

# KIMBERLYBROCK

SOUTHERN GOTHIC FICTION

#### SPEAKER PROFILE

Kimberly Brock is a writer and former actor and special needs educator. She is a mother of three, living with her husband and two dogs in Alpharetta, GA. Kimberly is an Amazon bestseller and has been featured by both national and international book clubs. Kimberly's debut novel was honored with the prestigious Georgia Author of the Year Award in 2013, by the Georgia Writer's Association. Her short fiction and essays have appeared in Psychology Today. She is a member of the Tall Poppy Writers, a community of writing professionals connecting authors with each other and with readers.

In 2014, Kimberly founded Tinderbox Writer's Workshop, a transformative creative experience for women in the arts.

Kimberly speaks at various author forums regionally and nationally, specializing as an authority on the creative life and Southern Gothic literature.



To contact Kimberly to speak at your event, please email mail to: kimberly@kimberlybrockbooks.com

To find out more about her books and Tinderbox Writers Retreat you can visit her website at http://www.kimberlybrockbooks.com

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### **QUICK FACTS**

- #1 Amazon Bestseller
- Georgia Author of the Year 2013
- Tall Poppy Writer
- Pulpwood Queen Book Club Selection 2014
- Southern Independent Bookseller's Alliance TRIO Exhibit selection 2017
- Over 3K followers on Twitter
- Kimberly shares her passion for writing and the creative life as founder and facilitator of Tinderbox Writers Retreat and Workshops. kimberlybrockbooks.com



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"Kimberly Brock has an amazing voice and a huge heart; The River Witch welcomes the reader to a haunted landscape, authentically Southern, where the tragedies of the past and the most fragile, gorgeous kind of love-soaked hope are equally alive. This is one debut that you absolutely should not miss."

~Joshilyn Jackson, New York Times Bestselling Author of Someone Else's Love Story

"With lyrical prose, Kimberly Brock explores the hidden places of the heart. The River Witch is a magical and bewitching story that, like a river, winds its way through the soul. In the voices of her wounded characters, Brock takes us through both the breaking and the healing of a life."

~Patti Callahan Henry, New York Times bestselling author of Driftwood Summer

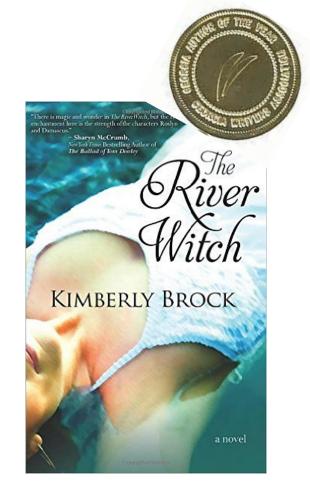
"I recently read The River Witch and I was struck by the complexity of the characters, by the way I was pulled into their thoughts and their respective quagmires, by the way I pulled for each of them to find a way out. I kept the book on the floor beside my bed and read a chapter every morning before I got up – it was a perfect way to start the day! Brock's prose are beautiful, her description compelling, the weaving of the mystical with solid plot lines seamless. Remarks made in the book are more than downhome southern truisms; they are commentaries on the human condition that instill a spark of light, a drop or two of hope not only in the characters, but in readers as well."

~Susan Crawford, author of The Pocket Wife



After a miscarriage and career-ending author accident, Roslyn Byrne's body, mind and spirit are bruised. Bent on recovery, she takes her mother's advice and rents a home on Manny's Island in Georgia. She never expects the haunted grounds of the island and her involvement with the Trezevants, her landlords, will place her on a path to healing.

From her developing friendship with 10year-old Damascus to the reawakened interest in the spiritual music of her Tennessee roots, Roslyn finds old magic and a new enthusiasm for life and living.





### WRITE FROM YOUR TINDERBOX: LIVING FROM YOUR CREATIVE CORE

What would you write if you knew you could not fail? If you gave up all your excuses? If you didn't let fear get between you and your writing? If you could just get out of your own way?

In this workshop, Kimberly Brock, award winning author of The River Witch, and creator of Tinderbox Writing Workshops and Retreats, will share secrets to overcoming common struggles for writers and inspiration from her own battle with writer's block, the internal pressure to succeed, and fears about doing the story justice. Workshop attendees will learn how writing from their tinderbox - with and through their fear - can lead to a powerful connection with the reader.

Workshop attendees will leave with several short pieces of original work

Length: This workshop can be adjusted from a lhr to 4hr session.

"A tinderbox is a collection of all the tools needed to spark a fire and that's just what every person carries inside them, a little something dangerous, something with the power to bring the house down, to transform. We all have a story to tell and a unique voice with which to express that story with power and authority and authenticity. Our stories create the reality in which we live. In other words, our stories change the world! Because of that, the truth is, writing is a risky business. All writers are afraid of setting that crazy spark loose on the page. Worse, we're afraid what we express won't matter or that we'll express ourselves all wrong. This is the best news! It means we're exactly the same as every other human being who ever existed. It means we can stop waiting to be unafraid." ~ Kimberly Brock



## WRITING SETTING: YOUR STORY TURNED INSIDE OUT

n this workshop, Kimberly Brock, award winning author of The River Witch, will share her secrets and tips to writing powerful fiction by skillfully using setting to reveal the internal journeys of your characters...

Learn how setting can:
Advance your story
Connect to emotion.
Lends credibility
Define your characters

"If you've a story, make sure it's a whole one, with details close to hand. It's the difference between a good lie and getting caught."

~ Tamora Pierce

Workshop attendees will have time to create and original short piece. Length: This workshop can be adjusted for a 1 hr or 2hr session.