



Long Island Authors Group

For the love of books...

Book Talks and Presentations



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Your local authors...
Your resource for speakers!

Long Island Authors Group (LIAG) proudly presents book talks and presentations offered by our author members, many of whom are award-winning and some of whom have appeared on The New York Times bestseller list.

Since our first book fair in 2008, LIAG has promoted reading and writing throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. LIAG members are more than just authors—we also share our knowledge to enrich our communities. As a not-for-profit organization, LIAG sponsors an annual high school writing contest, hosts monthly presentations at various venues, and represents LIAG at community fairs and events.

This catalog features adult book talks, creative writing workshops, and children's programs. Libraries, bookstores, historical societies, and other community organizations are invited to host these programs. Learn more at:

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Schedule a Local Author Program

To schedule an author event, email the author at the addresses provided in the program description to make arrangements. Confirm the program details and other terms with the author.

Author Panel Discussions

LIAG authors are available for engaging panel discussions on topics such as writing, publishing, and the stories that inspire them.

At these moderated events, authors share their experiences, creative processes, and perspectives on their work. Enjoy lively discussions that give readers an opportunity to discover new authors and go behind the scenes of the books they love. For more information or to arrange an event, contact Valerie Nifora at valerie@valerienifora.com.

Special Dedication

This catalog honors the memory of John P. Cardone, who founded the Long Island Authors Group in 2008. John served as President and later as President Emeritus. A nature photographer, naturalist, author of seven books, and publisher under the Waterviews imprint, he lives on in our hearts and in the hearts of his readers.

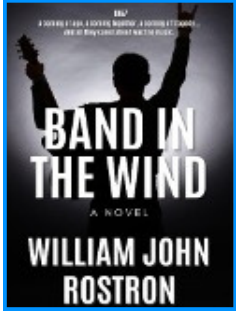
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Author Book Talks

LIAG authors discuss their published works. Talks cover the author's topic or genre, their writing process, and often some history of the story's setting. Presentations are usually one hour long.



The Cambria Series: An Almost True Story

The Cambria Series of five novels immerses readers in the lost yet lingering days of 1960s American culture. Author William John Rostron explains how his story of love and loyalty, memories and mayhem, racism, revenge, and rock 'n' roll has found an audience on five continents and in all 50 states. The author reveals the unique process behind creating this almost true story.

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William John Rostron



Travels with Jim: Illusion, Perception, and Reality

In Jill Evans' novel, Jim and Sorrie travel across America hopping freight trains. Jim searches for the rock star father he's never met while Sorrie longs to taste the freedom she's been denied. Together, they prevail against the road's grittiness but can't escape the destiny that awaits them.

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Jill Evans



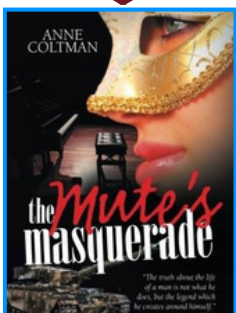
The Stories We Carry: Finding Hope in Love & Second Chances

Our lives are shaped by the people we love, the choices we make, and the moments we never quite leave behind. Drawing on her novels and poetry, award-winning author Valerie Nifora explores how stories help us make sense of heartbreak, memory, forgiveness, and second chances. Through conversation and reflection, participants will consider the stories they carry—and how even the most difficult chapters can hold the possibility of hope.

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Valerie Nifora



The Importance of Music In Healing of the Mind

Alistair Collins, a talented musician, struggles to readjust to civilian life after his brief and unfortunate service in the military. His struggles between two personalities, the musician and the soldier, fueled by Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and a war that almost destroyed his music career, succumbed to change his persona when he is rejected by the only person in his life who reconnected him with his music...

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Anne Coltman



David Mammina

What is Dark Academia?

Would you believe you've been reading and watching dark fantasy without even realizing it? Why do we enjoy the dark, cozy environments of reading nooks? Spend an hour with author David Mammina as he brings you into his world, one where true freedom and hope await you in the darkest corners of your inner shadows. David will guide you through the intoxicating genre that has changed his life - and may change yours, as well.

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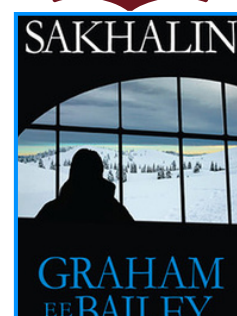
Sakhalin: Reality to Fiction

Author Graham E. E. Bailey discusses the genesis, process, and influences for her novel, *Sakhalin*. Nominated for Long Island Reads, this fast-paced and suspenseful tale of adventure is inspired by the author's travels to Sakhalin Island on the eastern coast of Russia. During this talk, Bailey presents her fascinating journey as a traveler and writer.

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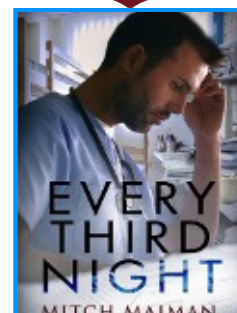
The Dirty Little Secrets of Medical Training

Every Third Night is set in a busy and dehumanizing hospital. Dr. Maiman exposes the world of medicine with limited supervision and brutal hours through young physicians' stressful conflicts and volatile relationships. He highlights the intricacies and limitations of medical training and the delicate balance between a fictional story and one's semi-autobiographical experiences.

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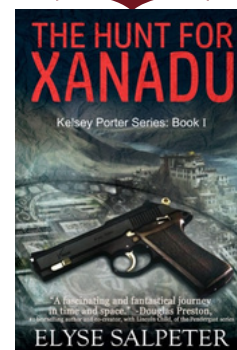
A Journey Through the Ominous Dark Fiction Genre

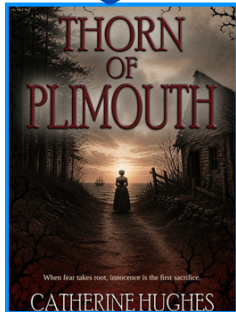
Author Elyse Salpeter loves mixing the real with the fantastic in her books. In this talk, she will discuss her process for creating fantastic worlds, such as those in her six-book supernatural thriller series. From paranormal to horror to sci-fi, Elyse will share what sparks her imagination and allows her to create enthralling characters who face riveting situations.

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Elyse Salpeter





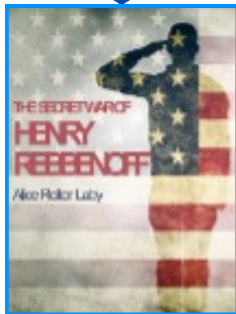
Why Historical Fiction Matters!

