CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

Loft Summer Sampler Class: Children's Literature
Abdullahi Janno

Time
June 15, 2024 | Sat, 06/15/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/15/2024 - 2:00pm

Price
Regular $8.00 | Friend $7.20

Want to try your hand at writing children's literature? Perhaps you'd like to take a picture book writing class but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking an online children's literature class will be the experience you're hoping for. If you're new to the Loft...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-sampler-class-childrens-literature]

Get Inspired: Small Picture Books, Big Ideas!
Abdullahi Janno

Time
June 22, 2024 | Sat, 06/22/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 06/22/2024 - 12:00pm

Price
Regular $55.50 | Friend $49.95

Looking for inspiration for your first picture book? Want to explore big ideas? Not sure about how to weave messages into your craft? Well, this class seeks to address these questions.

As a beginner-level class, we'll have a cursory look at the fundamentals of a picture book and craft elements...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/get-inspired-small-picture-books-big-ideas]

Writing YA Short Stories
Jesaka Long

Time
July 10, 2024 - August 14, 2024 | Wed, 07/10/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/14/2024 - 8:00pm

Price
Regular $222.00 | Friend $199.80

Writing short stories for a young adult audience is a great way to develop your voice and your skills as a fiction writer. In this class, we'll cover the nitty gritty and the nuance of what sets YA short stories apart from others, including those in big name literary magazines with young...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-ya-short-stories]

Research and Writing: Children's Nonfiction for Education
Lisa M. Bolt Simons

Time
July 20, 2024 | Sat, 07/20/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/20/2024 - 4:00pm

Price
Regular $129.50 | Friend $116.55

If you've tried to get your creative work published and haven't been able to, yet, come to this class to discover another writing option. Schools need more nonfiction, which means educational publishers are looking for skilled writers to research, write, and work with an editor(s). Emphasis on...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/research-and-writing-childrens-nonfiction-education-2]
**The Naive and Sentimental Essayist**

Madi Lommen

June 18, 2024 - July 16, 2024  
**Time**  
Tue, 06/18/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 07/16/2024 - 8:00pm  
Creative Nonfiction | Adult

**Price**  
Regular $148.00 | Friend $133.20

Do you ever find yourself “writing through” a preoccupation of your mind or soul, trying to work out an answer to some question by writing about it? Does your writing flow naturally or are you prone to overthink?

Based on works by Orhan Pamuk and Friedrich Schiller, this class explores distinct...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/naive-and-sentimental-essayist)

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**It’s All Relative: Writing About Relationships in Creative Nonfiction**

Lizzie Lawson

June 19, 2024 - July 17, 2024  
**Time**  
Wed, 06/19/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 07/17/2024 - 8:00pm  
Creative Nonfiction | Adult

**Price**  
Regular $148.00 | Friend $133.20

Personal essays and memoir are famously about the writer, but because humans are social creatures, it's near impossible to write our own stories without also including other people. There can be challenges and responsibilities involved in how we portray others on the page.

In this 4-week workshop...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/its-all-relative-writing-about-relationships-creative-nonfiction)

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**Write Memory: Memoir Writing Tips & Tricks**

Glenda Reed

June 19, 2024 - August 14, 2024  
**Time**  
Wed, 06/19/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/14/2024 - 8:00pm  
Creative Nonfiction | Adult

**Price**  
Regular $296.00 | Friend $266.40

This class is for anyone interested in bringing true-life stories alive on the page. Class sessions will be evenly divided between close-reading discussions, writing exercises, and workshopping your writing using Liz Lerman's Critical Response Process that leaves the maker eager and motivated to get...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/write-memory-memoir-writing-tips-tricks)

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**Resisting the Border: A Creative Nonfiction Class for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers (Summer 2024–Open Book)**

Victoria Blanco

June 19, 2024 - June 26, 2024  
**Time**  
Wed, 06/19/2024 - 7:00pm - Wed, 06/26/2024 - 9:00pm  
Creative Nonfiction | Adult

