



Classes for Writers

You deserve it!

Anyone Can Write Fiction

When was the last time you read a novel and said, "I could do better than that?" Whether you are interested in short stories or novels, genre fiction (mysteries, romance, sci-fi, fantasy) or mainstream, this workshop will give you the basic tools needed to get jump-start your writing. Learn how to create characters, select point-of-view, write dialogue, structure a plot, and more! A cram course in fiction writing for the beginner! Bring your pen and paper and be prepared to write--lots of exercises to get you writing.

- **Thursdays, Jan. 28th – Feb. 25th (5 weeks)**
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Cascadia Community College 425-352-8862
- **Wednesdays, Jan. 13th - Feb 17th (6 weeks)**
6:30 – 8:30 pm
North Seattle Community College 206-527-3705

Anyone Can Write Fiction – Part II

This workshop is a opportunity for aspiring fiction writers to bring works in-progress for review and work on specific problem areas. Also covers a review of basic fiction writing techniques, writing exercises, and tips for preparing your manuscript for submission. Workshop is designed to provide a forum to ask questions about writing and publication, and offer support during the writing process. Students will learn about self-editing and how to critique others' work. For students who have taken a previous fiction writing class and/or have completed a short story or part of a novel.

- **Thursdays, March 4th – 18th (3 weeks)**
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Cascadia Community College – Continuing Education
<http://www.campusce.net/cascadia/category/category.aspx>

North Seattle Community College
Continuing Education 206-527-3705
<http://www.learnatnorth.org>

Introduction To Mystery Writing

The dark side of life and the search for truth and justice is fascinating and intriguing background for any writer. In this workshop, we'll discuss favorite mystery novels and review the various sub-genres within the mystery category. In addition, we'll review the basic components of a mystery and discuss five basic steps that will can get participants started writing a mystery. Participants should read Sue Grafton's *C is for Corpse* before class.

Coming Soon!

You CAN Do It-Grammar Basics

Presentation of your thoughts on paper directly reflects your credibility. As a first impression or as an on-going reflection of your trustworthiness, knowledge of current grammar and punctuation is essential. Do I need comma before but? Is it who or whom? There or their or they're? How do I clean up bloated writing? Is it e-mail or E-mail? Whether you write for your job, for your own business, or you want to make a living by writing, this workshop is for you. Grammar has trends and the rules do change—everyone needs a refresher course now and then. Come and brush up those writing skills!

- **Saturday, Nov. 7th 1:00 – 4:00pm**
Cascadia Community College 425-352-8862

All workshops taught by Leslie Adkins. Leslie is a well-received writing instructor at numerous locations around the Pacific Northwest. She has written eight novels, six of them mysteries. Her non-fiction has appeared in many local and national publications. Leslie continues working on writing mystery novels and sharing her passion for writing with others. Visit her writers group's blog at:
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