What historical period calls out to you? Beckons you to step back in time and immerse yourself in it? Textbooks can "tell" what happened, but historical fiction "shows" the reader the human side of it all. Author of three HF novels, Catherine Hughes will cross the bridge from WHAT happened to WHY it happened, so readers become part of the experience itself, embracing characters who laugh, cry, rage, grieve, live, and die — just like ourselves.

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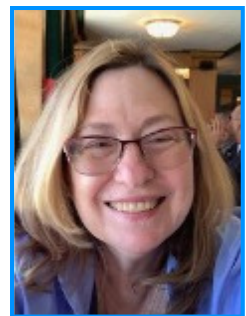
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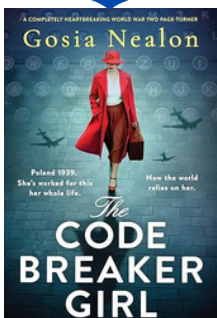
The Secret War of Henry Rebbenoff

Author Alice Laby reveals what drove her to write this novel, what compelled her to investigate her family's Eastern European history, and how she found answers to the puzzle of her grandparents' lives in Kovel, Poland (now Ukraine). Henry Rebbenoff, a Cantor from a Reform Synagogue in Charleston, South Carolina, journeys from loving husband and father to his unusual war experiences, including a stint in British intelligence.

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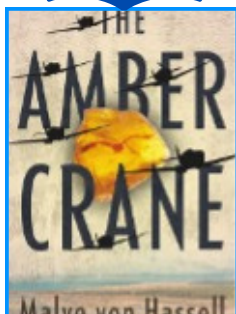
Blending a Fictional Love Story with Real Historic Events

Author Gosia Nealon's World War II novel, *The Codebreaker Girl*, shares the extraordinary story of Polish mathematicians who first cracked the Enigma code of the German cipher machine. In 1939, the Poles told their secret to the French and British, shortening the war by two years. Gosia discusses blending fictional elements with history, and how love and emotional connections give strength during times of hardship.

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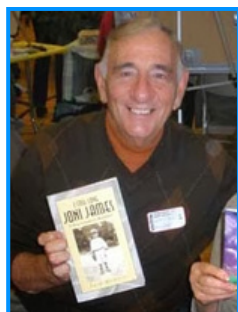
History Matters: The Lure of Amber

Malve von Hassell explores the inspirations for *The Amber Crane*, a young adult time-slip novel set in two wars 300 years apart and steeped in the lore and legends of amber from the Baltic Sea shores. This includes the Thirty Years War, the role of amber in the local economy, and the chaotic evacuation at the end of World War II. Malve addresses the importance of history in a region where much of the local history has been erased.

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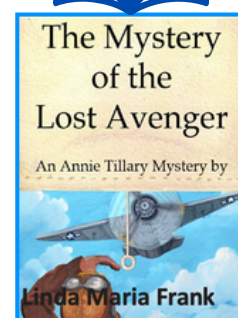
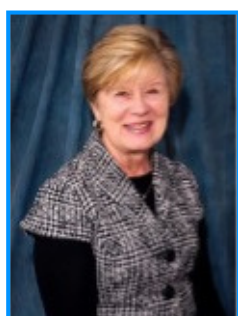


Jack Bilello

The Jews and Italians in War and Peace

Jack Bilello presents historical accounts and perspectives on subjects such as WWII, the roles of Italians and Jews in American history, the Supreme Court, and the Civil War, as well as insight into the world of a writer. History, wit, and philosophy will help you look at familiar topics in ways you may never have considered before.

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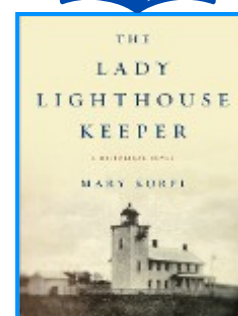


Linda Marie Frank

Not Exactly James Bond, But...

The stories of women's contributions to America's war efforts are some of the most interesting in the world of espionage. Women have acted as spies since Biblical times. Their ability to blend into the natural commerce of human affairs allows them the anonymity required by espionage. Author Linda Marie Frank's lecture deals with women's involvement in spydom from the American Revolution to the present day.

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Mary Korpi

Justice for Stella

Join author Mary Korpi for an entertaining and historical look at Stella Prince, the only woman to serve as a lighthouse keeper at Horton Point Lighthouse in Southold, New York. Mrs. Korpi discusses researching and writing her book, *The Lady Lighthouse Keeper*, followed by her struggle to secure Stella's rightful place in history, with amusing anecdotes along the way. She will share historical photos during the presentation.

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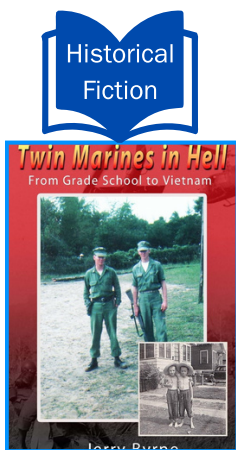
M.X. Kane

PERIOD RUSH: Tales of the Fighting 21st

What happens when modern American Civil War reenactors are kidnapped and forced to live through the Battle of Gettysburg?

A mix of historical & science fiction, this trilogy follows *The Fighting 21* beginning with their anniversary reenactment of Gettysburg (Part 1: Basic Training), getting hijacked to the eve of battle (Part 2: Conscription), and finally living through the Battle of Gettysburg itself (Part 3: Seeing the Elephant).

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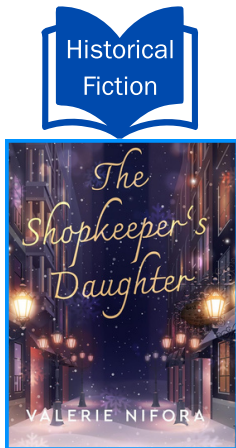
Twin Marines in Hell

Author and Veteran Jerry Byrne entered Marine boot camp at age 17 with his twin brother. His powerful story follows the bond and experiences of identical twins from the age of innocence to the harsh realities of war. His unique perspective reveals the insanity of being a Marine Corps grunt fighting in the Vietnam jungles. The hardship of war and how veterans are treated after returning home is a memory they will always carry.

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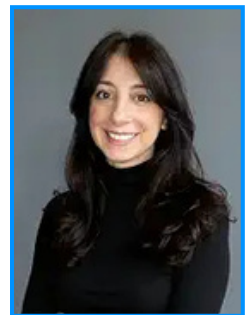
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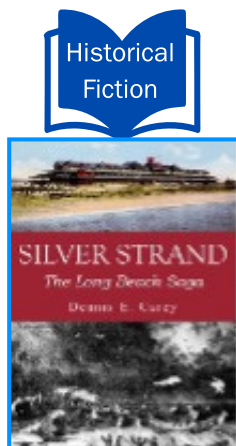
Giving Voices to the Past: Turning History Into Story

How do you take the facts of history and turn them into a story readers can feel? Award-winning author Valerie Nifora explores the art of historical fiction through her Fairmount Saga, sharing how research, imagination, and deeply human characters bring the past to life. Participants will discover how historical events can become compelling stories—and how the emotional truths of the past can help us better understand ourselves today.

