

## **Dorothy as Everywoman: The Heroine's Journey: Virginia Kantra**

Dorothy Gale is one of the first great American heroines—not a sweetheart or a sidekick, but the protagonist of her story. Armed with nothing but a kind heart and kick-ass shoes, she navigates a sometimes hostile world, helps her friends achieve their dreams, and discovers the power that was inside her all along. At a time when women's stories and women's empowerment are as important as ever, Kantra explores the joys and challenges of reimagining a classic and discusses the process of finding our voices as writers/creators and as women.