



April 8, 2026

Life of a Writer



Sit down to
write for 20
minutes



spend five hours
researching
Byzantine sewer
systems

Newsletter News

**Need a Printed Copy of
the Newsletter?**



See “Quill Master” Tom Bruce tpbruce@aol.com

Announcements

- The WLOV Lending Library is being decommissioned.
- Please pick up your books in the back.
- Unclaimed books will be kept in storage for a time, then donated.



News For Writers

IMPORTANT:

- The next WLOV meeting (May 13th) will be held at **Lake Miona Rec Center** (not Laurel Manor)
- **No WLOV meeting** in June or July.
- August meeting will be at Laurel Manor.



ONCE MORE FOR CLARITY:

The May 13 WLOV Meeting will be at
Lake Miona
(Same bat time (9-11),
different bat channel)

Membership Report

TJ Trapp

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Webmaster's Report

writersleagueofthevillages.com

Paula Howard

pflower777@gmail.com

JOIN NOW

WRITERS LEAGUE THE VILLAGES

MISS THE SPEAKERS AT BOOK EXPO? CLICK HERE TO HEAR THEM

WRITE US AT
WLOVWRITERS@GMAIL.COM

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

JOIN OR RENEW
HERE



OUR next regular MEETING on

April 8, 2026

“Your Ability to Write as it Relates to Your Brain Power”

Tina Getz

Newsletters

Professional Recordings of Events

Upcoming Events

Communications Report



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Member-Recommended Vendor Directory

Audiobook Development



Scott Ellis
Scott Ellis Reads
scott@scottellisreads.com; 413-281-6416
ScottEllisReads.com
Referred by: Phyllis Walters, Barbara Rein

Book Covers & Formatting



Patti Roberts
Paradox Book Covers & Formatting
pattiroberts7@gmail.com
FB: ParadoxBookCoversAndFormatting
Referred by: Carrie Murgittroyd

Calligraphy & Illustration



Carolee Owen (Russell)
carolee1941@icloud.com; 407-497-1065; 352-633-8448
Referred by: Mark Newhouse

Copyediting/Editing/Proofreading



Jan Kovarik
jkovarik52@outlook.com; 407-242-4554
Referred by: Ronald Rolli



Paulette Patch
pipatch1023@yahoo.com; 440-708-8283
Referred by: TBD

Editing and Book Layout



Vickie Harding-Wakee
My Virtual Gal
vickie@myvirtualgal.com; 774-279-6782
MyVirtualGal.com
Referred by: Julie Johnson, Nancy Hellekson



Dashia Yandell
Mighty Pen Editing & Design
dashia@MightyPenDesign.com; 678-982-3247
MightyPenDesign.com
Referred by: Diana Hollingsworth

This directory is provided for information, based on the recommendations of our membership. WLOV is not responsible for vendor performance.

Member-Recommended Vendor Directory

Publishers (Full Service)



Paula Howard
AHA Publishers
pflower777@gmail.com; 352-350-4349
AHAPublishers.com
Referred by: Phyllis Walters, Dave McKeon



Em Hughes
New Book Authors Publishing
contact@newbookauthors.com; 608-960-9110
NewBookAuthors.com
Referred by: Carole Merwath



Newhouse Creative Group

Keith Newhouse
Newhouse Creative Group
keith@newhouse.com
NewhouseCreativeGroup.com
Referred by: Paula Feuerstein, Mark Newhouse



Greg Sharp
Seahill Press
greg@seahillpress.com; 352-801-0426
SeahillPress.com
Referred by: Christine Campbell, Dick Domann



Deb Hall
The Write Insight
deb@thewriteinsight.com
TheWriteInsight.com
Referred by: Donna Hoover

Printing Services



NextDay Flyers
833-684-0187
NextDayFlyers.com
Referred by: Rita Boehm



Jerry Hicks
Ultrex Printing, Inc.
jhicks@ultrexprinting.com; 352-205-8222
UltrexPrinting.com
Referred by: Rita Boehm