**Price**  
Regular $40.00 | Friend $36.00 | Pay What You Can $0.00

We tend to think of "the border" as a line drawn in the sand, a physical marker that parcels land and people into political territories. The concept of "the border" is taught to children from an early age, and we accept it as a reality of our lives. But what if the border didn't exist? What if...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/resisting-border-creative-nonfiction-class-writers-color-and-indigenous-writers-summer-2024)
A Memoir That Goes Beyond You
Rachel Signer

July 9, 2024 - July 30, 2024

Time: Tue, 07/09/2024 - 6:30pm - Tue, 07/30/2024 - 8:30pm

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price
Regular $148.00 | Friend $133.20

In memoir, an author tells their story, building characters and scenes through dialogue, description, voice, POV (point-of-view), and narrative arc. By successfully enabling these techniques, an author goes beyond their personal story, connecting with readers. This four-week class will involve deep...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/memoir-goes-beyond-you-0]

Writing Flash Essay
Rebecca Jamieson

July 13, 2024

Time: Sat, 07/13/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/13/2024 - 1:00pm

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price
Regular $74.00 | Friend $66.60

How can you tell a thrilling true story in less than 1,000 words? One-part story and one-part poem, flash essay helps you get to the heart of what you really want to say while keeping readers riveted until the final word. In this class, open for writers of all genres and levels, you'll learn tools...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-flash-essay]

Research & Reveal: Mining Outside Sources for Creative Writing Projects
Lydia Paar

July 13, 2024 - August 17, 2024

Time: Sat, 07/13/2024 - 12:00pm - Sat, 08/17/2024 - 2:00pm

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price
Regular $222.00 | Friend $199.80

In this class, students will let their curiosity take the lead, and explore how outside sources can be used to deepen creative explorations and writing. Although this class is directed mostly toward nonfiction writers, poets and fiction writers may also benefit from our process of seeking new...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/research-reveal-mining-outside-sources-creative-writing-projects]

From the Kitchen to the Page
Rachel Signer

August 5, 2024 - August 12, 2024

Time: Mon, 08/05/2024 - 6:30pm - Mon, 08/12/2024 - 8:30pm

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price
Regular $74.00 | Friend $66.60

*It seems to me that our three basic needs, for food and security and love, are so mixed and mingled and entwined that we cannot straightly think of one without the others. So it happens that when I write of hunger, I am really writing about love and the hunger for it, and warmth and the love of it...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/kitchen-page]

Flash Creative Nonfiction Generator
Lizzie Lawson

August 10, 2024

Time: Sat, 08/10/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 08/10/2024 - 1:00pm

Creative Nonfiction | Adult

Price
Regular $55.50 | Friend $49.95

Read and write tiny personal essays in this three-hour flash creative nonfiction generator. Writing in the short form (1,000 words or less) can be a great way to energize and focus your words. Learn to create lasting depth and impact in a small space with the help of craft techniques, flash...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/flash-creative-nonfiction-generator]
**CREATIVE PROCESS**

### Writing from Meditation: Exploring Body and Breath as Creative Inspiration

**Marlie McGovern**

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- **Friend $133.20**

What wisdom breathes in the body? What does the body know? This four-week contemplative writing series integrates guided mindfulness meditations with generative writing inquiries to access embodied knowledge and to inspire creative writing. Together, we will explore how the process of meditative...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/writing-meditation-exploring-body-and-breath-creative-inspiration-0)

### Expressive Writing Practices for Creativity, Serenity, and Joy

**Kimberly Lee**

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**Price**

- **Regular $55.50**
- **Friend $49.95**

Expressive writing practices can be a highly accessible, effective tool for enhancing creativity, professional development, and shifting our mood during challenging times. In this workshop, we'll engage with several structured journaling techniques to help clarify and organize thoughts, while...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/expressive-writing-practices-creativity-serenity-and-joy)

### A Writing Plan for Hard Times

**W.L. Bolm**

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**Price**

- **Regular $74.00**
- **Friend $66.60**

Finding the time and energy to write can be a challenge even at the best of times, but what do you do when you're navigating burnout? Or grief? Or mental or physical challenges? When times are tough, writing can be a practice that brings healing and catharsis, but prioritizing writing can seem like...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/writing-plan-hard-times-0)

