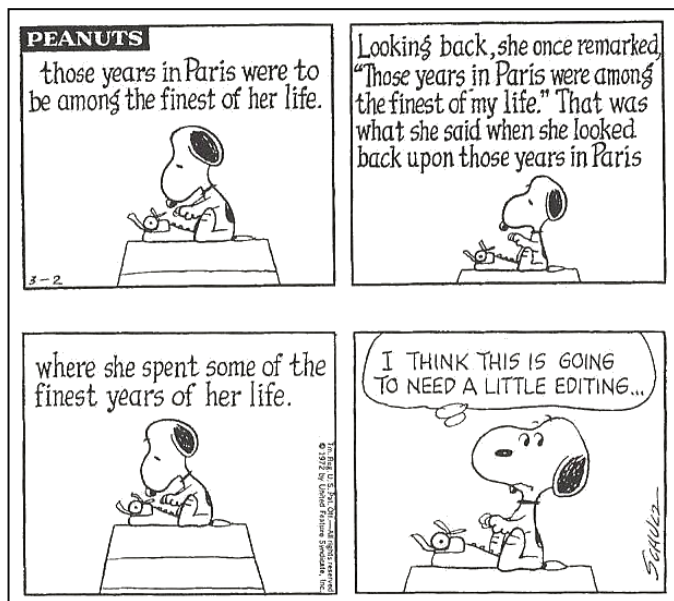


# Just Write Newsletter ~ Vol 8, No. 1 ~ January/February 2019

*Just Write: The At-Large, Online Chapter for the LUW*



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## Writing Quotes

“Don’t wait for moods. You accomplish nothing if you do that. Your mind must know it has to get down to work.” – *Pearl S Buck*

“Make your characters want something right away—even if it’s only a glass of water.” – *Kurt Vonnegut*

“Don't start your story with a character alone in a room unless you're Kafka.” – *Dennis Haritou*

“You must write every single day of your life. You must lurk in libraries and climb the stacks like ladders to sniff books like perfumes and wear books like hats upon your crazy heads.” – *Ray Bradbury*

“Everything you want is on the other side of fear.” – *Jack Canfield*

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## New Members

A hearty welcome to our new members: **Mary** Jensen, **Kathleen** Brown, **Jenni** Gardner, and **Jayrod** Garrett. We’re pleased to have you in our chapter. I hope you have a rewarding experience with Just Write. You are all welcome to join our critique sessions. We hope to meet you in person at a League workshop or conference.

*Welcome !!!*

### **Editorial: Some Prolific Utah Authors I've Met (and envied)**

Through the years I've attended writing conferences and workshops in four states and have had the privilege of meeting many writers. Some of them pen one book every two years while others complete a book every four to six weeks.

Here's a list of six Utah authors whose productivity makes me gasp:

**Cheree Alsop** – I met Cheree at the LUW conference in 2012. She had written and published a couple of books by that time. But since then she has written and published 40 books. I have no idea how she pens this many stories. Maybe she writes 12 hours a day, which would be difficult since she has a family.

<https://www.amazon.com/Cheree-Alsop/e/B006NPWD2Y>

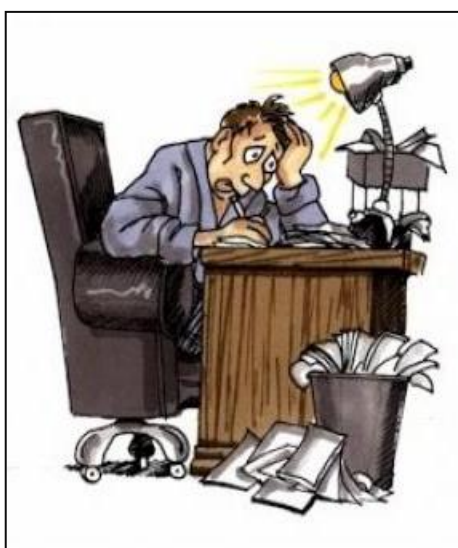
**Leslie Muir** – I met Leslie when she joined the At-Large chapter. She writes Scottish Romance novellas & novels as L L Muir and writes children's books as Leslie Muir. She has a different pen name for her Western Romances. She writes fast. She normally completes a book a month and sometimes two. Yet she still finds time to post on Facebook.

[https://www.amazon.com/L.L.-Muir/e/B00736A0A4/ref=sr\\_tc\\_2\\_0](https://www.amazon.com/L.L.-Muir/e/B00736A0A4/ref=sr_tc_2_0)

**Amy Jarecki** – Amy and family live south of St George. She earned her MBA in Scotland and has written many romance books set in the Scottish Highlands. She also writes international espionage. She is an award-winning and bestselling author. She is crazy prolific, earning enough through her writing to put her children through college.

