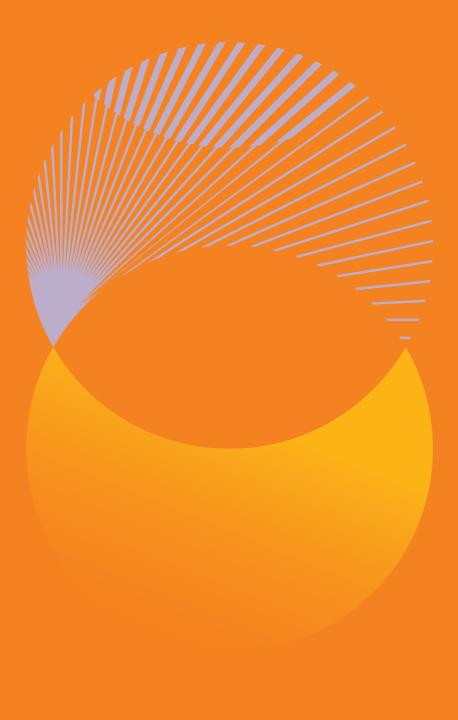
2020 Season 2 Program





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About Writers Victoria

At the time of printing, all information in this program is correct. However, with the developing situation around COVID 19, we may be required to adjust, amend, or cancel events. All participants will be notified of any changes, and everyone is encouraged to

monitor our website where changes will be made as they arise. www.writersvictoria.org.au/calendar/events

Writers Victoria is all about writing

We are the only organisation that works with all sorts of writers, at all stages of their writing careers, across all genres, all parts of the state and all year round.

In addition to the courses and workshops you'll find in our Season 1 program, Writers Victoria provides a range of other services and activities.

Membership

See page 28 for more information about becoming a Writers Victoria member.

Magazine & Enews

Published five times a year, 'The Victorian Writer' magazine includes articles on the craft and business of writing, news and views from the writing world and listings of writing-related events, opportunities and competitions. 'The Victorian Writer' is free for Writers Victoria members.

Writers Victoria also publishes a fortnightly enews filled with writing news, upcoming events and opportunities. To subscribe to 'The Victorian Writer' magazine or enews, visit our website.

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Mentoring & Manuscript Assessments

Writers of all genres and styles can receive a detailed manuscript assessment from one of our industry experts to help develop their work or prepare to submit it to a publisher.

Mentorships offer writers the opportunity to work with an experienced author or industry professional on a one-to-one basis. Our mentors can help you with all aspects of the craft and business of writing.

Prices start from \$310. For more information or to book a manuscript assessment or mentorship, visit our website.

Writing Studios

Writers Victoria manages writing studios at two historic National Trust properties: Glenfern in East St Kilda and Cells for Writers at the Old Melbourne Gaol.

Studios are available for rent from \$170 per month. For more information visit our website.

Fellowships

Writers Victoria works in collabration with partners and funders like the Grace Marion Wilson Trust and the Hazel Rowley Literary Fund to provide fellowships for emerging and established writers, including residencies, mentorships and funding to develop their work.

Keep an eye on the Writers Victoria website or enews for more information about our fellowships and deadlines.

www.writersvictoria.org.au



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ourses and Events

ALL COURSES take place at Writers Victoria in The Wheeler Centre at 176 Little Lonsdale Street in Melbourne (unless otherwise stated). All courses are designed for writers aged 18 and older, but younger writers may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the office if you have any questions.



ONLINE COURSES AND CLINICS

Online Courses and Clinics



Online Poetry Clinic with Andy Jackson

Poetry can seem mysterious and intimidating. But you can write it – and this online course aims to expand your skills and confidence. Each month, participants receive a brief prompt to help them start a new poem, which they will then show to the rest of the group. Andy will provide precise, constructive suggestions for improvement, along with some ideas to expand your reading and writing practice. All participants are also encouraged to give feedback.

This online course actively encourages sharing of your work with your cohort as well as with the tutor.

Pieces of up to 1500 words due 11:55pm Thursdays 23 July, 20 August, 24 September, 22 October, 29 November.

MEMBER PRICE: \$240/\$250 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$310 LEVEL: All

Online Creative Non-Fiction Clinic with Ellena Savage

In this online course, students will develop a body of short nonfiction prose works under the mentorship and supervision of the essayist and academic Ellena Savage. Through careful workshopping and feedback, students will identify the strengths and weaknesses of their short nonfiction prose. In addition to personal draft feedback, Savage will recommend texts for students to study that might provide useful models to learn from, and she will set optional writing exercises for students to engage with in their own time.

