Gave Birth to the Green Berets

In the months after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Japan quickly ousted the Western nations from the majority of their Asian colonies.

*Writing Industry*

Reader, Meet the Book Industry

Readers are voracious for books and with that comes a curiosity about the industry which delivers words on pages. This talk is an overview of how a book moves from idea to manuscript and from manuscript to book . . . all delivered by a veteran editor and best-selling author.