Vistaprint
customerservice@vistaprint.com
vistaprint.com
Referred by: Rita Boehm, Paula Howard

Scams and Such

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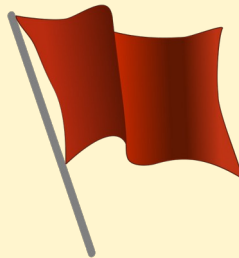
Scam

From: Chris Irwin Davis <info.dallasatheistbookclub@gmail.com>
To: <ritab1423@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Mar 14, 2026 at 11:57 AM
Subject: Literary Editorial Spotlight Invitation for Your Work

Hello Rita,

My name is Chris Irwin Davies, and I'm the organizer of (Book Club), a thoughtful and engaged community of 1,000+ readers who appreciate immersive storytelling, emotional depth, and books that continue to resonate long after the final page.



Scam

From: Jessica Sander <info.bbrisbanewriteclub@gmail.com>

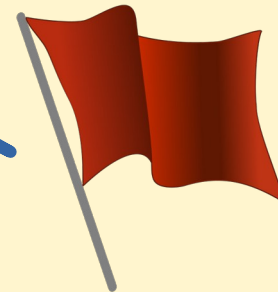
To: bob@robertpeterson.org

Subject: Re: Invitation to Feature Your Work in Our Book Club

Date: Fri, 20 Mar 2026 09:34:50 -0700 (03/20/2026 12:34:50 PM)

Hello **Author Name,**

I see my previous message reached you. I'd appreciate your response so we can proceed with the next steps and finalize the arrangements if you're aligned.



Don't Be a Victim!

The Problem:

- Someone can claim **your** book as **their** audio book.
- Scammers can produce **your** book as an audio book (and make money from your book.)
- They can use AI to do this quickly.
- They can give you a bad name/reputation for bad content, shoddy work, etc.
- Once they do, it's hard to get your rights back.
- You may need to hire an attorney.
- For books in Amazon with a real ISBN number.
- **CHECK IT ANYWAY.**

Don't Be a Victim!

The Solution:

- Go to **acx.com** (Amazon's site for producing audio books).
- Use your Amazon / KDP credentials.
- “Claim” your title.
- You're only “claiming” that you own the rights to your work.
- There is no obligation to produce an audio book.
- This is all free.
- **Claim it even if you don't want to produce an audio book.**

- My Projects
- Find Voices
- Insights
 - Sales Overview
 - Listening Overview
 - Earning Statements
- Marketing
- Help
- ACX Blog
- Audio Lab

My Projects

You have early access to voice replica narration. Create audiobooks quickly and cost-effectively, while continuing to support professional narrators.

[Find voice replica](#) [Learn more](#)

- Titles not posted
- Open for auditions
- Offers 3
- In production 1
- Completed 2
- Programs

Filter Status Sort by: Last updated

You don't have any titles meeting this criteria

Start a new project by claiming your title.

Claim your title

Click here

Your Amazon credentials

Claim your title

If You've Been Scammed

Let us know so we can pass along the info:

wlovwriters@gmail.com

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<https://writerbeware.blog>

All Booked Up

April 14, 2026
11:00 am – 2:00pm
Colony Plaza

- **Sharon Rexroth**
“Iowa from the Sky”
- **Donna Hoover**
“Wandering in the Shadows”
- **Claudia Jacques**
“The House on Beverly Road”



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April 21, Noon – 4
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THE WRITERS LEAGUE OF THE VILLAGES & PATCHINGTON

LOCAL AUTHOR TUESDAYS

3rd Tuesday Every Month

April 21, 2026 - Noon until 4:00 p.m.