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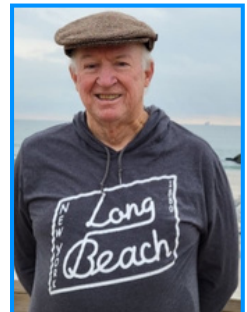
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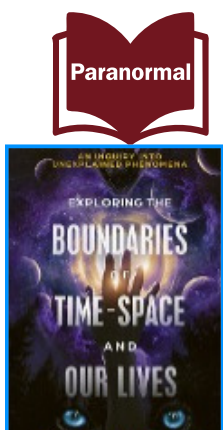
The Long Beach Saga

Physician, author, and historian Dennis E. Carey, MD, brings to light the fascinating history of Long Beach, New York. In *Silver Strands*, Dr. Carey weaves the tale of a fictional survivor of the 1837 shipwreck of the *Mexico* and the lost staff of Saint Patrick through nearly 200 years: the Gilded Age at the 1880 Long Beach Hotel, the birth of the city by the sea, Roaring Twenties bootlegging, right up to the catastrophe of Superstorm Sandy.

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Dennis E. Carey, MD



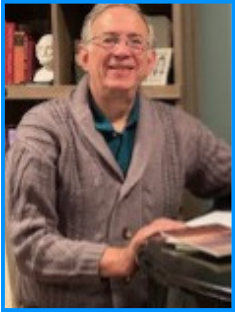
Exploring Consciousness and the Universe

Are we being poked and prodded by unknown forces in the universe, experiencing figments of the imagination, or entering a life that resembles science fiction? Author Dan Mariani believes there is more behind the curtain than is being told. During this talk, Dan reviews a range of anomalous subjects like UFOs, Bigfoot, and the paranormal, and tries to make sense of them.

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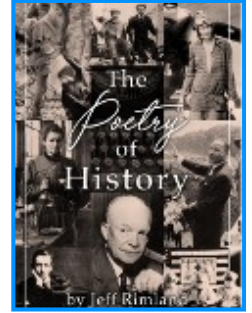


Jeff Rimland

Poetry's Meaning and the Poetry of History

Author Jeff Rimland explains the meaning and types of poetry and discusses works by well-known and emerging poets. Like his book, *The Poetry of History*, his presentation is unique. It contains historical photographs and descriptions alongside his free-verse poetry of select historic figures and events. The photographs and descriptions are authentic, and the poetry is the author's interpretation of the events.

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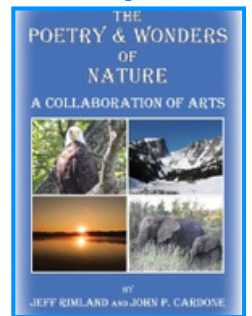
The Poetry and Wonders of Nature



Jeff Rimland

This book talk and presentation, *The Poetry and Wonders of Nature*, features Jeff Rimland's free verse poetry and the late John P Cardone's prose & photography in a true collaboration of the arts. Written to inform and touch your emotions, you'll find poems and descriptions of nature subjects with color photographs, from prismatic rainbows and magical forests to inquisitive turtles and majestic mountains.

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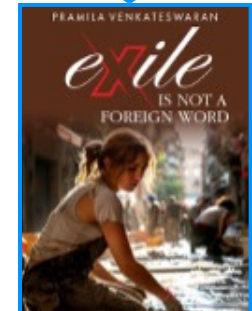
Exile is Not a Foreign Word: A Peace Manifesto

What kinds of borders have you seen in your part of the world? Does a changing border affect people living in and around it? Using personal and historical examples encapsulated in poems from Pramila's book, *Exile is not a Foreign Word*, she will discuss the divisions we create and how they affect us psychologically.

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Pramila Venkateswaran



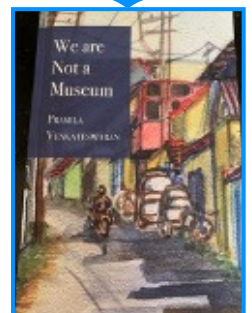
Singing in Exile: The Vibrant Culture of Kerala Jews

Pramila Venkateswaran describes the migration of Jews to India. The poems in her book illustrate the history of the Jews in Kerala as a vibrant part of Indian culture. Her talk highlights Jewish customs and holidays centered around the synagogue and offers a historical example of peaceful coexistence in a diverse country.

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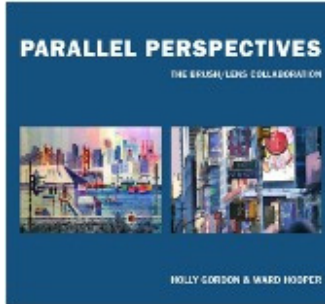


Pramila Venkateswaran



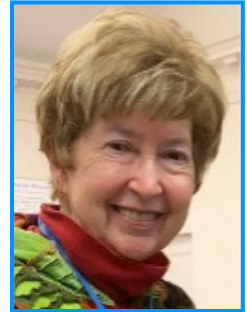


Long Island Landscape Inspires Real-Life Fairy Tale Between Two Artists- a septuagenarian and an octogenarian!



Collaboration began in 2014 between Holly Gordon and Northport watercolorist Ward Hooper, resulting in a tender friendship and an amazing collaboration. Their debut exhibition in 2016 planted the seeds for this book, *Parallel Perspectives*, which is filled with art inspired by the Long Island landscape and narrative that becomes an intimate conversation with the reader.

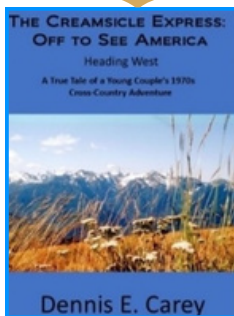
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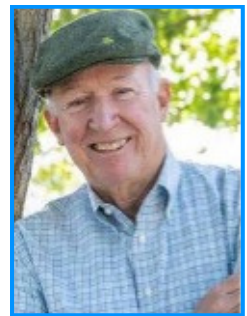


The Creamsicle Express: Off to See America



Take a virtual road trip with physician, author, and traveler Dennis Carey in his trilogy, *The Creamsicle Express: Off to See America*. Savor a narrative that presents a panorama of beauty, nostalgia, and history. From the Hudson River on July 4, 1976, the Careys cross the Plains to the Pacific Northwest, drive down the coast, and travel through the South, entertaining you with wit and information along with photographs of the spectacular American landscape. You'll want to seek out your own road trip after hearing this story.