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Pieces of up to 1500 words due 11:55pm Thursdays 30 July, 27 August, 1 October, 29 October, 26 November.

MEMBER PRICE: \$240/\$250 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$310 LEVEL: All



Receiving direct feedback from your tutor and fellow course participants in this online writing group as you develop five stories over five months.

Whether you're an experienced writer working towards the completion of a manuscript or looking to maintain momentum and sharpen writing skills, this clinic provides sustained mentorship and specific feedback on the refinement of your own voice and style.

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Pieces of up to 1500 words due 11:55pm Thursdays 23 July, 20 August, 24 September, 22 October, 29 November.

MEMBER PRICE: \$240/\$250 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$310 LEVEL: All

WEBINAR Memoir Mini-Masterclass – Writing process and publication with Amra Pajalic

Writing process and publication – Writing obstacles: researching, protecting yourself and others during the writing process, supports to help you keep writing, finding your brand, networking.

WHEN: Thursday 4 June, 6-7:30pm MEMBER PRICE: \$30/\$40 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$50 LEVEL: All



Online Children's Books Clinic With Jane Godwin

This entirely online course offers targeted, personalised feedback on your work from Jane Godwin, who is an experienced publisher and author of over 25 books for young people. The course runs over five months (one session each month), and you can submit the same piece of work (1000 words max) multiple times or a different work each session. If you are keen to workshop your writing and receive specific feedback, then this one-on-one and group editorial opportunity is for you!

This online course actively encourages sharing of your work with your cohort as well as with the tutor.

Pieces of up to 1000 words due 11:55pm Thursdays 23 July, 20 August, 24 September, 22 October, 29 November.

MEMBER PRICE: \$240/\$250 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$310 LEVEL: All



Plot cohesion, narrative tension, and drawing your reader through the end

WHEN: Thursday 18 June, 6-7:30pm MEMBER PRICE: \$30/\$40 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$50 I FVFI · All

Long Courses

In-person Workshops

Refine Your Memory with Sian Prior

A memoir is so much more than a description of "what happened to me". It requires a thoughtful excavation of the self and empathy with your imagined readers. Explore how to find the right voice for your memoir; how to separate story from situation; how to create vivid characters from real people; how to ask the right questions; where to find the answers; and how to prepare a persuasive publishing proposal.

Workshops: 10am–4pm, Saturdays 29 August, 10 October, 31 October, 5 December Webinars: 6–7:30pm, Thursdays 10 September, 12 November

MEMBER PRICE: \$530/\$600 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$850 LEVEL: Emerging

Writing Page Turning Fiction with Fiona Lowe

How to write a novel a reader won't put down! Join Australian best-selling author, Fiona Lowe in this hands-on workshop and explore structure and plot, creating dynamic and well-motivated characters (with loads of movie examples) and how to show not tell your story. A great introduction to the craft of writing and revision for those who need to rediscover their enthusiasm for a project. Bring anticipation and pen and paper for writing exercises.

WHEN: Saturday 02 May 2020, 10am – 4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$195 LEVEL: All

Reading for Writers: Speculative Fiction: The War of the Worlds With Claire & Coleman

Imperialism, superstition, fears, prejudices: HG Wells's The War of the Worlds set the archetype for invasion literature and has a surprising link to Australia. Wells himself stated that the idea came from the disastrous consequences of British colonialists on the Tasmanian First Peoples, an act that continues to resonate through Australian culture and literature today.

A Creative Partnership with Speculate

WHEN: Wednesday 06 May, 6:30–8:30pm MEMBER: \$35/\$45 Non-member: \$60

Writing the Sensual World with Krissy Kneen

Whether you are writing a sex scene or just writing about someone brushing their teeth, your writing can be lifted from the mundane into something that is an immersive, sensual, whole body experience. Through a series of exercises, activities, discussions and readings, this workshop will equip you with tools that will help you to see and describe your literary world in a more sensual light.

This masterclass is for established writers only: that is, writers who have had at least one book or short story collection published by a mainstream publisher or a significant publication history in literary journals or similar publication. Writers should also have a substantial project in the early- to mid-stages of development. Exclusive to Writers Victoria members. Creative Resilience with Kate Mildenhall

As a novelist, writing teacher and podcaster, Kate Mildenhall has experienced the highs and lows of the creative life and the many twists and turns the writing process can take. In this masterclass, Kate focuses on creative stumbling blocks and supports participants with strategies to overcome 'failure', rejection, and writer's block. Be inspired (and informed!) to keep going no matter what comes your way along your writing journey.