Rita M. Boehm, Multi-Award-Winning Author

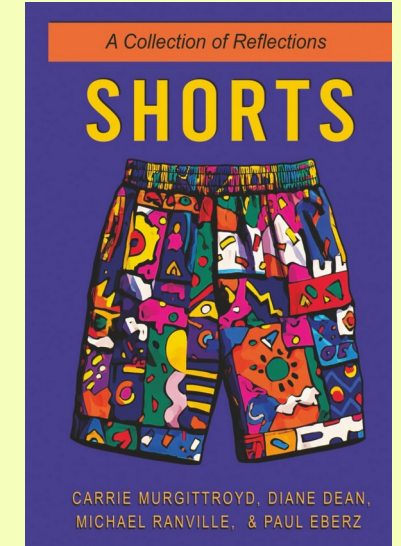
Rita's award-winning books cover a wide range of genres, including Thrillers, International Romantic Suspense, Mystery, and WWII nonfiction. Her children's picture book, a tribute to the lovely bluebirds that raised a family in her garden, was named "Best Children's Book of the Year" in 2019 by the Florida Writers Association.



May 19, 2026 – Frank Lancione, poet, author, and creator of exciting and fun book-play-game murder mysteries

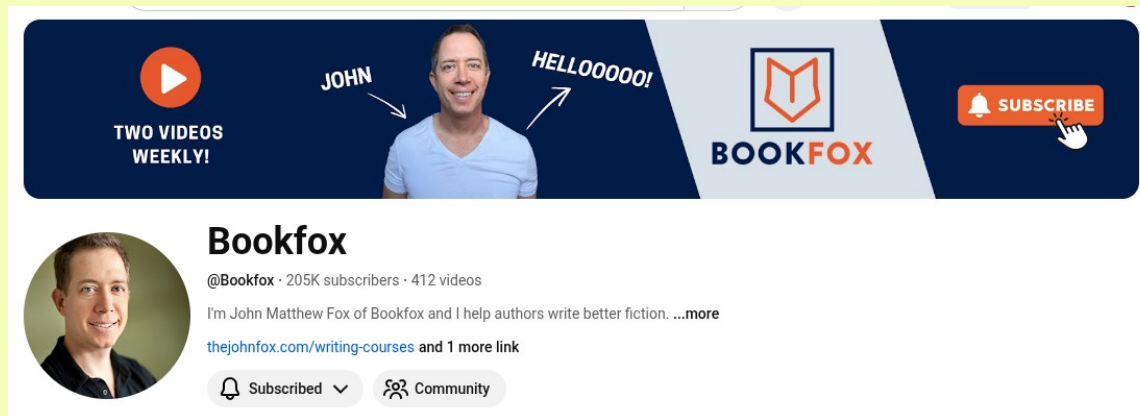
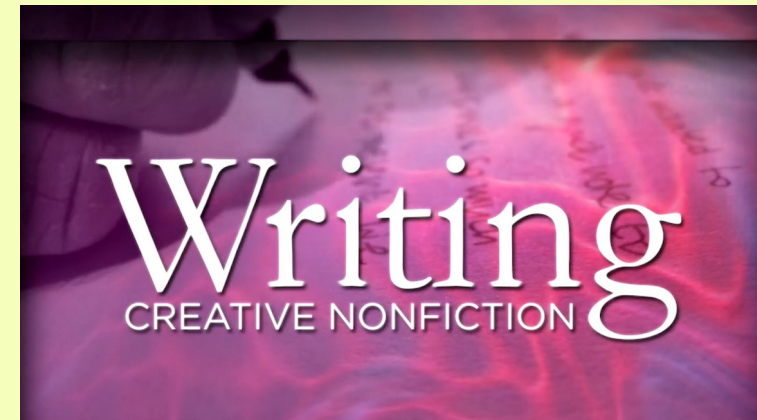
Wine and Words – May 7

First Thursday of every month, 6:30pm, Riverbend Rec. Center (wine optional)



Thursday Masterclass For Writers

Every Thursday, 3:30pm – 5:00pm, Zoom (email invitations sent around 3:00pm)