### Poem-Letters & Essay-Letters: Writing Creative, Collaborative Correspondence

**Marlie McGovern**

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- **Regular $74.00**
- **Friend $66.60**

This workshop will explore the creative process and collaborative possibilities of poetic and lyrical personal letter-writing. Drawing inspiration from "Envelopes of Air," a poem-letter correspondence between Natalie Diaz and Ada Limón, we’ll engage with generative, embodied, meditative writing...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/poem-letters-essay-letters-writing-creative-collaborative-correspondence)

**FICTION**
2024 Year-Long Fiction Writing Project with Alison McGhee—June Online Cohort

Alison McGhee

June 11, 2024 - April 1, 2025

Time
Tue, 06/11/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 04/01/2025 - 9:00pm

Fiction | Adult

Price
Regular $7,500.00 | Friend $7,440.00

In the Loft’s year-long Fiction Project, we'll dive into fiction in all its glorious forms throughout the year. What are you drawn to? What are you interested in writing? Short stories, flash fiction, sudden fiction, novels for adults, novels for children, less-definable fiction forms and structures...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/2024-year-long-fiction-writing-project-alison-mcghee-june-online-cohort]

Beyond the Nitty Gritty: Short Story Deep Dive

Troy Wilderson

June 19, 2024 - August 14, 2024

Time
Wed, 06/19/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/14/2024 - 9:00pm

Fiction | Adult

Price
Regular $296.00 | Friend $266.40

Want to feel more confident in crafting a short story? Each week we'll dive into “craft” and some vital aspects of the short story form such as point of view, characterization, plot, stakes, and structure. Students will pre-read a short story by Viet Thanh Nguyen. A discussion about its strengths on...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/beyond-nitty-gritty-short-story-deep-dive]

Braided Narratives: Weaving Multiple Threads in a Single Story

Sruthi Narayanan

June 20, 2024 - August 15, 2024

Time
Thu, 06/20/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/15/2024 - 8:00pm

Fiction | Adult

Price
Regular $296.00 | Friend $266.40

This class will invite students to explore braided structures in fiction: stories that move between past and present, pieces with multiple POVs and perspectives, and narratives that balance plot arc and character arc. How can we pull apart the "threads" of a narrative in order to better understand...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/braided-narratives-weaving-multiple-threads-single-story]

Fiction Basics: Five Parts of Story

Brian Malloy

June 22, 2024

Time
Sat, 06/22/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/22/2024 - 4:00pm

Fiction | Adult

Price
Regular $55.50 | Friend $49.95

In this intentionally kind and friendly class for absolute beginners and those in need of a refresher, we will explore the five part of story model for writers who need help with structuring and building momentum in their stories. We'll examine each of the five parts: exposition, rising action...
Speculative Fiction by Women
Taiwana Shambley

June 25, 2024 - August 6, 2024
Tue, 06/25/2024 - 1:00pm - Tue, 08/06/2024 - 3:00pm
Fiction | Adult

Price
Regular $222.00 | Friend $199.80

There's a lot to be said about the critical perspectives that womanhood offers us on matters of power. In this class, while craft techniques are universal to all writers, we will study the various writing techniques that women speculative fiction writers use to create tangible new worlds. A 6-week...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/speculative-fiction-women]

Fiction Basics: Characters & Characterization
Brian Malloy

June 29, 2024
Sat, 06/29/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/29/2024 - 4:00pm
Fiction | Adult

Price
Regular $55.50 | Friend $49.95

For this intentionally kind session for beginners or those in need of a refresher, come prepared to create characters based on people you know (and combinations thereof), as well as characters based on your passion, your interest, your curiosity, and your imagination. We'll practice direct and...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-characters-characterization-1]

Queering Epistolary Fiction
W.L. Bolm

July 9, 2024 - August 13, 2024
Tue, 07/09/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/13/2024 - 8:00pm
Fiction | Adult

