



Published Authors Will Address Why and How Writers Work

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James Joyce wrote lying down on his stomach. Truman Capote never finished any writing on Friday and changed hotel rooms if the numbers added up to 13. On Monday, October 2nd, at 6 pm at the Benicia Library, a panel of experienced writers will talk about how they work, what inspires them, and what gets them past writer's block. THE PANEL INCLUDES: MYLES KNAPP, KAREN MERCURY, BECKY WHITE, LEE ERIC BERRY, AND LOIS REQUIST.

Myles Knapp, author of the Revenge School vigilante justice series, has enjoyed a successful commercial writing career. As a professional book reviewer he has read 5000 plus thrillers and interviewed dozens of prominent authors including Lee Child, Clive Cussler, Robert Crais, Jon Land. He will share with you their tricks for writing productively. And he will give you a 100% sure cure for writer's block. Myles friends say, "he writes a lot like Hemingway." However, Myles himself says, "Hemingway was verbose." If you like writer's jokes like that, you will find his presentation useful, informative and funny.

L.E. Berry, author of *That One Almighty Thing* was an accomplished visual artist and digital motion producer before becoming a writer. Through studies of Art History, L.E. Berry developed an interest in the art of the pre-Renaissance period troubadours and considers them the world's first Pop Stars. In fact, their literary expressions of romantic love inspired the narrative for "That One Almighty Thing."

Becky Bishop White is a graduate of New York City College, U. C. Berkeley, and Cambridge University. She says of herself. "Family happiness was for others. Friends & music saved me. And a magical meeting with Jim White." She is a published poet and has won many awards for her poetry.

Bestselling author Karen Mercury (pen name: Layla Wolfe) writes in the genre of erotic romance. Her Bare Bones series explores the dark, disturbing life of the biker club in Arizona. Her spinoff series The Bents Zealots MC a gritty saga. She is currently at work on the next installment of the Zealots. Her books have been translated into Italian, French, and Spanish.

Karen lives in Northern California and is the bestselling author of over fifty historical and erotic romances.

Finally, Lois Requist, President of Benicia Literary Arts and former Poet Laureate of Benicia has published three books—*Where Lilacs Bloom*”, *RVing Solo Across America without a cat, dog, man, or gun*”, and *Late Harvest Green*”. She has written and published numerous poems, newspaper columns, travel articles, short stories, and non-fiction pieces. She’s currently working on a memoir called, *Leaving the Faith of our Fathers.*”

A member of the Board of Directors of Benicia Literary Arts, Ann Berliner will moderate the panel. Each panelist will talk about their experiences writing, followed by questions and answers. The public is invited. For more information about Benicia Literary Arts, go to the website, benicialiteraryarts.org.