April Writer Events

Art Park Literary and Poetry Festival:

Saturday April 11, 2026 10:00am – 5:00pm

Tuscawilla Art Park

213 NE 5th Street, Ocala, FL

For more information or to apply online, visit:

<https://www.ocalafl.gov/poetryfest>

This is NOT a WLOV sponsored event

More Events for Writers in April

Florida Writing Workshop

- Friday April 17, 2026 (Orlando)
- Saturday April 18, 2026 (Tampa)

For more information:

<https://floridawritingworkshops.com>

This is NOT a WLOV sponsored event

Opportunities for Writers in April

American University of Paris (AUP)
Summer Creative Writing Institute
www.aup.edu/summer

April 30 deadline for travel stipend.
Program Dates: June 30 – July 22, 2026

This is NOT WLOV-sponsored
See: Mark Newhouse



The flyer features a yellow header with the AUP logo and the text 'The American University of Paris'. Below the header is a photograph of stacks of books. The main content area is white with yellow accents. The title 'Creative Writing' is in yellow. The text describes the institute's location in Paris and the types of workshops offered. A yellow box on the right contains the text 'About AUP Summer School'. At the bottom, a yellow box contains the text 'For more information' and a list of contact options.

AUP The American University of Paris

Creative Writing

Join us at AUP's Summer Creative Writing Institute to write and share your work under the guidance of highly accomplished faculty. From the quaint cafes that once hosted literary giants to the Seine River's poetic backdrop, students in the Summer Creative Writing Institute benefit from the city's atmosphere which has long been home to aspiring writers. Enrolled students select from writing workshops in Poetry, Fiction, or Creative Nonfiction, all of which are designed to help students to read their own work objectively, develop a critical vocabulary, and work deeply on issues of craft.

One evening per week, students from all three workshops come together to attend readings and question-and-answer sessions with inspiring authors.

We are also pleased to offer three competitive travel stipends of up to €500 each to outstanding Creative Writing Institute students. Students wishing to be considered for these stipends will need to submit additional application materials and should be in contact with AUP's Summer School Coordinator for further information at admissions@aup.edu. The deadline to be considered for a travel stipend is April 30, 2026.

Program Dates
June 30 - July 22, 2026

About AUP Summer School

The American University of Paris Summer School allows you to immerse yourself in French culture and history while earning credits toward your degree or as part of your continuing education by auditing classes. Our summer classes provide the ideal mixture of in-class learning and creative exploration of Paris, combining the best of our academic programs with excursions and events around the city.