Price
Regular $222.00 | Friend $199.80

Are you struggling to find the right frame for your writing? Epistolary fiction is traditionally fiction written as a series of letters, but we'll find ways to queer the form by reading stories and one longer work (This is How You Lose the Time War by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone) written by...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/queering-epistolary-fiction]

The Beginner's Guide to Starting Your Novel
Tamara Hogan

July 10, 2024 - August 14, 2024
Wed, 07/10/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/14/2024 - 8:30pm
Fiction | Adult

Price
Regular $277.50 | Friend $249.75

Do you have a 'novel' idea, but aren't quite sure what to do next? In this high-practicality, no-pressure class, learn how to use essential fiction craft elements such as character, setting, plot, and structure to discover your story, establish a starting point, and help get the right words on the...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/beginners-guide-starting-your-novel]
Writing Romance Novels
Dara Dokas
July 10, 2024- August 14, 2024
Wed, 07/10/2024 - 6:00pm - Wed, 08/14/2024 - 8:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $222.00 | Friend $199.80

Romance novels are big business as the #1 selling fiction genre in the US. With many sub-genres - from sweet small town to paranormal, romantasy to romcom - romance novels appeal to a wide-range of, often voracious, readers. In this class, students will learn what defines a romance novel vs. a novel...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-romance-novels]

Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers: Fiction for BIPOC Writers (Summer 2024—Open Book)
Taiwana Shambley
July 10, 2024- July 17, 2024
Wed, 07/10/2024 - 7:00pm - Wed, 07/17/2024 - 9:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $40.00 | Friend $36.00 | Pay What You Can $0.00

The goal of this class is to create space for Black, Indigenous, and POC writers to analyze and practice applying BIPOC cultural interpretations of fiction craft elements. While it is true that more contemporary writers are featuring racially diverse characters in their stories, it's still the case...


Fiction in a Flash: Writing the Short, Short Story
Alex Juffer
July 13, 2024
Sat, 07/13/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/13/2024 - 5:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $74.00 | Friend $66.60

Is flash fiction, like Dippin' Dots, the future of fiction? Undoubtedly, yes, with much more staying power. Flash fiction has exploded in popularity within the past decade, as it lends itself well to online literary magazines (not to mention our waning attention spans). Are you slogging through a...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/fiction-flash-writing-short-short-story]

Fiction Basics: Point of View
Brian Malloy
July 13, 2024
Sat, 07/13/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/13/2024 - 4:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Friend $49.95

Point of view (POV) is often a question of camera angle (Wide shots or close-ups?) and access (Can we present the thoughts of one or more characters in addition to what they say and do?). POV is not simply a question of the 1st person (I said) or 3rd person (they said): you'll need to consider...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-point-view-0]
Introduction to Fiction
Holly Day
July 16, 2024 - August 20, 2024
Time
Tue, 07/16/2024 - 2:00pm - Tue, 08/20/2024 - 4:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $222.00 | Friend $199.80
Learn to write fiction in a non-intimidating environment with fellow beginners. We'll cover important aspects of craft, including plot, structure, and characterization, while reading work that epitomizes well crafted story: Writers such as Octavia Butler, Min Jin Lee, Jamaica Kincaid, Orhan Pamuk...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/introduction-fiction-3]

Fiction Basics: Setting
Brian Malloy
July 20, 2024
Time
Sat, 07/20/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/20/2024 - 4:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Friend $49.95
For this session on setting, keep in mind what Elizabeth Bowen said “Nothing happens nowhere.” While many writers shy away from describing their settings, the lack of an atmospheric setting can easily bore and confuse readers. The well-rendered setting can create harmony or conflict, characterize...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-setting-1]

Fiction Basics: Scene, Summary, and Narrative Time
Brian Malloy
July 27, 2024
Time
Sat, 07/27/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/27/2024 - 4:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Friend $49.95
Many writers struggle with how to present the events in their story. Does an event demand a moment-by-moment scene? Should it be summarized? How can we transition between scene and summary and move our characters backward and forward in time? Through exercises and brief readings, we'll experiment...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-scene-summary-and-narrative-time-1]

