**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/services/mentorships)

**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 $300)

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.

1. **Ongoing Mentorship** (6-hour blocks, from $475)

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.

1. **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.

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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

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| **Type of mentoring** | | **WV member** | | **Non-member** | |
| Initial Mentor Meeting | Includes 90-minute meeting and 6,000 words pre-reading |  | $300 |  | $350 |
| Ongoing Mentoring | Includes 6 hours of meeting and reading |  | $475 |  | $525 |
| Business Advice Meeting | Includes 60-minute meeting (no pre-reading) |  | $210 |  | $260 |
| **TOTAL** | |  |  |  |  |

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:

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| An outline of your current situation and the sort of advice you need (no longer than one A4 page) |  |
| An outline of your mentorship goals (no longer than one A4 page) |  |
| A sample of your writing (no longer than 6,000 words) |  |

Please indicate your preferred meeting location and times:

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| In person  176 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne 3000 |  | Virtual  Zoom or Skype |  |

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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 a 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 2. Sex

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

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

3. Marginalised Communities

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

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| Trauma | | |
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| Illness |  |
| Police brutality |  |
| Racial discrimination |  |
| Institutional abuse |  |
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| Refugee or asylum experiences |  |
| Miscarriage/Infant Loss |  |

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