For more information

- Visit www.aup.edu/summer
- Write to admissions@aup.edu

May Events for Writers

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Contests for Writers

\$30,000 ~ 2500 Words

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April 12th, 2026

\$35 early entry fee

Professionally Judged

International Writing Contest

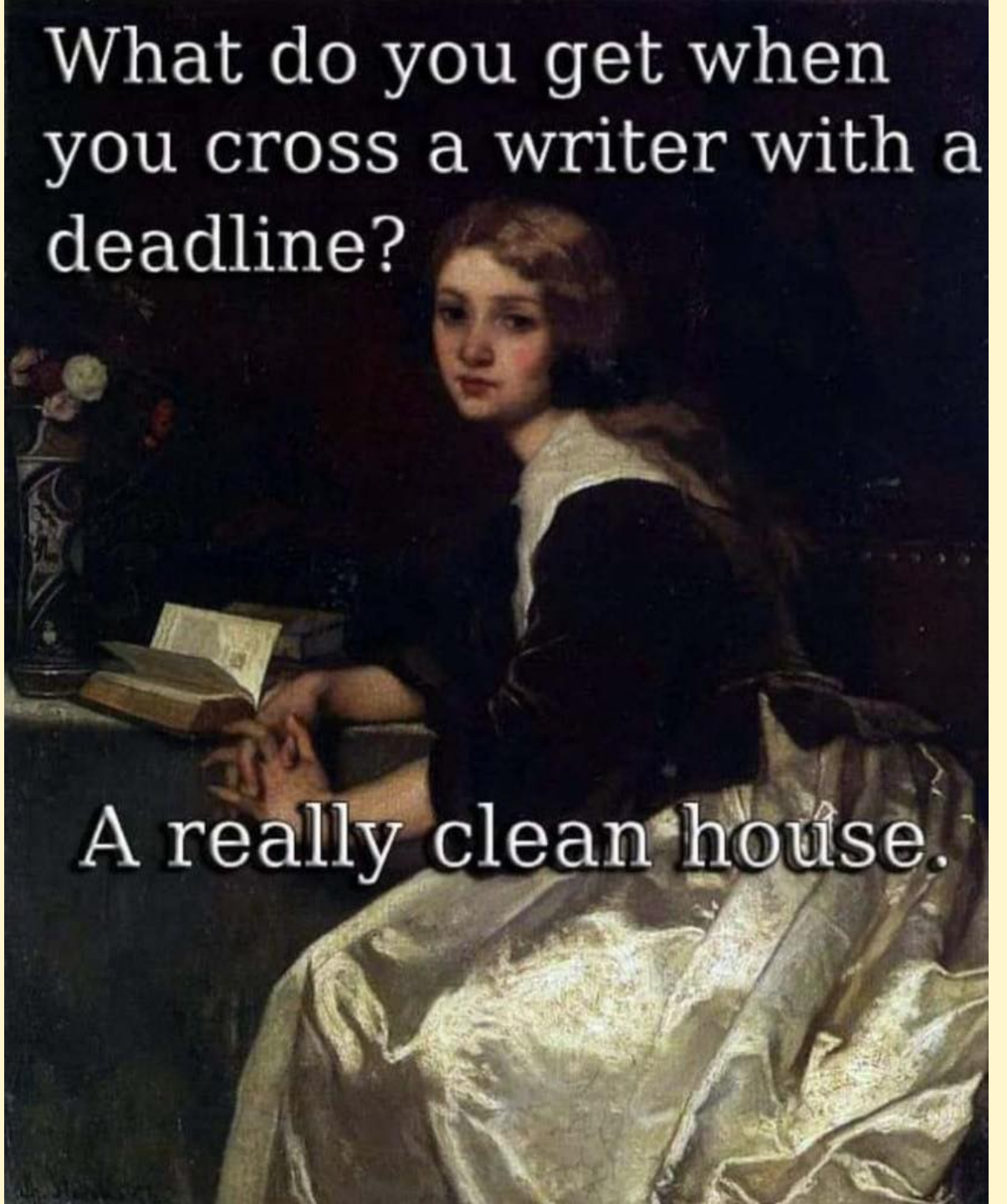


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**Riddle
Me
This**

What do you get when
you cross a writer with a
deadline?

A really clean house.