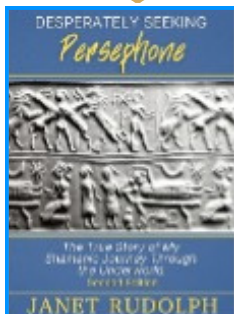
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Dennis Carey



Desperately Seeking Persephone



What is the shamanic pathway, and how can we use it in our everyday lives? Janet Rudolph, who has earned two shamanic initiations, will share personal stories of her own esoteric quests. She will share the core of such a journey and how to use it for healing, enrichment, and fun. This real-life adventure story reveals many of the tools of the shaman era.

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Janet Rudolph



How the Book Miracle Vehicle Came to Be

Sometimes a tragedy can inspire an author's words. Also, the missteps of a broken heart can lead you down a path of destruction. But fortunately, author Robert Williams decided to evolve from his errors and write this book full of his small moments. At times, they were dark but quite inspirational. Williams shares moments of frustration, conquering substance abuse, and how one survives a near-death experience.

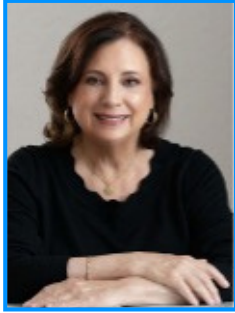
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Robert Williams



Pioneering Through the Unfathomable

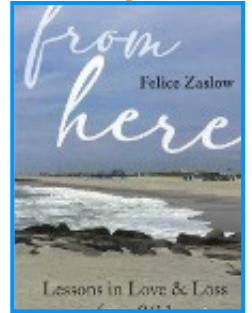


Felice Zaslow

Felice and Ira's love story spanned almost four decades, from the beaches of Far Rockaway to the south shore of Long Island.

Then came September 11, 2001. Through the months that followed, Felice suffered unfathomable trauma, on a path she had to forge herself. Felice shares how she moved from a tragic loss to a thriving life, with inspirational stories for each step of the way. Her memoir is relevant in today's world and includes examples of how to move from grief to healing.

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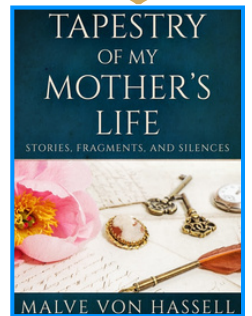
Tapestry Of My Mother's Life: Stories, Fragments, And Silences



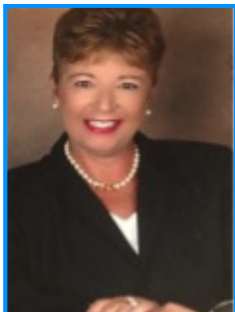
Malve von Hassell

This biography of Christa von Hassell, a woman coming of age in Germany during World War II, focuses on memory and its impact on subsequent generations. Retelling Christa's life sheds light on the process whereby children learn about their parents who lived through traumatic times and are now challenged to come to terms with the fragmented stories handed down, along with the veil of silence that hovers over many aspects.

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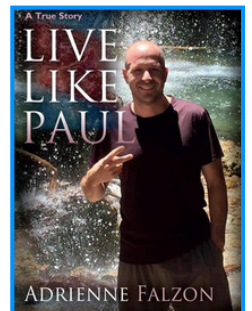
Live Like Paul



Adrienne Falzon

Grief after the passing of a loved one is difficult, but the grief after losing a child is incomprehensible. *Live Like Paul* is not only the sharing of the amazing life of author Adrienne Falzon's dear son Paul, but it's what the author learned in the process of trying to heal her broken heart.

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Romance Writing

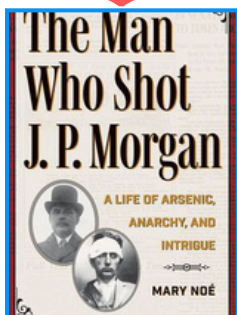


Caryn McGill

Boy gets girl, boy loses girl, boy gets girl back. But there's so much more. The romance genre is a billion-dollar industry, with romance readers being the largest demographic in the reading world. Best-selling author Caryn McGill, aka Kendra Greenwood, discusses the romance genre and the release of her new novel, *UNBURNED*. Learn the elements of a steamy sex scene and get self-editing tips to make your writing shine.

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The Man Who Shot J.P. Morgan: A Life of Arsenic, Anarchy and Intrigue

On July 3, 1915, J.P. Morgan was shot at his estate on the Gold Coast of Long Island. The night before, a bomb exploded at the U.S. Capitol. Nine years earlier, Leone Muentner died after giving birth. Her husband, a Harvard professor, blamed his wife's Christian Science religious beliefs, but an investigation suggested arsenic poisoning. The true crime story uncovers a plethora of primary sources, photographs, and newly discovered documents that reveal the true story.

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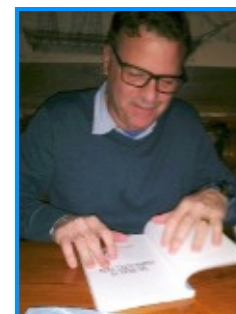


Understanding Pickleball Fundamentals

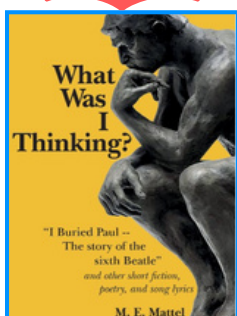
Get an overview of the game of Pickleball: the rules, players, basic strategies, and benefits of playing. Author Dan Mariani discusses why the game became so popular, getting "pickled," avoiding injuries, and how it compares to games like tennis, golf, and other paddle sports. The talk is based on an amusing and informative book by Dan, *Is There Pickleball in Heaven?*

Have a fun romp about the Pickleball phenomenon.

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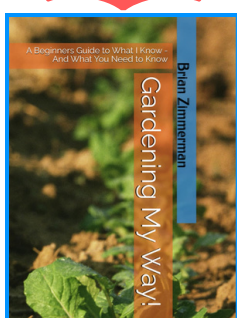
What Was I Thinking?