WHEN: Sunday 10 May 2020, 10am–4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$195 LEVEL: All

Pursuing a Writing Career at Any Age with Emma Viskic

Whether you're unpublished or emerging, the leap to becoming an established author can seem impossible. How do you find publishers, grants and agents? Balance a creative life with family and financial needs? And how important is Twitter, anyway? This workshop will help you navigate the journey, with practical tips on how to build a career, prioritise your needs and find a supportive writing community.

when: Saturday 16 May, 10am–4pm Member Price: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: All

WHEN: Saturday 09 May 2020, 12 – 4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$105/\$135 LEVEL: Established

Story Arc Design for Short Fiction with AS Patric

Every story needs an effective propulsion system. A story arc can propel the reader through an experience. AS Patric proposes how you can better understand the way a narrative arc works to generate an explosive fusion of character development through integral plot elements, allowing stories to have power and lasting impact (by developing an architectural perspective into your approach to writing)

AS Patric recommends Lydia Davis' Break it Down and J.G. Ballard's The Air Disaster.

when: Sunday 17 May, 10am—4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: All

Being Smart with Your Social Media with Sarah Hollingsworth

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, Snapchat, TikTok, LinkedIn... in the last ten years alone, social media has changed the way we connect and communicate with each other. We all know that social media is an essential marketing tool, but it can also be overwhelming and intimidating. This session will help you figure out which platform is right for you, find your voice and get you started on building your online community.

WHEN: Friday 22 May, 2020, 12–1pm MEMBER PRICE: Free NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$25

The Ethical Wilds of Writing Memoir (About Yourself and Others) with Honor Eastly

There's nothing more dangerous that a writer can do than reveal themselves and their struggles through their work. Yet personal narrative remains an arresting and powerful tool to engage and change readers. So how do we best navigate the ethical wilds of memoir writing? In this course we'll cover these complexities. We'll cover topics from "how do I make sure I'm not exploiting my personal story in the process?" to "how do I navigate a job interview when everyone knows I was recently in a psych ward?"

This course is designed for memoirists, as well as writers and producers working with subjects with lived experience. This includes documentarians, and podcast producers.

MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: Established

Screenwriting: Secrets of writing a TV Pilot with Chelsea Cassio

WHEN: Saturday 23 May, 10am-4pm

Transform your understanding of TV storytelling by going beyond plot to focus on the emotional journey of your characters. Take a detailed look at the structure of an hour-long episode along with character development, story beats, the world of the show, tone, theme and story trends. Discuss industry news, how to break into the sector, and the culture of the story room.

when: Sunday, 24 May, 10am—4pm Member Price: \$135/\$155 Non-member Price: \$215 Level: All

Starry One Star Night

The triumphant 2020 return of this afterhours event: 'Starry, One-Star Night' invites authors to turn the crushing blow of a one-star review on Goodreads or Amazon into a badge of pride. Register to read on the night or come along for kicks and giggles. Print out your review and ritually burn it in the open fire. Sure to be an evening of comedy and camaraderie!

WHEN: Tuesday 26 May 2020, from 7pm WHERE: Buck Mulligans, 217 High St, Northcote

Writing Long-Form Nonfiction Poetry

with Jessica Wilkinson

This one-day workshop will help you to begin or develop your own long-form nonfiction poetry. Learn how to create a suite or series of poems that draw on biographical, autobiographical, documentary, historical, geographical, scientific or other kinds of real-world data. Through close reading of examples as well as writing exercises, this course will provide you with tools and ideas to help you produce a unique nonfiction narrative work.

when: Saturday 30 May, 10am–4pm Member Price: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: All

Spec Fic Focus 5: The Haunting of Hill House with Dmetri Kakmi

Brilliant and chilling, The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson is a classic psychological ghost story. Did it happen? Or did it happen only in the mind of its fragile protagonist Eleanor Vance? In her second to last novel, Shirley Jackson corrals her mighty talent to create that rare thing: a horror novel that is also literature. No wonder Stephen King considers it one of the great supernatural novels in the last hundred years.