Your First Five Pages: Hook the Reader's Attention and Don't Let Go!
Jackie Cangro
August 3, 2024
Time
Sat, 08/03/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/03/2024 - 5:00pm
Fiction | Adult
Price
Regular $74.00 | Friend $66.60
Your first five pages are the ones that will hook readers to keep turning the pages. Learn how to craft a compelling opening that sets the stage for an unforgettable journey. In this class, you'll discover the art of captivating storytelling right from the very first line. We'll review the...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/your-first-five-pages-hook-readers-attention-and-dont-let-go]
Fiction Basics: Creative Language
Brian Malloy
August 3, 2024
Time
Sat, 08/03/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/03/2024 - 4:00pm
Fiction  |  Adult
Price  Regular $55.50  |  Friend $49.95

Readers love variety, especially at the sentence level. In this fast-paced session for absolute beginners and pros in need of a refresher, we'll explore periodic sentences, fragments, parataxis, parallelism, anaphora, epiphora, assonance, juxtaposition, ambiguity, and more. We'll play with...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-creative-language]

Fiction Basics: Revision
Brian Malloy
August 10, 2024
Time
Sat, 08/10/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/10/2024 - 4:00pm
Fiction  |  Adult
Price  Regular $55.50  |  Friend $49.95

Bring your printed manuscript, and pink, and green highlighters for this hands-on revision lab. You'll practice revision methods focused on scene/summary, characterization, arrangement of events, pacing, abstract/concrete language, sensory imagery, and significant details. If you don't bring your...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/fiction-basics-revision-0]

MULTIGENRE, POETRY

Hybrid Forms Poetry Workshop
Anaïs Duplan
June 15, 2024- June 22, 2024
Time
Sat, 06/15/2024 - 11:00am - Sat, 06/22/2024 - 2:00pm
Multigenre Poetry  |  Adult
Price  Regular $111.00  |  Friend $99.90

Hybrid Forms is a generative two-day poetry workshop, intended to illuminate the expanded potentials of working with hybrid forms, including but not limited to: auto-fiction, experimental poetry, auto-theory, and writing that incorporates visual arts. Participants will be offered tools to think...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/hybrid-forms-poetry-workshop]

Research-Based Practice for Creative Writers
Anaïs Duplan
July 10, 2024- July 31, 2024
Time
Wed, 07/10/2024 - 12:00pm - Wed, 07/31/2024 - 2:00pm
Multigenre Poetry  |  Adult
Price  Regular $148.00  |  Friend $133.20

The violence enacted on marginalized people is met with a poetry of resistance: art and literature as a political tool accessible to the masses. What service do research-based poetics and experimental documentary offer to liberation, memory, grief?

This course is geared toward folks with...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/research-based-practice-creative-writers]
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**Write to Heal**
Glenda Reed  
June 18, 2024 - August 13, 2024  
**Time**  
Tue, 06/18/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/13/2024 - 8:00pm  
**Multigenre | Adult**  
**Price**  
Regular $296.00 | Friend $266.40  

Give sorrow words…  
—William Shakespeare  
Together we will explore how writing can help heal our relationship to our own stories. We will investigate how different aspects of craft, from specific detail to focused narrative, not only make for good literature but can help writers gain new perspectives...

**Writing About Animals We Love**
Anna Molenaar  
June 20, 2024 - June 27, 2024  
**Time**  
Thu, 06/20/2024 - 10:00am - Thu, 06/27/2024 - 1:00pm  
**Multigenre | Adult**  
**Price**  
Regular $111.00 | Friend $99.90  

In this class, students will explore pet memoirs and poetry with a focus on how craft choices deepen themes, tones, and meanings. From historical accounts of beloved pets like Virginia Woolf's Flush to modern day memoirs like Rodney Stott's Bird Brother that explore how animals can change our lives...
Writing from Experience: Life Writing in Memoir and Fiction
Liz Harmer

June 20, 2024- August 15, 2024  |  Thu, 06/20/2024 - 10:00am - Thu, 08/15/2024 - 12:00pm  |  Multigenre  |  Adult
Price  Regular $296.00  |  Friend $266.40