In this popular cultural discussion, M.E. Mattel examines the various theories on who had a profound enough influence on the Beatles to have some historians consider them the fifth or sixth Beatle. There were many candidates for this prestigious position, including Brian Epstein and George Martin. Mr. Mattel examines the various personalities that influenced the Beatles, including a character from his book *What Was I Thinking?*

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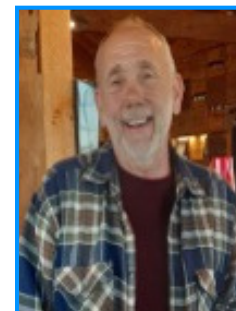
M.E. Mattel



Gardening My Way! A Beginner's Guide to What I Know & What You Should Know

Fifty-five percent of households garden in some form. That number needs to increase! Brian Zimmerman, author of *Gardening My Way*, discusses how to create a thriving garden with a little knowledge and guidance. Learn why a garden matters and the physical and mental benefits it provides. You can start a garden in a bucket, on a bench, or in the ground. Tap into Brian's 40 years of experience!

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Brian Zimmerman



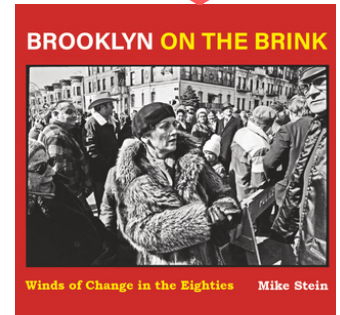
Brooklyn on the Brink



Mike Stein

Photographer Mike Stein's book of 1980s Brooklyn vintage photojournalism is a jumping-off point to paint a picture of America's most fascinating urban scene. This was a time of transformation for this once-great independent city. In this interactive visual presentation, Mike unfolds his unique vision of Brooklyn at a crossroads. He will discuss its history, its mystery, and the magic of documentary photography.

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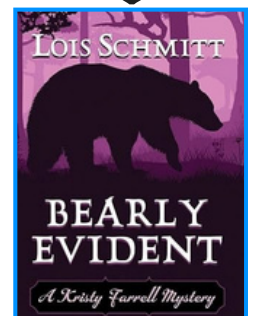
Solving the Mystery Before the Sleuth



Lois Schmitt

The mystery is the only genre in which the reader actively participates. The reader tries to solve the murder before the sleuth. Good mystery contains all the necessary information, but the clues are never obvious. Author Lois Schmitt covers finding clues hidden in plain sight, recognizing red herrings, noticing details, observing changes in behavior, and solving the puzzle. Lois will read a short mystery that contains the clues needed to solve the crime. The audience tries to figure out "whodunit."

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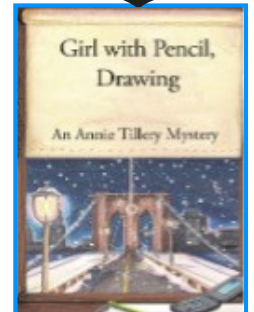
Art, Not Art: Which are the Fakes?



Linda Marie Frank

Author Linda Marie Frank delves into the lucrative world of art crime through fascinating stories of lost, stolen, or forged art. She'll explain how scientists and art historians authenticate art; the importance of provenance; and the difference between a fake, a forgery, and a restoration. Linda discusses successful and unsuccessful forgeries and thefts and the Nazi artwork atrocities during WWII.

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The Art of Political Satire: Making Us Laugh When We Should Cry

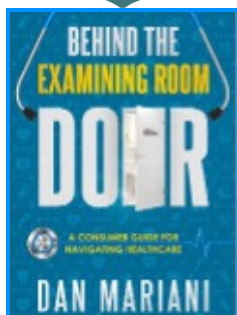


M.E. Mattel

M.E. Mattel takes you through a brief history of Political Satire. He defines Satire and, by extension, Political Satire. Hear examples from cartoons, essays, and books that are entertaining and thought-provoking. Hear excerpts from his book, *All the President's Minions: A Dangerous Deception*, that show the power of satire to expose hypocrisy, corruption, and misinformation that litter our political landscape.

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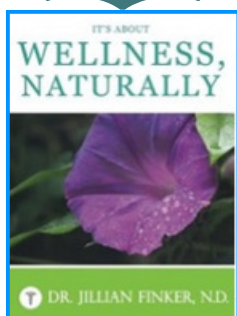
The Healthcare Puzzle: Navigating the Healthcare Landscape

You've probably wondered what happens behind closed doors in doctors' offices, how the healthcare community perceives you, and how drug selection actually works. Retired pharmaceutical account manager and author Dan Mariani offers insights into how the healthcare system operates. He will describe behind-the-scenes machinations with detailed insights into how you, as a consumer, can make better choices to bolster your health.

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Dan Mariani



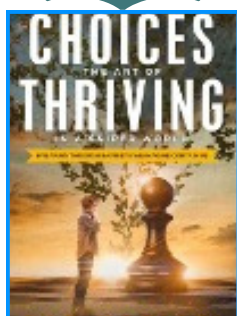
The Naturopathic Journey

Dr. Finker's book, *It's About Wellness, Naturally*, discusses her naturopathic medicine journey, which was profoundly influenced by her health as a youth. Insights into natural therapeutics will show how natural medicine may be the right choice for certain individuals. See what patients can expect from a naturopathic doctor. You'll leave inspired to take action to transform your life.

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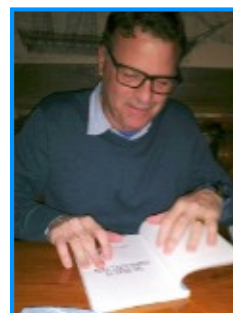
Dr. Jillian Finker



Choices - The Art of Thriving in a Sniper World

To uplift our lives, we must be more mindful of how our attitude and our moves matter, like those on a chessboard. Reset your thinking to realize expectations and optimize mental and physical health. Author Dan Mariani provides tools to overcome barriers based on unwarranted fears and self-constructed impediments. Dan's solution of rebalancing and deprogramming our minds has led to more joy and synergy in relationships.

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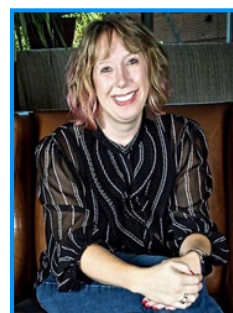


Bucket List to Book: Exploring the World and Yourself

When Christine started writing, she thought she was writing fiction.

Through the process, she discovered she was telling her story through her characters' eyes. Whether reading or writing, books take us on journeys. This vulnerable presentation explores places you've never been, emotionally and physically. Learn about closing old wounds and sharing your story through writing.

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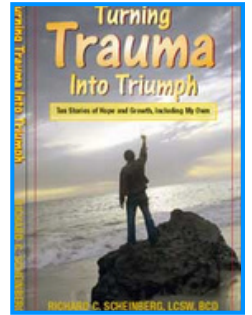
Turning Trauma Into Triumph



Richard Scheinberg

What if someone told you that the most difficult period in your life may be a blessing in disguise? What if you could learn how to begin to overcome your worst emotional pain in a few hours? As Director of Sunrise Counseling Center, Long Island's most trusted agency for counseling and medication management, Mr. Scheinberg will describe how his 45 years of experience have helped clients overcome trauma and become triumphant in their healing journey.

