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Just Write: The At-Large Chapter for the League of Utah Writers



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Writing Quotes

“It is perfectly okay to write garbage – as long as you edit brilliantly.” – *C. J. Cherryb*

“When you sit down to write, write. Don’t do anything else except go to the bathroom, and only do that if it absolutely cannot be put off.” – *Stephen King*

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

“Start writing, no matter what. The water does not flow until the faucet is turned on.” – *Louis L’Amour*

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New Members

Welcome to our new members: Louisa Austin, Kim Novak, and Shirley Westenskow.

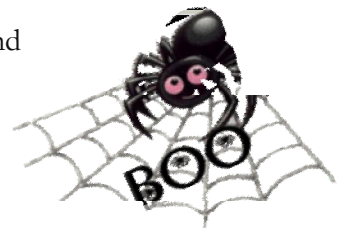
Louisa and Kim live in northern Utah while Shirley lives in a small town in Millard County. We’re pleased to have you with us. :-)

Critique Group

Just Write hosts two Critique/Review sessions a month. All Just Write members are welcome to join our review / critique sessions. You can submit up to 3000 words each session. If you attend each session you can get your book-length manuscript edited and reviewed in no time.

You will find the feedback useful whether you write fiction or nonfiction. We send invitations on the 1st and the 15th. Let us know if you are interested.

Write On!



Conferences, Workshops, Events

► Utah Humanities Book Festival - Book and Author Events throughout October

<https://www.facebook.com/UtahHumanitiesBookFestival>

This is the **20th Annual Utah Book Festival**. Events are held around the state. Want to know when certain authors and genre events will be held in your area? Just check out the interactive Calendar on the Utah Humanities website (you can even download the program):

http://utahhumanities.org/index.php/component/com_bookfestival/Itemid,288/view,bookfest/

For instance, I see that Ally Condie (YA author) will be at the Orem Public Library on the 16th and a literary Murder Mystery event will be held at the Ogden Union Station on the 27th.



► NaNoWriMo '17 – 5 Weeks of training and coaching to write 50,000 words in 30 days

I attended these sessions before and during my first try at NaNoWriMo. Good information, great motivation. Meet with tutors and fellow writers at the Salt Lake Community Writing Center at the Main Library at 210 East 400 South. Meetings start Oct 28th. \$40 includes all meetings and supplies.

► Memoir and Me – 2-part Workshop at SL Community Writing Center

Learn how to create a written snapshot of your life in this memoir-writing workshop and learn how to translate your experiences to the page. This two-part workshop will be held December 6 & 13 (Wednesdays) from 6 to 8 p.m. SL Main Library: 210 East 400 South. Only \$20 includes both days.

Website Review: Horror Story Ideas: Story Writing for Scaring People

This is on the LetterPile website. The horror story landing page contains 27 scary story ideas for writers to use to develop their own scary story. The ideas are grouped like this:



- Horror Story Ideas
- Short Horror Story Ideas that Focus on Creatures and Monsters
- Scary Ghost Story Ideas (Other Things That Go Bump In the Night)
 - Short Scary Story Ideas to Develop at Your Own Leisure
 - Some One-Liner Writing Prompts

The web page includes a Poll where you can vote on the type of horror stories you like to read or write. The site allows you to share horror story ideas of your own.

<https://letterpile.com/writing/horror-story-ideas-story-writing-for-scaring-people>

LetterPile also offers prompts and advice for other creative writing, poetry, humor writing, etc. You can peruse the website but you can also join.

Resources

- ### ► Four Reasons You're Confused About Scene Structure:
- As always, K.M. Weiland doesn't disappoint. I have attended some great story structure presentations, but this one differs a little in that it examines Scene structure – along with examples. Check it out:
<https://www.helpingwritersbecomeauthors.com/scene-structure-2/>

- ▶ **Tension! How to Develop It in your Novel:** If you ignore all the “click here” interruptions, this is a good article about developing emotional tension in your reader. It generally takes tension of some kind to keep your reader turning pages. This article describes various levels of tension along with a definition of conflict. The article is on the NY Book Editors website. <https://nybookeditors.com/2016/10/tension-develop-novel/>
- ▶ **7 Steps to Creating Suspense:** This article is on the Write Practice website, a gem of a place to get writing information. Joe Bunting explains how to use the Dramatic Question in your story to create suspense. <http://thewritepractice.com/7-steps-to-creating-suspense/>



Happy writing!
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