<https://www.amazon.com/Amy-Jarecki/e/B0061VIGDK>

**Paul Genesse** – Paul often gives presentations at workshops and conferences. He writes fantasy and horror as well as nonfiction. He has also edited quite a few anthologies. At a League writing workshop, I purchased two of his dragon books, which have sold very well, making both Paul and his publisher quite happy. Paul has published an interesting array of books. [https://www.amazon.com/kindle-dbs/entity/author/B001JPCI7S/ref=sr\\_tc\\_2\\_0](https://www.amazon.com/kindle-dbs/entity/author/B001JPCI7S/ref=sr_tc_2_0)



**Larry Correia** – He was an accountant and gun enthusiast who decided to write a novel and hasn't looked back. I met him at LTUE in 2009 when LTUE was held at BYU. At the time, Larry had one paperback book for sale: *Monster Hunter International*. He gave a Monster Hunter badge to everyone who bought his book (I still have mine). Since then, he has written more books than I can count. <https://www.amazon.com/Larry-Correia/e/B002D68HL8>

**James A Hunter** – James isn't only a prolific author, but a good speaker and presenter who I met him at LUW Quills in 2018. By the list of his books on Amazon, he published ten novels in 2018. Really? He writes fantasy and mythology, plus a series of books starring a rugged, hard-living Russian necromancer (of all things). He was a sergeant in the Marine Corps - now he's a stay-at-home dad and a busy author. <https://www.amazon.com/kindle-dbs/entity/author/B00R7T569C>



*In 2019, I hope to be more productive!*

## Writing Conferences and Workshops

**LTUE: February 14-16, 2019 in Provo.** Each day (Thur, Fri & Sat) is full of classes and panels. Their schedule is posted on the website. Hooray, David Farland (aka David Wolverton) is teaching a one-day seminar on Wednesday. He has taught / tutored many best-selling authors, including Brandon Sanderson, Stephanie Meyer, Brandon Mull and James Dashner. This workshop costs \$99, which is a deal because his workshops usually cost \$600 and up. <http://ltue.net/>

**LUW Spring Conference: April 27th, 2019.** Held again at SLCC on 4600 So Redwood Road, SLC from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – registration and check-in from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Cost depends on several factors; check the webpage under Registration. Early Bird pricing ends March 15th. Go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-spring-conference-league-of-utah-writers-registration-50038816447>  
A detailed schedule isn't available yet.

## LUW Writing Contest

It's January, time to start planning what you want to enter in the **LUW Writing Contest**.

The League holds two writing contest each year. The **Creative Writing Contest** is for stories, poetry, articles, and first chapters, while the **Published Book Contest** is for member books (either self-published or traditional published). The categories, fees and awards are different for each contest.

The deadline used to be in June, but in more recent years it has been in May. The League newsletter should contain an announcement; if not, check the website or check with me in a couple of months. These are the Creative Writing Contest categories for 2019:



### PROSE

Flash Fiction  
First Chapter  
Creative Nonfiction  
Short General Fiction  
Speculative (Sci-Fi, Fantasy)  
Horror  
Romance  
Media Article  
Children's story  
Young Adult Fiction  
Personal essay

### POETRY

Narrative poetry  
Light verse  
Prose Poem  
Love/Loss

### NEW WRITER (NEW VOICES)

First Chapter  
Creative nonfiction  
Fiction  
Poetry



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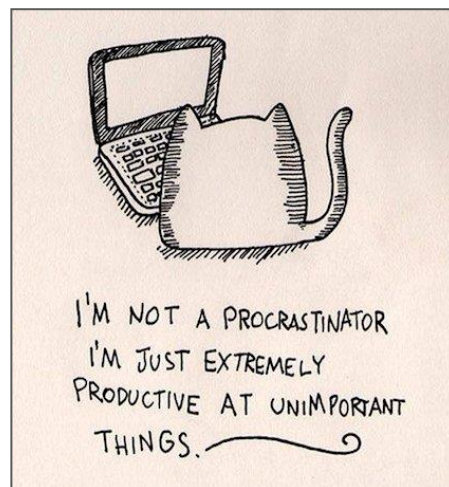
It is exciting to attend the Awards Dinner at the fall conference (some people plan for it all year). Everyone claps to acknowledge the winners, who are given certificates. It's a pleasure to be sitting there when your name is called.

## Just Write Website

The **website** for our chapter, which has a page for members to add a short bio including a link to your website, blog, author page, etc., is about done. Now I need to get it hosted and uploaded. It shouldn't be too long before I can send you a URL and invite you to contribute. *Yay!*

## Resources: Increasing Productivity

- **The Ideal Schedule to Become a More Productive Writer:** by Blake Atwood on The Write Practice website. <https://thewritepractice.com/productive-writer/>
- **Timed Writings – The One Simple Strategy that will Supercharge Your Writing Productivity:** This article explains Anthony Trollope's secret to writing over 45 books. It's posted on the Medium / Personal Growth website: <https://medium.com/personal-growth/the-one-simple-strategy-that-will-supercharge-your-writing-productivity-63a25e226b56> I followed this advice during NaNoWriMo.
- **Finish Your Novel This Year: 10 Writing Productivity Hacks from Now Novel:** The opening begins, "Writing a novel will always take a good deal of hard work, effort and time, but you can still make the process more efficient using these 10 writing productivity hacks." I hope you find the tips useful: <https://www.nownovel.com/blog/writing-productivity-hacks/>
- **How to Become a More Productive Writer:** by John Jantsch for Duct Tape Marketing. This is a quick read with intriguing subtitles like, Be Opinionated, Edit Sober, and Spend the Most Time on the Title. <https://ducttapemarketing.com/more-productive-writer/>



I wish all of us a productive and successful 2019!

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