What does it mean to write what you know? How do you know what you know? This class will consider approaches to writing about one's own life that start with memoir but move toward hybrid forms (such as prose poetry) and autofiction. We will consider the uses of personal writing, the difference...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/writing-experience-life-writing-memoir-and-fiction]

Perfecting Your First Ten Pages
Michael Gorrie

June 22, 2024  |  Sat, 06/22/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/22/2024 - 2:00pm  |  Multigenre  |  Adult
Price  Regular $74.00  |  Friend $66.60

Most literary agents and managers have stacks of manuscripts sitting on their desks. So how do you make yourself stand out among the pack? As Billy Wilder said, in the beginning “grab them by the throat and never let go.” This class is dedicated to doing just that, by teaching you how to create a...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/perfecting-your-first-ten-pages]

Comic Connection: The Tie Between Humor and Reader Emotion
Christine Nessler

June 22, 2024  |  Sat, 06/22/2024 - 2:00pm - Sat, 06/22/2024 - 5:00pm  |  Multigenre  |  Adult
Price  Regular $55.50  |  Friend $49.95

Humor puts life into perspective. In an exploration of the tie between humor and reader emotion, this class explores tools and elements of comedy that bring humor into fiction writing, giving breathing room to the dark and bringing more light to the connections of characters and their stories...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/comic-connection-tie-between-humor-and-reader-emotion]

Beginning Again: Intentional Writing for Process, Prose and Healing
Roxanne Sadovsky

June 27, 2024  |  Thu, 06/27/2024 - 10:30am - Thu, 06/27/2024 - 2:30pm  |  Multigenre  |  Adult
Price  Regular $74.00  |  Friend $66.60

Based in the traditions of lovingkindness and mindfulness, this heart-centered workshop provides a safe and welcoming retreat space for writers to explore their relationship to intention, balance, vulnerability, empathy, and the role they play (or don't) on and off the page. Whether you are here...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/beginning-again-intentional-writing-process-prose-and-healing]

Embodying the Erotic & Sensualizing the Speculative: A Creative Writing Workshop for Writers of Color and Indigenous Writers with Junauda Petrus
Junauda Petrus

August 3, 2024- August 10, 2024  |  Sat, 08/03/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/10/2024 - 3:00pm  |  Multigenre  |  Adult
Price  Regular $40.00  |  Friend $36.00  |  Pay What You Can $0.00

In this embodied writing workshop, participants will be inspired to explore the intersections of the erotic and the speculative as inspired by the creative, emotive and deep energy of Black feminist existence. This writing journey will use breath, meditation, chair movement, oracles and creative...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/embodying-erotic-sensualizing-speculative-creative-writing-workshop-writers-color-and]
PLAY- AND SCREENWRITING

Loft Summer Sampler Class: Screenwriting
Michael Gorrie

Time
June 15, 2024 | Sat, 06/15/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/15/2024 - 11:00am | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult

Price
Regular $8.00 | Friend $7.20

Want to try your hand at screenwriting? Perhaps you'd like to take a writing class but you're not sure if it's a great fit for you—or you're not sure if taking a class online will be the experience you're hoping for. If you're new to the Loft, online classes, or creative writing, or you'd just like...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/loft-summer-sampler-class-screenwriting]

Write Your Screenplay or TV Pilot in 8 Weeks
Michael Gorrie

Time
June 18, 2024- August 13, 2024 | Tue, 06/18/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/13/2024 - 8:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult

Price
Regular $296.00 | Friend $266.40

Having trouble starting or following through with your screenplay? Need a structured environment to keep you writing? Then this class is for you. Designed as both a workshop and instruction on craft as a focus, students will have an opportunity to learn the art form of screenwriting, generate work...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/write-your-screenplay-or-tv-pilot-8-weeks]

Idea to Screenplay
Lillie Gardner

Time
July 27, 2024- August 17, 2024 | Sat, 07/27/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/17/2024 - 3:00pm | Play- and Screenwriting | Adult