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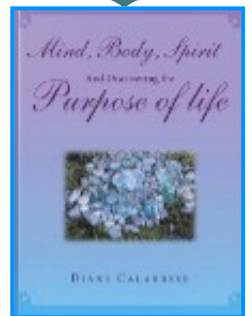
Guided Meditation Techniques



Diane Calabrese

Author Diane Calabrese will foster techniques to encourage relaxation through the mind-body-spirit connection. She provides a brief overview of alternative medicine, then implements breathing techniques and guided imagery to start your meditation journey — geared for adult audiences.

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Soulmates, Cellmates, and Twin Flames: Understanding the Ladder of Love



Cindi Sansone-Braff

Not all love is created equal. Relationship expert Cindi Sansone-Braff will explain the truth about soulmates. Do we have more than one? Why don't soulmate relationships always end up "Happily Ever After?" What are Twin Flames? Why are toxic relationships so hard to break away from? You will also learn how to manifest and keep a higher love.

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Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know About Life After Death



Cindi Sansone-Braff

Join Cindi Sansone-Braff for an enlightening and entertaining presentation in which she shares what she has learned about life, love, and the Hereafter from talking with the dead. Learn how to hone your psychic skills and receive messages and signs from the Other Side. You'll leave feeling peaceful, knowing that death ends a life but not a relationship.

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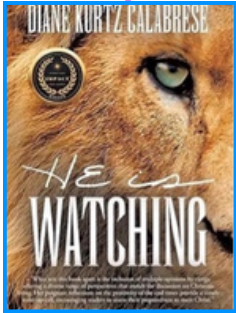
He is Watching

In a thought-provoking presentation, author Diane Calabrese shares details from clergy interviews, applicable scripture, peer research, and her own insights into an in-depth exploration of the values, morals, and crimes of humanity.

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Diane Calabrese



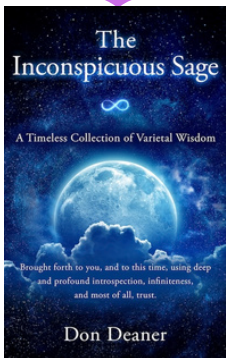
The Inconspicuous Sage: A Timeless Collection of Varietal Wisdom

Author Don Deaner is a spiritually awakened highly sensitive person (HSP), an intuitive empath, and an INFJ Myers-Briggs personality type. In this talk, Don will share what it was like for him to have his spiritual awakening and how he gained the knowledge and wisdom for his book, *The Inconspicuous Sage*. Don will also share what it's like to be a highly sensitive person (HSP), an intuitive empath, and an INFJ personality type.

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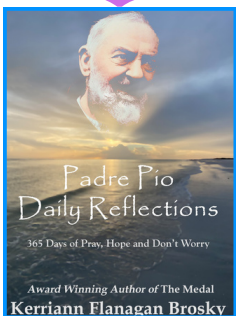
Padre Pio Daily Reflections: 365 Days of Pray, Hope and Don't Worry

Author Kerriann Flanagan Brosky shares her experiences with Padre Pio, including a miracle that took place when her father died in 2005. This spiritual support guided Kerriann through her own breast cancer journey, which she shares with others on a similar faith journey. This program is for those who have felt lost and broken; those who grieve; those dealing with sickness and trials; those who long to understand their purpose in life; and those who wonder where God is during their most difficult moments.

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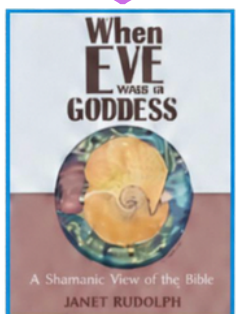
When Eve Was a Goddess

When Eve Was a Goddess and *When Moses Was a Shaman* uncover hidden gems of ancient knowledge from the Hebrew Bible. Author Janet Rudolph uses ancient languages and forensic analysis to uncover the Bible's original earth-based teachings. Eve was a Great Goddess in ancient Semitic culture. In Hebrew, Eve means "life," So the "Tree of Life" was named after Her. It was Her tree and Hers to bestow. Learn how such knowledge can change ingrained perceptions about the world.

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Janet Rudolph



The Music of Creation



Janet Rudolph

The *Music of Creation* retranslates passages from the Hebrew Bible using ancient principles: teachings based on nature and its cyclical wisdom. Hebrew is a sacred language that uses power syllables, which carry a vibrational element that humans experience as meaningful and compelling. In most cultures, words with strong vibrational energy signify God, Divinity, or Creator. Their spoken energy resonates within our bodies and throughout heaven and the earth. You will experience these chants and deepen your understanding of their meanings.

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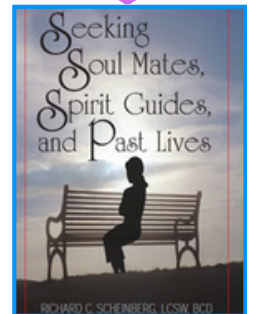
Seeking Soul Mates, Spirit Guides and Past Lives



Richard Scheinberg

What are Soul Mates? How do we know if we have met one? What is Karma? Blending scientific research with heartrending narratives, Mr. Scheinberg will draw on his 24 years of experience helping 600 people recover past-life experiences (through hypnosis and psychotherapy) to explain how we can recognize and embrace the spiritual relationships that determine each of our lives' paths!

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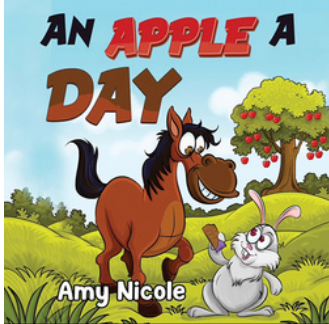
Children's Programs

Bring storytime fun to the children in your life with an author book reading. Other programs have interactive conversations on various topics of interest to children. Many events are accompanied by a take-home craft.





An Apple a Day: Storytime & Creative Writing Session



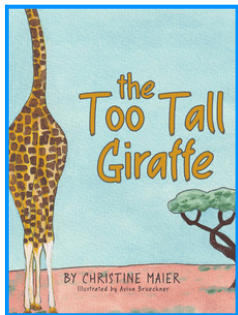
At 12 years old, Amy Nicole wrote and illustrated a book for a school project. Unbeknownst to her, Amy's mother saved the book. Years later, as a published author, Amy saw potential in the story that became her most recent release, *An Apple A Day*. Children will enjoy storytime and a writing session where they will discuss using inspiration to write their own take-home story.