WHEN: Wednesday 10 June, 6:30–8:30pm MEMBER PRICE: \$35/\$45 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$60 LEVEL: All

Surrealism and Fabulism in Fiction with Rjurik Davidson

Want to explore your most imaginative, creative and experimental side? Surrealism and Fabulism in Fiction will examine various non-realist modes of writing: surrealism, fabulism, magic realism, the gothic, speculative fiction and unconscious writing. Break through the predictable and formulaic. Learn how to create believable and fantastic worlds which are unusual, bizarre, dreamlike, shocking, fantastic, and yet still maintain their own logic. One of the most fun writing courses you'll ever do!

WHEN: Saturday 13 June, 10am–4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: All

Writing Other People's Lives

with Michelle Scott Tucker

Sometimes the most compelling stories are about other people. Whether you're writing biography, interested in ghost writing, drawing together your family or local history, or even thinking about feature interviews – if you want to tell someone else's story then learn how to illuminate your subject with writing that is engaging, ethical and insightful.

This lively and practical workshop will use real-life examples to examine what works – and what doesn't – when it comes to writing other people's lives.

WHEN: Sunday 14 June, 10am–4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: All

Literary Speed Dating

With Australian Society of Authors

A room of publishers and agents. Three minutes to pitch your work. Our successful Literary Speed Dating series gives writers a unique three-minute opportunity to pitch their manuscript to Australian publishers and agents.

Literary Speed Dating is a member-only event for ASA members and Writers Victoria members (Melbourne event only). You can book into a maximum of three pitching time slots. Strictly no more than three pitch bookings will be accepted per member. You cannot book more than one pitching slot with the same publisher/agent.

WHEN: Friday 10 July, 2–4pm COST: \$25 incl. GST per pitch (i.e. \$75 max. for the event) BOOK ONLINE: https://www.asauthors.org/news/literaryspeed-dating-2020

Writing Autofiction: Memoir, Fiction and the Subconscious with Tobias McCorkell

This workshop will equip writers with the tools needed for telling personal stories. The day will cover strategies for approaching manuscript building, creating and maintaining an achievable writing schedule, and will incorporate inclass activities, one-to-one consultations, group discussions and more. Discover what 'autofiction' writing is, as well as how to trust your instincts as a writer.

when: Saturday 18 July, 10am–4pm Member Price: \$135/\$155 Non-Member Price: \$215 Level: All

Exploring the Rooms in Crime Fiction Manor with Dave Warner

How large is the crime fiction house? What are the main sub-genres and how are they different? What are essential elements in a crime fiction story and how are they arranged to fit into different rooms? Dave Warner will discuss these points and the conception of a crime-fiction idea, and how identifying the sub-genre, will help determine which tools to use.

when: Sunday 19 July, 10am–4pm Member Price: \$135/\$155 Non-Member Price: \$215 Level: All

Ask About... the US Market (and how you can break in)

with Amy Suiter Clarke, Anna Snoekstra, and Anne Gracie

A Q&A session with three Aussie authors who have broken into the US market - and how you can too.

"Everyone's writing process is different; no two publication journeys are the same. You can get lots of ideas from hearing other how other people got to where they are, but at the end of the day your story will be unique - and that's okay!" Amy Suiter Clarke

WHEN: Tuesday 21 July, 6:00-7:30pm MEMBER PRICE: \$18/\$25 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$40 I FVFI · All

Cultivating Creative Abundance: Managing Your Career, Calendar and Burnout

with Eve Dangerfield

Most authors are familiar with creative burnout and its off cited solutions - time management and self-care. Yet, knowing the theory and developing a healthy writing schedule and realistic multibook publishing calendar is difficult for commercial and self-published authors alike. In her workshop 'Cultivating Creative Abundance', bestselling author Eve Dangerfield will show you how to nurture your daily habits and techniques necessary for a sustainable, and joyful, writing career.

WHEN: Saturday 25 July, 12pm-4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$80/\$95 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$130 I FVFI · All

Writing What You Don't Know

with Lynne Kelly

Is there something you would love to write about but feel that you don't have the expertise? This workshop is about how to write that book or article. By following a burning question, you can write in a way which is eminently readable as the reader will follow your quest for understanding and knowledge. A personal thread distinguishes narrative nonfiction from text books. We'll also talk marketing and making your proposal attractive to a publisher.

