

## What is a Writing Mentorship?

Mentorships offer writers the opportunity to work with an experienced author or industry professional on a one-to-one basis over an extended period of time. Writers are able to seek advice and guidance in a broad range of areas related to writing.

## Writers Victoria mentors

Writers Victoria works with a team of authors, editors and writing tutors to make sure you are matched with a mentor with expertise in your area.

You can find a list of some of our current mentors on our website at [writersvictoria.org.au](http://writersvictoria.org.au)

## What to expect

A mentor can help you with all aspects of the craft of writing and provide assistance in setting goals, using time effectively, keeping motivated, retaining focus, building confidence, and developing strengths.

Mentorships take place in two stages:

### 1. Initial Mentor Meeting (90 minutes, from \$440)

We will book a meeting with the mentor of your choice. Your mentor will read a sample of your writing before you meet. Your initial meeting will include a discussion about your work and situation. Some mentees find that this initial meeting provides them with the feedback they were looking for, but the meeting can also include a discussion about the ways that an ongoing mentorship could benefit you, as well as establishing whether there is a rapport between mentor and writer.

### 2. Ongoing Mentorship (6-hour blocks, from \$735)

If you and your mentor agree to move forward, we will ask you to pre-pay for each six-hour block of mentoring, which includes reading and meeting time. You will confirm details and meeting times directly with your mentor, and can continue to renew at the end of each six-hour time period. The six hours can be divided up however you and your mentor wish (six meetings of one hour, or three meetings of two hours, etc.).

Writers Victoria also offers Business Advice Meetings for writers looking for advice on the business of writing.

### 3. Business Advice Meeting (60 minutes, from \$210)

Our business support mentors offer advice on issues such as navigating the Australian book trade, how to identify and approach publishers, and the logistics of the writing business (including ISBNs, barcodes, selling rights, and royalties).

## Terms and conditions

- Please allow up to five business days for a response to your application.
- Copyright of the work developed remains with the writer at all times.
- After an Initial Mentor Meeting, either the mentor or mentee can discontinue the process.
- Each six-hour block of mentoring must be used within six months.
- Mentors are unable to read your entire manuscript, assess or edit your manuscript, or approach publishers or agents on your behalf.
- Mentoring meetings must take place at the Wheeler Centre, by Skype or phone (unless another neutral, professional space is agreed on in advance with Writers Victoria).
- Any further contact or mentoring between author and mentor must be arranged through Writers Victoria.
- The author's copyright over their manuscript will be respected.
- Writers Victoria reserves the right to decline mentorships and payments at its sole discretion without further correspondence.

## Writing Mentorships and Business Advice Meetings

Name:

Street address:

Suburb:

State:

Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

Writing genre:

Preferred mentor (if relevant):

Title of manuscript (if relevant):

Word count:

Specific areas of focus for the mentorship (if relevant):

If you do not have a preferred mentor, we will match you with someone who has experience relevant to your needs.

To take advantage of our members' discount, join Writers Victoria at [writersvictoria.org.au/membership/join](http://writersvictoria.org.au/membership/join)

Type of mentoring		WV member		Non-member	
Initial Mentor Meeting	Includes 90-minute meeting and 6,000 words pre-reading	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$440	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$510
Ongoing Mentoring	Includes 6 hours of meeting and reading	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$735	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$870
Business Advice Meeting	Includes 60-minute meeting (no pre-reading)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$210	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$260
<b>TOTAL</b>					

Bookings for Ongoing Mentoring will only be confirmed **after** an Initial Mentor Meeting has taken place. We will not take payment for a six-hour block until then.

Please send the following documents as Word files with this booking form:

An outline of your current situation and the sort of advice you need (no longer than one A4 page)	<input type="checkbox"/>
An outline of your mentorship goals (no longer than one A4 page)	<input type="checkbox"/>
A sample of your writing (no longer than 6,000 words)	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Writing Mentorships and Business Advice Meetings

Please indicate your preferred meeting location and times:

In person 176 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne 3000	<input type="checkbox"/>	Virtual Zoom or Skype	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Content Warnings

Before completing this booking form please consider the thematic content of your manuscript and if any elements may potentially be triggering to readers. This may include a combination of themes or scenes of which your assessor may not be aware.

Content disclosures will not be used as a reason to reject or discriminate in any way against the work of author of the manuscript.

Content, tone and detail can include but is not limited to:

### 1. Violence

General violence	
Racialised violence	
Sectarian/religious violence	
Domestic abuse	
Violence against women and children	
Child abuse	
Animal cruelty	
LGBTQIA+ violence	

### 2. Sex

Explicit/graphic sexual content	
Sexual violence	
Consensual sexual violence	
Non-consensual sexual violence	
Kink communities	
Paedophilia	

### 3. Marginalised Communities

Trauma	
War	
Prison	
Detention	
Illness	
Police brutality	
Racial discrimination	
Institutional abuse	
Torture	
Suicide	
Refugee or asylum experiences	
Miscarriage/Infant Loss	

First Nations	
People of Colour	
Disability	
Mental health	
LGBTQIA+	
Low socio-economic backgrounds	

Please add any additional information:

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