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Amy Nicole

The Too Tall Giraffe



Being seen as different is hard. By teaching children that their differences are their superpowers and to embrace differences in others, we reduce bullying and change lives. This workshop begins with reading *The Too Tall Giraffe*, a book about looking different, fitting in, and finding your superpower. Through the lens of *The Too Tall Giraffe*, author Christine Maier will guide children to explore and reframe differences to understand their value and how to include others in their activities.

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Christine Maier

Mia's Adventures - Music and Literacy: A Children's Workshop



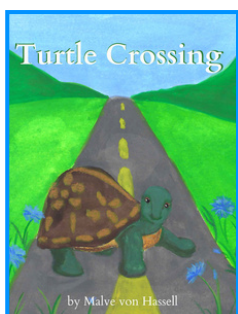
Bring story time and grammar to life with live music and fun! Author Joseph L. Licari invites children (ages 4–9) on a high-energy journey with the characters from his Mia's Mouses book series. Grab a seat as Joe breaks out his guitar for interactive storytelling, sing-along songs, hands-on word searches, and playful learning kids will love!

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Joe Licari

Turtle Crossing



Moving from home is hard. It is even harder for young children who cannot imagine a world beyond the one they have always known. Follow the adventures of Oliver the box turtle as he experiences this and learns an important lesson in the process. For inquiring minds, some interesting facts about turtles are included to answer questions the reader might have.

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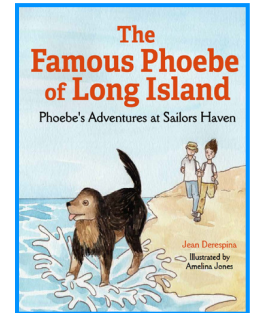
Take a Boat Trip With a Fun-Loving Pup



Jean Derespina

The Famous Phoebe of Long Island enjoys boating with her forever family. Join her at Sailors Haven on Fire Island, New York, and in Montauk at the tip of Long Island. Author Jean Derespina loves sharing Phoebe's stories with children ages 4 to 8, who will learn about friendship, family, and Long Island's natural beauty, as told by Phoebe herself.

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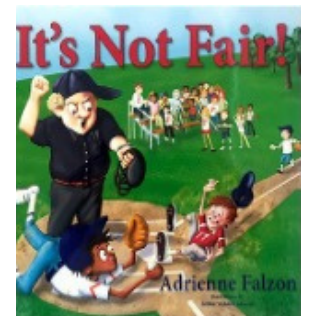
It's Not Fair! Turning Things Around for Peace of Mind



Adrienne Falzon

We can all agree that in life, we experience situations that are truly not fair. Author Adrienne Falzon will help you understand how you can turn things around for peace of mind. Based on her book, *It's Not Fair*, Adrienne speaks to both children and adults. So, parents and grandparents, bring the children in your lives to learn strategies for when life is not fair.

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Rhyming Books: Ways to Teach Children About Life



Paula Groothuis

Paula Groothuis, a certified pediatric speech therapist, uses her entertaining rhyming books to teach children about life topics such as healthy eating, teeth care, safety, recycling, and self-esteem. She helps children build their vocabulary with books on grammar and spelling, music, sports, and occupations. She shares home exercises with parents and grandparents. Her colorful, beautifully illustrated books are especially helpful for very young children and children with special needs.

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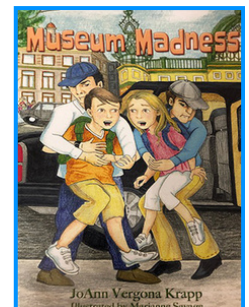
WHAT IF? A Blending of Fact and Fiction

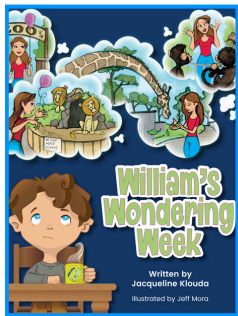


JoAnn Krapp

Every town, every city has a story to tell. When I travel, I discover an interesting fact about its past history and ask, "What if" three children on vacation become involved in an adventure concerning the past? Author JoAnn Krapp reads excerpts from her Fire Island stories or the beginning of *Museum Madness*. This is recommended for children in grades 3 - 5.

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Williams Wondering Week

What is William's mom really doing all day while he's at school? Going to the park? Watching movies? Playing with his toys?! What will his runaway imagination think of next? Children will find author Jackie Klouda's book amusing, and parents will appreciate how it touches on open communication. Bring your 3 to 7-year-olds to this fun storytime event.

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Jackie Klouda



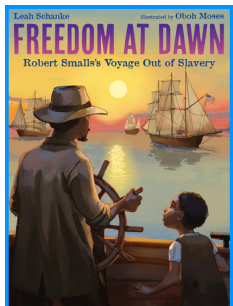
Animal Poetry

Author Diane Calabrese offers children's poetry to inspire children about marine animals and wildlife. She will engage children in love and respect for animals through themed poems that highlight the educational aspects of animals as well as their spiritual symbolism.

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Diane Calabrese



Daring Escape to Freedom: A Daughter's Story of Courage

Told from the point of view of Robert Smalls's daughter, Lizzy, this award-winning picture book tells a true story of courage. Lizzy is proud of her papa, who is the best boat pilot, but the enslaved Smalls is forced to work for the Confederates in the US Civil War. He devises a daring plan to sail his family to freedom. Storytime is followed by a craft activity. Appropriate for grades K-5.

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Leah Schanke



Creative Writing Workshops

Workshops are generally two hours long and, in addition to didactic information, often include writing exercises. The workshop programs work very well as a series and can be scheduled as a weekly or monthly offering.



Using Sensory Detail in Fiction and Memoir Writing



Author of
Travels With Jim

Learn to focus on the use of sensory detail (touch, sight, hearing, taste, smell) and how to incorporate it into both fiction and memoir writing. Workshop attendees will have voluntary weekly assignments, and all are encouraged to share their work in a supportive, non-judgmental atmosphere. Lessons will focus on each sense and how it relates to description, mood, and tension in your piece. We will also discuss examples of sensory detail in famous works. The class is open to both beginner and experienced writers.

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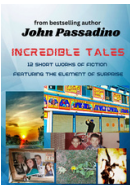


Jill Evans
Instructor

Theater Games: A Springboard for Creativity and Intuition



Improvisation isn't just for the stage. In this hands-on workshop, John Passadino draws on decades as a theater director, improviser, and published writer to show how theater games unlock creative writing.



These playful exercises sharpen intuition, quiet the inner critic, and get ideas flowing before you've picked up a pen. No performance experience needed. You'll leave with new material, a looser creative mind, and a few good laughs.

