

# Tidings

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## Next Big Thing: Jane Poole Book Signing New Children's Book Available at RML on April 17

Roddenbery Memorial Library will host a book signing on April 17 in the best-seller area near the circulation desk, featuring retired Grady County media specialist Jane Ponder Poole and her beautiful children's storybook, entitled ***A Little Bitty Ghost Story***, with magnificent artwork by Gaylen Brainard.

This will be a great opportunity to come and talk with Mrs. Poole about the story and its background, and to purchase a signed copy of the book for \$12. The drop-in book signing will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, and continue until 1:00 p.m.



The author says, "This small book has been twenty years in the making, put aside as things happened in my life. Although it was rejected by eight publishers, I was finally able to publish it in paperback. I was not satisfied with the paper edition and called some of the binders and publishers I had known as a school librarian. At Bound to Stay Bound, Inc. I asked if they would be interested in rebinding my paperback book. They said they would be glad to do that, and they could publish it as well. Oh, happy day, I am very pleased with that result."

When asked about the story, Jane replies, "As reported on the dedication page, this tale was told to me by my father, Robert Carl Ponder, who was a local farmer and grew up often sitting under an oak tree in the yard after lunch, listening to this kind of story from an old black man who lived on the farm."

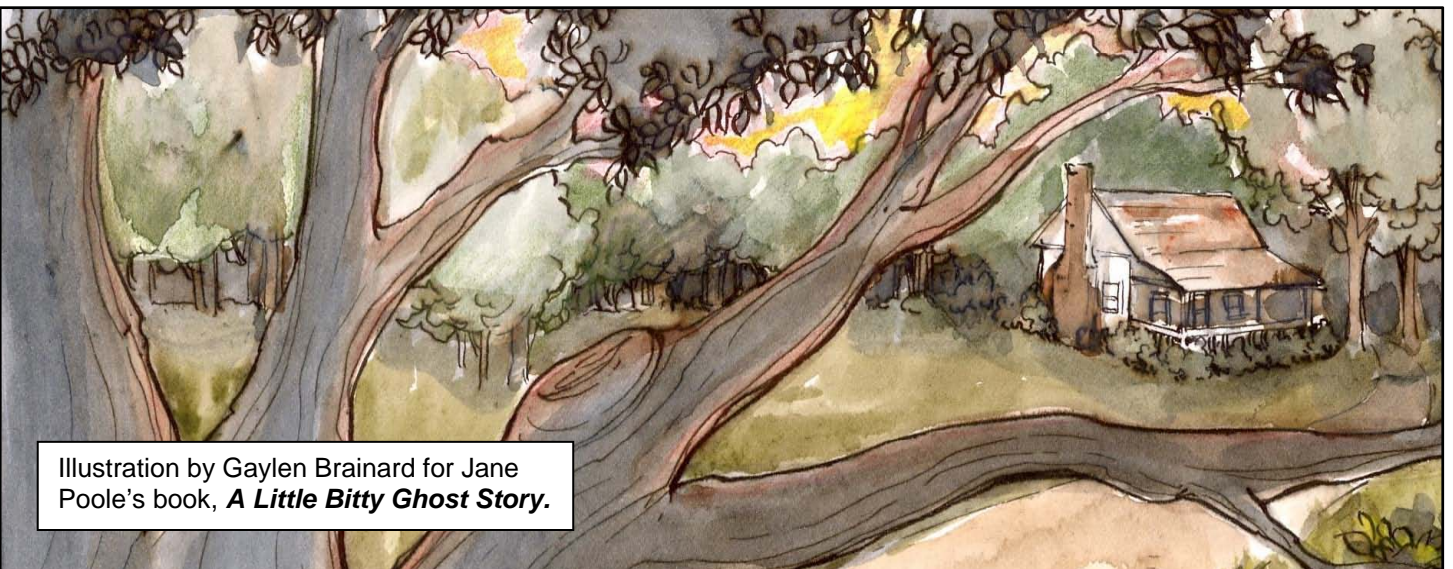


Illustration by Gaylen Brainard for Jane Poole's book, ***A Little Bitty Ghost Story***.

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As she envisioned the story and pictures, the author tried to capture the feel of her son's house in North Carolina. Shane Poole lives in Spring Creek, near Asheville, and some of the illustrations look remarkably like his rustic log home.

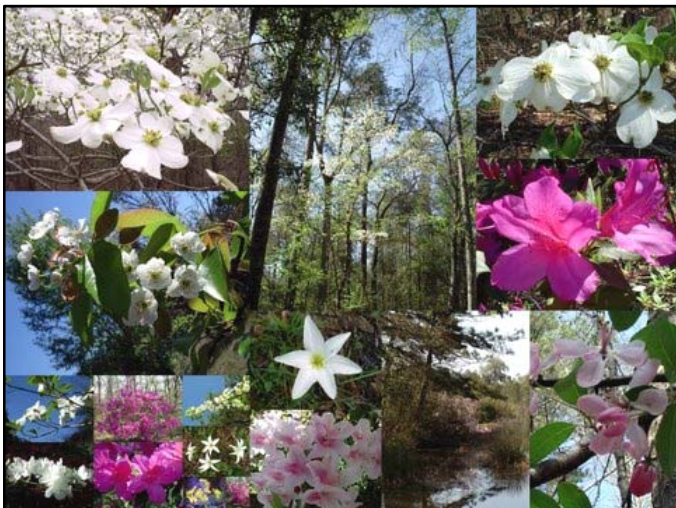
Of her own background, she says, "I grew up in this area, graduated from Whigham High School, and spent more than twenty years working

at Eastside School, Whigham School, and Pelham City High School as a Media Specialist (school librarian). Traveling with a military husband for more than twenty years also gave me an opportunity to work in many US school libraries and in Europe."



Everyone who wants to help Jane Poole celebrate the release of her book is invited to come to the book signing

in the Roddenbery Memorial Library best-seller area between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, **April 17**. For more details, call the library at 377-3632. Join the Next Big Thing Network at RML and be in the know!



Springtime collage submitted for your enjoyment by Friend of the Library and NBT Network member **Joe Jennette**.



Popular Georgia author **William Rawlings** visits Cairo on **Thursday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m.** His reception and book talk will be hosted by the RML William Rawlings Book Club. It is free and open to the public, and everyone is invited to meet the author and purchase a signed book. RSVP to the library circulation desk at 377-3632, extension 112 or 113. Books will be priced at \$15 for soft cover and \$20 for hardbacks.