



# WRITER'S DIGEST

## NOVEL WRITING CONFERENCE

**Friday, August 15th, 2014**

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

**Main Conference**

**Developing Ideas for a Publishable Novel**

Fred White, Ph.D, Professor Emeritus, Santa Clara University

5:00 pm - 5:50 pm

**Story Architecture: An Introduction to Structure That Empowers Planners and Pantsers Alike**

Larry Brooks, USA Today Bestselling Author , Darkness Bound, Bait & Switch, and Whisper of the Seventh Thunder

6:00 pm - 6:50 pm

**Opening Keynote - Jonathan Maberry**

Jonathan Maberry, New York Times Bestselling Author , Rot & Ruin, Flesh & Bone, and Code Zero

**Saturday, August 16th, 2014**

9:00 am - 9:50 am

**Your First 50 Pages**

Jeff Gerke, Author

**Living Dialogue Pt 1**

Philip Athans, New York Times Bestselling Author , Annihilation, Baldur's Gate, and Realms of the Elves

10:00 am - 10:50 am

**Deep Scenes: Choosing Just the Right Scenes to Plot Your Novel**

Martha Alderson, Author

Jordan Rosenfeld, Author

**Living Dialogue Pt 2**

Philip Athans, New York Times Bestselling Author , Annihilation, Baldur's Gate, and Realms of the Elves

11:00 am - 11:50 am

**Panel: Ask the Agent**

Annie Bomke, Literary Agent, Annie Bomke Literary Agency

Ken Sherman, Literary Agent, Ken Sherman & Associates

Jill Marr, Acquiring Agent, Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency

**Patience Pays Off: How Josh Malerman Set Bird Box Flying**

Josh Malerman, Novelist, Bird Box

Porter Anderson, Journalist/Critic/Writer/Speaker in Publishing

Carlie Webber, Literary Agent, CK Webber Associates

**Exhibit Break and Lunch on Your Own**

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

1:00 pm - 1:50 pm

**Focus Your Lens: Mastering Point of View**

Jordan Rosenfeld, Author

**How to Hide the Seams for Smooth, Flowing Fiction**

Deborah Halverson, Author, Writing Young Adult Fiction For Dummies, Writing New Adult Fiction, Honk If You Hate Me

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm

**Writing Active Setting**

Mary Buckham, Author, Invisible Fears, Invisible Fate

**Your Story on Steroids: How to Make Your Story Stronger, Bigger, and Better Than Ever**

Larry Brooks, USA Today Bestselling Author, Darkness Bound, Bait & Switch, and Whisper of the Seventh Thunder

3:00 pm - 3:50 pm

**Tricks of the Trade - A recovering journalist shows you how to use the skills and shortcuts of daily reporting to get your novel done on deadline**

Christopher Farnsworth, Author, Nathaniel Cade series

**Plot and Character Transformation in Novels: Character Goals versus Character Traits**

Martha Alderson, Author

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

**The Last Class on Show vs. Tell You'll Ever Need**

Jeff Gerke, Author

**Cinematic Book Trailers: How to Promote the Power of Your Story with Video**

Adam Cushman, President, Red 14 Films

5:00 pm - 5:50 pm

**Finding Your Voice and Your Subject**

David Morrell, New York Times Bestselling Author, First Blood, The Brotherhood of the Rose, and Murder as a Fine Art

1:00 pm - 4:55 pm

**Agent One-on-Ones - Additional Fee Required**

Annie Bomke, Literary Agent, Annie Bomke Literary Agency

Ken Sherman, Literary Agent, Ken Sherman & Associates

Jill Marr, Acquiring Agent, Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency

Carlie Webber, Literary Agent, CK Webber Associates

**Cocktail Reception and Exhibits**

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

**Sunday, August 17th, 2014**

9:00 am - 9:50 am

**Top Ten Signs Your Novel Needs Revision (and How to Fix It)**

Helga Schier, Ph.D., Editor, withpenandpaper.com

10:00 am - 10:50 am

**Cornerstones of Excellence: How to Revise Your Novel From Good to Great**

Barbara O'Neal, Author, The Lost Recipe For Happiness, How to Bake a Perfect Life and seven-time RITA award-winner

11:00 am - 11:50 am

**Crafting the Bulletproof Query Letter**

12:00 pm - 12:50 pm

Carlie Webber, Literary Agent, CK Webber Associates

**10 Ways to Get Your Novel Published Faster**

Susan Shapiro, Journalist/Author/Professor, The New School, New York University

Daniel Smetanka, Executive Editor, Counterpoint Press