WHEN: Sunday 26 July, 10am-4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: All

How to write about issues in YA (without making it an issue) with Nicole Hayes

Issues-driven YA fiction continues to push boundaries and challenge readers and publishers alike. But how do you explore an issue in an engaging way without preaching or lecturing? What are the challenges and pitfalls? Drawing on examples, writing conventions and exercises, this workshop will help identify what issues are perennially relevant, current and emerging, and offer strategies to apply to your own writing - to help you better make your point, without losing the reader.

WHEN: Sunday 2 August, 10am-4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 I EVEL · All

A tension to detail: using suspense to create engaging stories and captivate readers

with Kirstyn McDermott

All fiction writers, no matter the genre in which they work, need effective narrative tension to create the type of engaging stories that readers simply cannot put down. This workshop is aimed at early/ emerging writers who would like to learn how to manage tension and suspense more effectively – whether you are working on a mystery thriller or a light-hearted romance. There will also be an emphasis on short writing exercises and peer discussion during the course.

WHEN: Saturday 22 August 10am–4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: Emerging

Understanding Story Structure with Laurel Cohn

This workshop will address some of the common structural issues found in manuscripts. While there is no right structure, there are tools and strategies that writers can learn to use to find the best possible structure for their story. This requires a clear understanding of the story itself. Using short texts and your own works-in-progress, we will explore various aspects of story structure including the 'vital organs': theme, major dramatic question and the central event.

PLEASE NOTE: This workshop is designed for writers who have a partial or full draft of a work-in-progress.

when: Saturday 22 August 10am–4pm Member Price: \$135/\$155 Non-member Price: \$215 Level: Early & Emerging

Navigating the Developmental Phase with Laurel Cohn

This workshop is designed to equip writers who have finished at least one full draft of their manuscript with the practical and psychological skills required to navigate the long and windy path to reach their writing goals. The development phase can be challenging and frustrating; it is likely to take longer than you thought. But it is also incredibly rewarding. If you are committed to becoming a writer, you can't avoid it.

when: Sunday 23 August 10am–4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: Early & Emerging

Diversifying Your Writing Career

with Marisa Wikramanayake

Keen to know if there is anything else you can do with these writing chops and word skills that you have before you give up on a career and resign yourself to being a keen crossword fan, scrabble player or trivia nerd? Come find out how you can use what you have got to break into other writing gigs and writing related work that you may not have tried before.

WHEN: Saturday 5 September, 10am–4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: All

Masterclass: Effective Grant Writing with Debby Maziarz

Build your understanding of what is required to successfully apply for and acquit grants. This fun and hands-on workshop will focus on transforming your ideas into fundable concepts and will walk you step by step through the grant making process.

This masterclass is for established writers only: that is, writers who have had at least one book or short story collection published by a mainstream publisher or a significant publication history in literary journals or similar publication. Writers should also have a substantial project in the early- to mid-stages of development. Exclusive to Writers Victoria members.

WHEN: Sunday 6 September, 10am–1pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: All

Ask About...Creative Writing PhDs

with PD Martin, Carrie Tiffany, and Julienne Van Loon

Thinking about diving into a writing project through university research? Find out what it's really like to write a creative work through practice-led research, with frank discussion and tips from writers who've been there.

Chaired by Writers Victoria Director, Dr Angela Savage, the panel will comprise writers who've tackled PhD's at various universities, by distance and in-person, with children and without. Come along and find out all you ever wanted to know about creativity in the world of academia.

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with Emily Brewin

you need never feel alone! This session will explore the practical ins and outs of forming or joining a writers' group, from finding the perfect location to providing constructive criticism and incorporating feedback to develop your own writing project.

Writing Groups: How to Find,

Build, and Maintain an Effective Writing & Critique Group

when: Saturday 12 September, 12pm-4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$80/\$95 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$130 LEVEL: All

The Nonconformist Character: Outsiders, Observers and Odd People with Alan Canton

with Alan Carter

The outsider is the classic hero/heroine in storytelling. They don't belong, they have something extra to prove, they see things differently, and they tend not to play by the rules. What makes a good outsider and how do you make your work for your story? Get the inside gem on writing the outsider.

WHEN: Sunday 13 September, 10am–4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: All

Editing Principles to Hone Your Writing with Eugen Bacon

Editing is not just about fixing; it's about enhancing. This course will pay attention to important editing principles that improve your writing, whether fiction or non-fiction, including practical tools such as active prompts, exercises and direct feedback on your progress during the course.

- Please bring along: Pens, notepads, smart phones or tablets for writing, as there will be exercises.
- One month before the course, please send us a 500-word sample of your writing (fiction or non-fiction), for a free editing critique, and to help gauge the class.