Tech Tips

with

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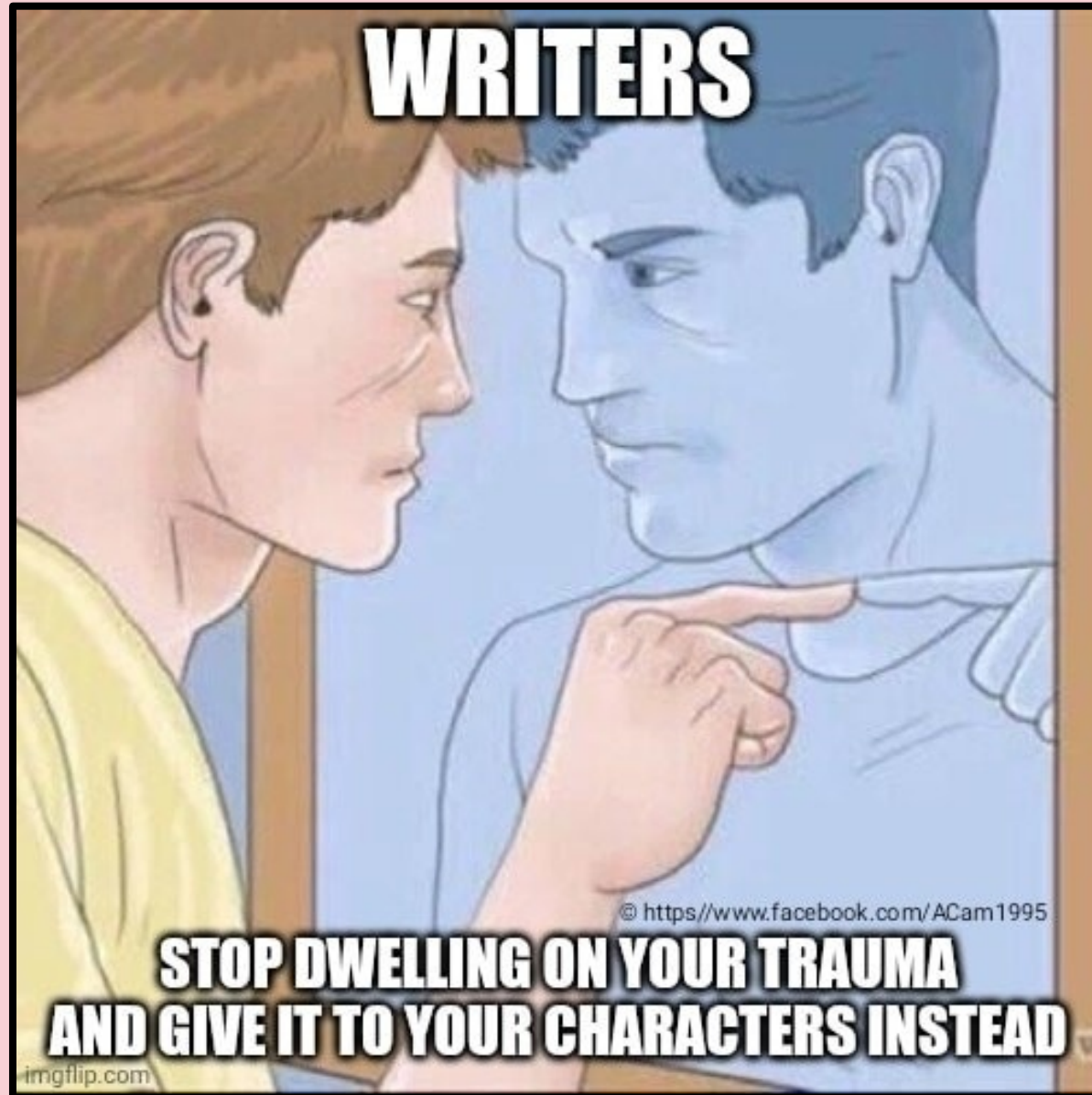
Sunshine Committee

Kathy deMaCarty

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WLOV Words of Wisdom



Call For Volunteers:

- WLOV meeting coffee service (See Pat Minots)
- Education committee (See Casel Burnett)
- Sunshine committee (See Kathy deMaCarty)
- **Book Expo committee** (See Rita Boehm)



Please come up front and tell us:

- Your name
- Where you're from
- About your writing (**Two minutes** or less)

New Publications

Do you have a significant publication, launch, or production to announce?
Please come up front.

Tell us about it in 90 seconds.