Price
Regular $148.00 | Friend $133.20

Do you have an amazing idea for a screenplay? Are you curious about how the screenwriting process works? Take your project from idea to screenplay in four steps! In this beginner class, you'll learn about what goes into a great screenplay and start generating your own pages. Each week will be...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/idea-screenplay]

POETRY

Finding the Poet Within
Holly Day

Time
June 18, 2024- July 30, 2024 | Tue, 06/18/2024 - 10:00am - Tue, 07/30/2024 - 12:00pm | Poetry | Adult

Price
Regular $222.00 | Friend $199.80

This class is designed to get you thinking about new ways to write poetry by experimenting with image, metaphor, music, sound, syntax, lineation, and an engagement with both stated and invisible themes. We'll discuss how to heighten the tension in poems through structure and how to make conflicting...

View Online [https://loft.org/classes/finding-poet-within-1]
**Poetry and Worldbuilding**  
Mary Helen Callier  
June 20, 2024 - August 15, 2024  
**Time**  
Thu, 06/20/2024 - 6:00pm - Thu, 08/15/2024 - 8:00pm  
**Poetry  |  Adult**  
**Price**  
Regular $296.00 | Friend $266.40

In this class we are going to think about how poems create worlds. How do you select, craft, and imagine the particular parts of an environment or landscape that will leave a lasting impact on your reader's mind? While this class will focus specifically on poetry, it is a useful course for all...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/poetry-and-worldbuilding)

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**Writing the Elegy**  
Felicity Sheehy  
June 22, 2024 - June 29, 2024  
**Time**  
Sat, 06/22/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 06/29/2024 - 12:00pm  
**Poetry  |  Adult**  
**Price**  
Regular $111.00 | Friend $99.90

This is a class about writing elegies. It is intended for poets who see elegy as central to their craft, and who would like to workshop recent work in a supportive environment. As poet Faiz Ahmad Faiz writes, “the true subject of poetry is the loss of the beloved.” This is a class that will consider...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/writing-elegy)

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**Poetry: Writing Through Loss**  
Christopher Vaughan  
July 16, 2024 - August 6, 2024  
**Time**  
Tue, 07/16/2024 - 6:00pm - Tue, 08/06/2024 - 8:00pm  
**Poetry  |  Adult**  
**Price**  
Regular $148.00 | Friend $133.20

Almost everyone's life is touched by loss. What's lost could be internal, external, or some combination of the two. Loss can be individual or collective, fleeting or permanent, isolated or recurring across through generations. Loss might imply a wound or trauma, an absence, a breaker-of-bonds, yet...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/poetry-writing-through-loss)

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**Writing Sestinas**  
Melanie Figg  
August 17, 2024  
**Time**  
Sat, 08/17/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 08/17/2024 - 12:00pm  
**Poetry  |  Adult**  
**Price**  
Regular $55.50 | Friend $49.95

Take a crack at a sestina or learn how to write a better one. This poetic form can build your literary muscles with repetition, diction, description, and more. Sestinas often fail because writers don't pair the form with the right-sized story/idea, so we'll brainstorm ideas, go over the "rules" and...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/writing-sestinas)

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**A Poet's Toolbox**  
Rebecca Jamieson  
August 17, 2024  
**Time**  
Sat, 08/17/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 08/17/2024 - 5:00pm  
**Poetry  |  Adult**  
**Price**  
Regular $74.00 | Friend $66.60

Why do some poems make your heart skip while others leave you cold? In this class, we'll explore some of the key building blocks of good poetry, including voice, metaphor, imagery, and the line.

We'll read and discuss poems that embody these tools from writers including Ross Gay, Ada Limón, and...

[View Online](https://loft.org/classes/poets-toolbox)
# PUBLISHING AND CAREER

## Authenticity Matters: Sensitivity Readers in Writing and Publishing

**Sydney Fowler**

**Time**
June 22, 2024 - Sat, 06/22/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/22/2024 - 5:00pm  
Publishing and Career  
**Price**  
Regular $74.00  
Friend $66.60

Sensitivity Readers (also called authenticity, diversity, or targeted beta readers) use our lived experience to help writers of all genres create more authentic and respectful portrayals of marginalized identities and communities. Hiring a sensitivity reader can be a meaningful investment in your...


