



Writers on Fire

Jumpstart your Novel or Memoir

Jumpstart Your Novel or Memoir: A One-Day Fall Intensive

Writers on Fire hosts this one-day writing intensive writing workshop two to three times a year, usually in March, September and November. Please regularly check our Writers on Fire web site (www.writersonfire.com) or sign up for our mailing list for updates.

The workshop will take place at a lovely private home in Agoura Hills with a relaxing country vibe and poolside location. We will provide coffee, light breakfast, lunch and snacks. There will be a one-hour lunch break during which time you can hang out, hike, socialize, or keep writing. If you are interested, please contact me. I will need a writing sample if we have not worked together before. The intimate workshop will be limited to a small number of participants, first-come, first-served.

In this workshop, you will:

- * Have the opportunity to submit seven double-spaced pages of the opening of your book to the instructor and other participants before we meet
- * Learn how to craft a killer opening so agents, editors and readers will be salivating for more
- * Sketch out key elements for the blue print for your entire book
- * Hone your short, punchy description of the book to make it irresistible
- * Tap into your passion for the book and clarify why you must write it, and why others would want to read it
- * Write a variety of in-class exercises that explore crucial techniques for a successful book, anything from voice to point of view to crisis, overall structure, character arcs, and how to create suspense
- * Learn about the current marketplace, what sells, and tips on finding agents
- * Learn about the novel and memoir forms, the art of the first draft, the power and reality of revision
- * Learn the secret of finding a “guide book” and how it can help you stay on course with your own project and bring it to fruition

* Experience a guided peer workshop in the afternoon detailing constructive criticism for your seven opening pages

* Connect with a community of other writers who are also currently writing books and/or book proposals

* Leave with enthusiasm, focus, concrete feedback on your writing, clear goals and a solid plan for executing your book and making it a reality

The cost for this workshop is \$ 295.

If you're interested, please send an email along with a 3-5 page writing sample so I can get to know you through your writing. If you prefer, we could also do a ten-minute phone interview. Whatever feels comfortable. You can reach me at: (310) 455-7767.

Payments can be made through PayPal, using my email, katamon@verizon.net. Or, you can send a check to: Writers On Fire, 120 N. Topanga Cyn. Blvd., Suite 105, PMB 173, Topanga, CA 90290. Just give me a heads-up so I can make sure I have time to accommodate you.

There will also be more Writers On Fire workshops and retreats upcoming, both here and abroad. If you'd like to be on the mailing list for coaching and retreats, let me know.

I look forward to working with you!

Best,

Rachel



RACHEL RESNICK, WRITING COACH AND RETREAT LEADER

Rachel Resnick is the author of *Love Junkie*, a bestselling and critically acclaimed memoir, and *Go West Young F*cked-Up Chick*, a bestselling novel. Her essays, articles and fiction have appeared in nearly a dozen anthologies, most recently *What Was I Thinking? 58 Bad Boyfriend Stories*, and many more magazines, newspapers and literary journals. She has taught in major writing programs, among them UCLA Extension Writers Program, USC Professional Writing Program, Loyola Marymount, mediabistro.com, Cal Arts, LACC, Chapman, Whittier, Emerson, Antioch, UC Riverside/Palm Desert, and she runs her own Writers On Fire writing workshops in Hawaii, France and Los Angeles.

Please refer to www.rachelresnick.com for more links, reviews and general info on the writing coach, workshop and retreat leader. Or feel free to e-mail with any questions.

A few Coaching and Retreat Testimonials

"I've learned so much from you about how to write—real. I now get that cleverness is not what people want. They want heart. And jokes cover up the pain. I'm learning in reverse to remove the "jokes" as if taking the lid off a boiling pot. Your teaching has really made a difference, not only in my writing, but in my life. [see, no jokes.]"

~ Judy Carter, comedian, magician, sought-after public speaker, and author of perennial bestseller *The Comedy Bible*

"I had a breakthrough and came out knowing more about my writing voice, how different I am from others, and not to be afraid of that, but to really go deep and explore it."

~ Holly Hughes, new mother and writer

"Rachel takes us to her perch, spreads her wings (and her wing span is might), and takes us safely over the mountain."

~ Coleman Hough, screenwriter

"Rachel Resnick's Writers On Fire in France retreat proved to be an intense and invigorating experience. I pushed myself to write beyond my usual boundaries and experienced seismic shifts in my writing after attending this workshop. Rachel has the rare ability to inspire and guide a writer on his or her own individual journey."

~ Monica Carter, bookstore bandleader and writer

"I didn't know I needed a writing coach until I started working with Rachel. Within a week she had assessed my work from the dozen clips I gave her, helped me define my "voice" and map out a book proposal -- something I had been attempting to do on my own for the past two years! I thoroughly enjoyed the process and feel that it has been terrific investment of both time and money."

~ Linda Renaud, print journalist and writer of creative non-fiction

"Sometimes it takes a few secrets, a few laughs and Rachel Resnick to go a little deeper and simply write. Rachel's warmth and respect for the writing process just lets the work reveal in ever more intimate layers. Somehow in luxury of sharing writing, doubts slip

away..."

~ Madeleine Gallay, fashion maven and writer

"Whatever you did blew me out of my rut and into territories I have yet to explore and digest. The best single writing experience of my life. Thank you, thank you, thank you."

~ Russell Avery, world traveler, philanthropist and writer

"The writing exercises, where everyone had to read out loud what they had written, trained the brain muscle that had been dormant. More than what I had expected. I wanted to get inspired. I got very inspired plus energized plus left with a smile."

~ Gregor von Bismarck, filmmaker, father and bon vivant

"I loved that the workshop was generative, since it kept it fresh and alive for me -- one who can get lost in moving a word around for a couple of hours. The retreat as a whole was beyond my expectations in all ways. The quality and quantity of work, one-on-one's with Rachel, the writing exercises, the people, setting...wow, wow, wow."

~ Marcia King, personal coach and motivational speaker

Please note: Workshops and retreats are non-refundable. Extra coaching sessions are of course available, and billed at the rate of \$100/hour per quarter hour segments. In-person meetings are for 90 minutes or more.