WHEN: Saturday 19 September, 10am–4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: All

Poetic Landscapes: Evoking Place in your Poetry

with Evelyn Araluen

To write a landscape is to enter into relations of place, language, and perception. Everything we represent is part of an ecology: the point is not to erase the self from poetry, but to show reverence, respect, and reciprocity for the land you stand on, and write of. In this session, we will explore how speaking of a place should be prefaced by speaking to, by writing poems of environmental relation.

when: Saturday 10 October, 10am–4pm Member price: \$135/\$155 Non-member price: \$215 Level: All

Finding and Writing Yourself with Nevo Zisin

To write your story is to find yourself both as a writer and as a character. This workshop will explore theories, practices, and hands-on examples of how to access your story, find your voice, and care for both your authorial and character self through the process. Workshop facilitator Nevo will share their own lived experience as well as tips, tricks, and traps from other writers to help you explore the power of writing yourself into existence, resistance through memoir, and the importance of representing yourself as authentically as possible.

when: Saturday 17 October, 10am–4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: All

Writing a Character Worth Reading About with Paul McVeigh

How do you create a character that grabs the attention of agents, editors and the all-important book buyer? You will explore the concept that character is story and how to create a character that compels your reader to stay with them until the end of the book. You will look at using behaviour, dialogue, dreams, desires, psychology and relationship dynamics to reveal character, create authentic people and get your reader to emotionally invest in their fate.

WHEN: Saturday 24 October, 10am–4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: All

Using Science as Your Muse

with Leah Kaminsky

Grasshoppers have ears on their stomachs, and a human produces enough saliva in their lifetime to fill two swimming pools - proof that science is weird. But science can also be a great inspirational source for both your writing, as well as scintillating dinner party conversation. This workshop will draw on the wonders of science to broaden your writing palette. Whether you're a professor of physics, or failed your high school chemistry prac, this workshop is for you. We will mine the riches of science to galvanise and ignite wild and fresh new writing.

WHEN: Sunday 25 October, 10am–4pm Member Price: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 Level: All

Plotting, Structuring, and Pacing when Writing for Children with Gabrielle Wang

Are you a plotter or a panster? How do you decide which is the best way to tell your story? What is the difference between plot and structure? How do you pace your novel to give your story full impact? Through discussion and various writing and drawing exercises we will explore ways of getting to the heart of your children's early reader, first chapter, or middle grade story. Participants are encouraged to bring along samples of their work in progress to refer to during workshop exercises.

WHEN: Sunday October 25, 10am–4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: All

Writing Change with Amanda Niehaus

In this workshop, we will discuss and write the important stories in our lives our lived experiences, family histories, folk tales and other stories that have shaped who we are—and then relate these stories to the environment and environmental issues we care about. Using prompts, we will generate the bones of an essay that weaves the personal with the environmental, showing participants how personal stories can help readers better connect with scientific ideas and environmental principles to incite change.

WHEN: Saturday, 31 October, 10am–4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: All

Pitching, Queries, Contracts & The Business Side of Writing with Alex Adsett

In this full day workshop, literary agent Alex Adsett will walk you behind the scenes through the publishing industry: an overview of the different publishing departments and where a literary agent sits in the process, what an agent can do for you, and when you don't need one. Alex will cover copyright essentials, sneaky tricks and traps of publishing contracts, publishing scams to watch out for as well as the different ways to pitch to publishers and agents (and what not to do!). There will be an opportunity to try out a live 3 min pitch on the day.

wHen: Sunday, 31 May, 10am—4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: All

What's the Big Idea?! Writing Picture Books for Children with Jessica Walton

Join children's author Jessica Walton for a day of imagination and perspiration; we'll look at the existing world of picture books for children, exploring what has worked for successful books on the market today. Next, we'll jump straight into writing them ourselves! Start from the very beginning or develop an existing concept or manuscript. Prepare to be inspired, energised and supported as we take the leap from idea to page together.

Please read some picture books before attending this course and select one you love to bring along and share.

WHEN: Saturday 21 November, 10am–4pm MEMBER PRICE: \$135/\$155 NON-MEMBER PRICE: \$215 LEVEL: All

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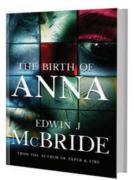
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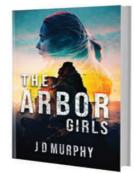
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