## You Finished Your Book—Now What?

**Savannah Brooks**

**Time**
June 29, 2024 - Sat, 06/29/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 06/29/2024 - 4:00pm  
Publishing and Career  
**Price**  
Regular $111.00  
Friend $99.90

The publishing process can be confusing and intimidating, but it doesn't have to be. Each published writer goes through the same process; somewhere along the way, they just asked for help. That's what this class aims to do: help you take the next step with your manuscript with confidence.

The day...

**View Online** [https://loft.org/classes/you-finished-your-book-now-what](https://loft.org/classes/you-finished-your-book-now-what)

## How To Start or Build Your Sensitivity Reader Business

**Sydney Fowler**

**Time**
June 29, 2024 - Sat, 06/29/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 06/29/2024 - 5:00pm  
Publishing and Career  
**Price**  
Regular $74.00  
Friend $66.60

This workshop is for folks with experiences and identities underrepresented in media who are interested in either becoming a sensitivity reader or for sensitivity readers interested in growing their business and building community. Sensitivity Readers use our lived experience to help writers of all...

**View Online** [https://loft.org/classes/how-start-or-build-your-sensitivity-reader-business](https://loft.org/classes/how-start-or-build-your-sensitivity-reader-business)

## Demystifying the Publishing Industry

**Lacey Dunham**

**Time**
July 13, 2024 - Sat, 07/13/2024 - 10:00am - Sat, 07/13/2024 - 1:00pm  
Publishing and Career  
**Price**  
Regular $55.50  
Friend $49.95

So you've written a short story or maybe even a novel, but what do you do now? This session aims to illuminate the notoriously opaque publishing industry by delving into its component parts. From the various options available if you’re seeking publication to the role of literary agents and editors...

**View Online** [https://loft.org/classes/demystifying-publishing-industry](https://loft.org/classes/demystifying-publishing-industry)
How to Write the Perfect Pitch
Dustin Nelson
July 13, 2024
Time
Sat, 07/13/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/13/2024 - 5:00pm
Publishing and Career | Adult
Price
Regular $74.00 | Friend $66.60
The media industry is hard. This class will equip students with everything they need to know to successfully pitch editors, whether they’re looking to build a career in freelance writing or hoping to land a big feature story with a major outlet.
This course will go through the business side of...
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/how-write-perfect-pitch]

Happy Beginnings
Rachel Signer
July 15, 2024
Time
Mon, 07/15/2024 - 5:30pm - Mon, 07/15/2024 - 8:30pm
Publishing and Career | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Friend $49.95
It’s well known in the publishing world that in order to grab readers, a book must present incredibly strong writing with a compelling hook in the first few pages – or even the first few paragraphs, or sentences.
In this three-hour workshop, we will dissect some of the most powerful beginnings...
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/happy-beginnings]

Submitting and Publishing Your Writing to Literary Magazines
Adrianna Jereb
July 20, 2024
Time
Sat, 07/20/2024 - 9:00am - Sat, 07/20/2024 - 12:00pm
Publishing and Career | Adult
Price
Regular $55.50 | Friend $49.95
Ready to share your writing with the world? In this class you’ll learn how to find homes for your stories, essays, and poems. We'll discuss the process from start to finish: finding literary magazines that are a good fit, formatting author bios and cover letters, staying organized and keeping track...
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/submitting-and-publishing-your-writing-literary-magazines]

Queries About Querying
Amy Bishop-Wycisk
July 27, 2024
Time
Sat, 07/27/2024 - 1:00pm - Sat, 07/27/2024 - 3:00pm
Publishing and Career | Adult
Price
Regular $37.00 | Friend $33.30
You want to break into traditional publishing, but to do that, you need an agent. And an agent is requiring a query letter (and potentially a synopsis and anywhere from 5-30 pages). The first in a series of classes, this class breaks down the process of writing a query letter, with time for a Q&A at...
View Online [https://loft.org/classes/queries-about-querying-0]