(Fill out a form in
the back)





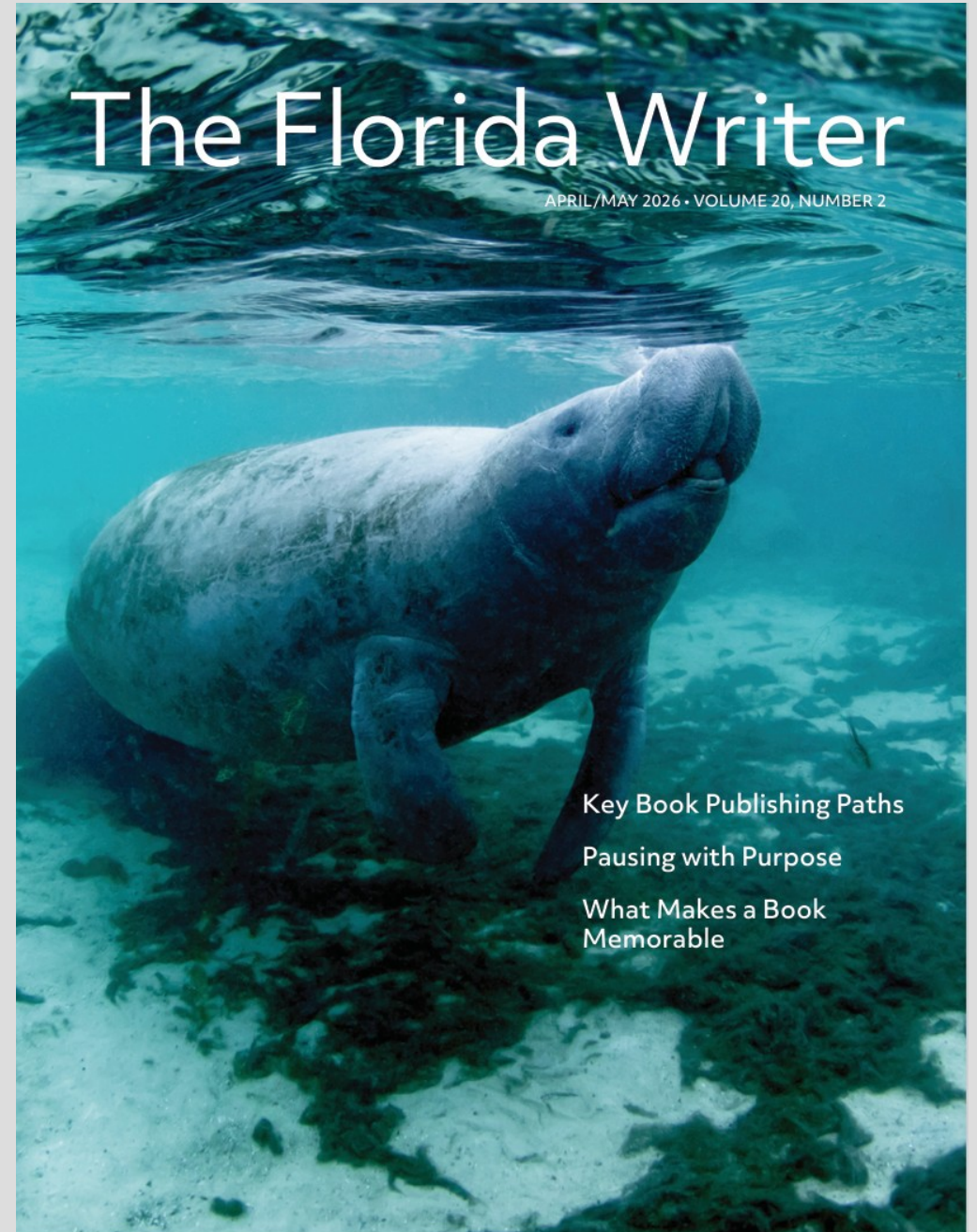
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A Few Of My Favorite
(Conference) Things

How to Reconnect
with a Draft You No
Longer Want to Write

Strategies to Build an
Engaged Email List for
Authors



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Key Book Publishing Paths

Pausing with Purpose

What Makes a Book
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Your Ability to Write as it Relates to Your Brain Power

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