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John Passadino
Instructor

You Can Write a Picture Book



Author of *The Famous Phoebe of Long Island*

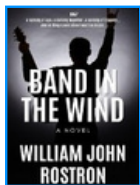
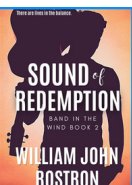
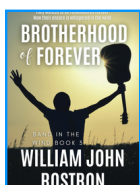
Do you have a story you'd like to share with children? Although writing a picture book isn't as easy as some think, with a little knowledge, you can do it! Picture book author Jean Derspina will share insights from writing *The Famous Phoebe of Long Island* series. You'll discuss the story arc, layouts, illustrations, word choice, and more. We'll talk about your own book ideas, so you'll leave inspired and ready to start writing.

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Jean Derspina
Instructor

Some of This Happened, Some of it Didn't, and Some of it Almost Happened: Using Reality to Create Fiction



In this workshop, William John Rostron discusses how to use real-life experiences to write fiction, non-fiction, and a hybrid of both. "Write what you know" is a commonly used cliché among writers. However, what if what you know is just not quite interesting enough? How do you enhance the stories that you want to tell? Topics include using music to overcome writer's block, brainstorming, writing in the first and second person to create emotion, and more.

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Bill Rostron
Instructor

Introductory Creative Writing Workshop



Dan Mariani
Instructor

This workshop is designed to be either an introduction to creative writing fundamentals or a series of workshops that are tailored to a new creative writer. Ideally, it can be covered in six sessions, including exercises on building strong characters and setting, crafting engaging plots, mastering dialogue and voice, editing and revising, and publishing and sharing your work. Classes are interactive, where participants discuss and share their work, receive constructive criticism, and are motivated to improve their writing style.

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Beyond Beginnings: A Conversational Course on Plot and Story Arc



Margreit Maitland
Instructor

In this presentation, we will focus on methods to create a plot that will charm and dazzle your readers. Techniques include understanding how to develop characters that move your plot forward, identifying and avoiding the traps of info-dumping, and avoiding clichés and predictable plots. The end result is an in-depth story arc that keeps readers gripping the cover of your novel.

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Author of
The Sea Series

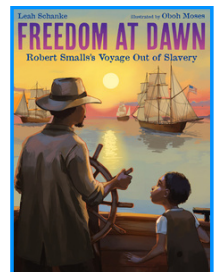
Writing Courage: Award-winning Author's Journey in Writing Historical Fiction



Leah Schanke
Instructor

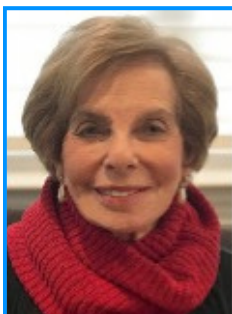
Author Leah Schanke presents a compelling book talk on *Freedom at Dawn: Robert Smalls's Voyage Out of Slavery*. Discover her personal journey in transforming the extraordinary true story of courage into an award-winning picture book. Leah reveals her creative journey—from finding inspiration and conducting research to adapting historical facts for young readers.

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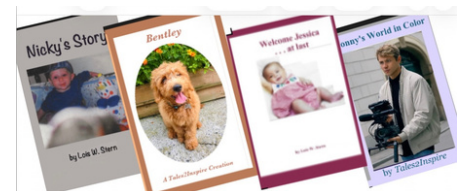
Create a Memory Book for the Special Child in Your Life

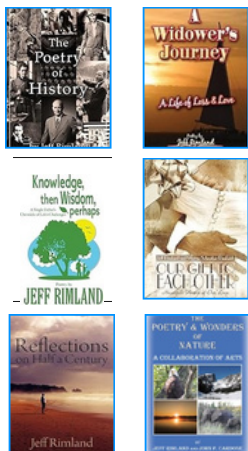


Lois Stern
Instructor

Lois W. Stern, author, editor, and creator of Tales2Inspire®, has self-published over 13 books of award-winning stories, plus 'Granny books' for each of her grandchildren. Session I provides a Memoir Planner to help you recall special moments for your book and begin the writing process. In Session II, you will learn how to open an Amazon author account, use a template to format your book, and upload it to Amazon.com.

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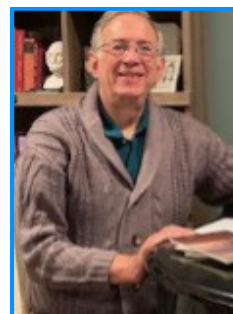




Writing Free-Verse Poetry

Jeff Rimland, a six-time published poet, will discuss poetry and how he started writing it. He'll explain the different types of poetry and review the works of select poets. Through several readings of Jeff's free verse poems, you can see how poetry can be motivational and serve as a healer. Participants will have the opportunity to write and read their own poems using prompts from artwork, historic photographs, and other suggested themes.

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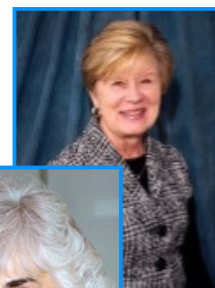


Jeff Rimland
Instructor

Be a Book Critic and Write a Review for Your Friends

Read any good books lately? When reading them, do you have questions for the author? Do you want to tell your friends about the books you read and tell them what you think? Well, here's your chance to do just that. Ask the author questions and tell them what you think. If you just love to read, or you want to write your own book, here's a chance to get involved.

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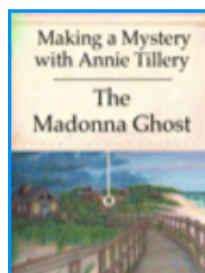


Linda Frank
and JoAnn
Krapp
Instructors

I think I Can Write a Book, Maybe a Mystery

How does one go about writing a book? This workshop explains the process. From inspiration, idea sources, research, and the art of writing, Linda Frank gives advice and anecdotes on how the *Annie Tillery Mystery Series* came about. Learn the three ways to publish, what is entailed in book to movie or TV, and how social media can promote your book. It's a personal story, chock full of information gleaned by Linda in her journey. She describes the process for her latest book, *Making a Mystery with Annie Tillery: The Madonna Ghost*.

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Author of
*Making a Mystery
with Annie Tillery*



Linda Frank
Instructor

The Personification Workshop

Personification is Tom Young's chosen vehicle for the literary world. He brings life and voice to the inanimate by having them (drains, medicines, Thanksgiving turkeys, handcuffs, boxer shorts, a dozen eggs, etc.) come alive and off the page to tell a story, often with humor. It is fun writing without boundaries, challenging one's imagination and sense of literary adventure. Prior to the workshop, attendees will write three pieces on assigned subjects and will have a chance to read their writing. Tom will read his to compare and contrast. There is no secret formula but to have fun!

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Tom Young
Instructor

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