


WRITER'S DIGEST
NOVEL WRITING
CONFERENCE

Writer's Digest 2017 Conference Recordings

The schedule below includes links to audio recordings from the 2017 event. Hear what you missed from these amazing sessions and consider joining us at the 2018 event!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	<i>Registration</i>
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	DIY MFA Novel-Writing Boot Camp <i>Gabriela Pereira</i>

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27



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Beyond

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	<i>Registration & Exhibits</i>			
9:00 - 10:00 AM	The Creative Process for Writers <i>Bob Mayer</i> AUDIO	Ten Ways To Create Compelling Characters (Even Unlikable Ones!) <i>April Eberhardt</i> AUDIO	The Crossover Chasm: From Writing Novels to Writing Movies... and Back Again <i>Doug Richardson</i> AUDIO	The Rejection Audit <i>Jennie Nash</i> AUDIO
10:15 - 11:15 AM	Make Your First Chapter Matter <i>Sophie Littlefield</i> AUDIO	Creating a Character Board To Bring Your Characters To Life <i>April Eberhardt</i>	All About "High-Concept" Novels <i>Holly Root and Taylor Haggerty</i> AUDIO	The End, Now What? <i>G.S. Prendergast</i> AUDIO
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	The Three Narrative Arcs in Every Story <i>William Kenower</i> AUDIO	Improv Your Characters to Life <i>Jorjeana Marie</i> AUDIO	Page-Turning Secrets for Thrillers and Suspense <i>James Scott Bell</i> AUDIO	Co-Authoring: How to Collaborate Effectively <i>Liz Fenton</i> AUDIO
12:30 - 1:45 PM	<i>Lunch on Your Own</i>			
1:45 - 2:45 PM	The Promise of Premise <i>Larry Brooks</i> AUDIO	Crafting Compelling Character Motivations <i>Susan Meissner</i> AUDIO	Find Success Writing Romance <i>Rachael Herron</i> AUDIO	Your Submission Questions Answered <i>Laurie McLean, Holly Root, Patricia Nelson, Taylor Haggerty, Tyler Moss (Moderator)</i> AUDIO
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Plotting for Pantsers <i>Rachael Herron</i> AUDIO	The Devil is in the Details <i>Nina Sadowsky</i>	Agent Panel: Writing & Publishing for Young Readers <i>Holly Root, Patricia Nelson, Taylor Haggerty, Tyler Moss (Moderator)</i> AUDIO	10 Steps to a Successful Revision <i>Helga Schier</i> AUDIO
4:15 - 5:15 PM	<i>Opening Keynote - Lisa See</i> AUDIO			
5:30 - 6:30 PM	<i>Book Signing with Lisa See</i>			

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

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8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	<i>Registration & Exhibits</i>			
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Writing Dazzling Dialogue <i>James Scott Bell</i> AUDIO	When Nice Characters Do Bad Things: How to Keep Your Protagonist Empathetic <i>Liz Fenton</i> AUDIO	Out-of-This-World Science Fiction & Fantasy <i>Laurie McLean</i> AUDIO	Raising the Bar for Your Story <i>Larry Brooks</i> AUDIO
10:15 - 11:15 AM	Point of View: The What, How & Why of Your Story's Perspective <i>Helga Schier</i> AUDIO	Duel and Multi-POV Novels and How to Make Them Work <i>G.S. Prendergast</i> AUDIO	The Character of Crime: Creating the Character Web in Crime, Mystery/Detective And Thriller Fiction <i>David Corbett</i> AUDIO	Debut Author Panel <i>Robinne Lee, Kristin Rockaway, Lorena Hughes, Tyler Moss (Moderator)</i> AUDIO
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Creating Emotional Depth <i>Sophie Littlefield</i> AUDIO	Making Your Setting a Character <i>Susan Meissner</i> AUDIO	Writing Across Genre <i>Bob Mayer</i> AUDIO	Demystifying Scrivener: Make Your Writing Software Work for You <i>April Davila</i> AUDIO
12:30 - 1:45 PM	<i>Lunch on Your Own</i>			
1:45 - 2:45 PM	Scene Stealers: How to Master the Scene to Build a Page-Turning Plot <i>Jordan Rosenfeld</i> AUDIO	Writing the Hero's Journey <i>Whitney Davis</i> AUDIO	Mystery/Thriller Panel <i>Liz Fenton, James Scott Bell, David Corbett, Nina Sadowsky, Rachel Howzell Hall, Sam Sanders (Moderator)</i> AUDIO	Agent Panel: First Page Critiques <i>Patricia Nelson, April Eberhardt, Laurie McLean, Tyler Moss (Moderator)</i> AUDIO
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Tricks for Beating Writer's Block <i>Nina Sadowsky</i> AUDIO	Writing Conflicted Characters: How to Dramatize Mixed Motives & Other Contradictions <i>David Corbett</i> AUDIO	Diverse Books, Diverse Voices <i>Desiree Zamorano, Rachel Howzell Hall, Robinne Lee, Swati Pandey, Sam Sanders (Moderator)</i> AUDIO	Write It Forward: From Writer to Successful Author <i>Bob Mayer</i> AUDIO
4:15 - 5:15 PM	Concept: Analyzing Your Story's DNA <i>Ara Grigorian</i> AUDIO	Fatal Flaw: The Key to the Kingdom <i>Deb Norton</i> AUDIO	Women's Fiction Panel <i>Liz Fenton, Rachael Herron, Sophie Littlefield, Janis Thomas, Sam Sanders (Moderator)</i> AUDIO	Fearless Writing <i>William Kenower</i> AUDIO
5:30 - 6:30 PM	<i>Central Keynote - Heather Graham</i> AUDIO			
6:30 - 7:30 PM	<i>Book Signing with Heather Graham</i>			
6:30 - 8:00 PM	<i>Halloween Themed Cocktail Reception</i>			

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

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Beyond

8:00 AM – 1:15pm	<i>Registration & Exhibits</i>			
9:00 –10:00 AM	Story Beats: Your Story's Heartbeat <i>Ara Grigorian</i> AUDIO	Writing the Perfectly Imperfect Character: The Character Cues Technique <i>Jordan Rosenfeld</i> AUDIO	Historical Fiction Panel <i>Lorena Hughes, Susan Meissner, Sophie Littlefield, Tyler Moss (Moderator)</i> AUDIO	Tips for Thriving on Any Publication Path <i>Laurie McLean</i> AUDIO
10:15 - 11:15 AM	The Art of Subtext: Writing the Unspeakable <i>Deb Norton</i> AUDIO	Where Story Structure & Character Arc Meet <i>Janis Thomas</i> AUDIO	An Insider's Guide to Audiobooks <i>Jorjeana Marie</i> AUDIO	The Four Perspectives: A System for Revising Everything From One Chapter to a Whole Manuscript <i>Jennie Nash</i> AUDIO
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	<i>Closing Keynote - Neal Shusterman</i> AUDIO			
12:30 -1:30 PM	<i>Book Signing with Neal Shusterman</i>			