

Speaker's Packet



Faith Harkey

Fictioneer

Writers' Workshops

Conferences

Fiction & Publishing Talks

School Visits

Manuscript Review

Festivals

Panels

Special Events

For the joy of it!

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Workshops

for

Adults

Writing Workshops

½ day to full week

Faith excels in creating supportive yet rigorous workshop experiences. Session topics are drawn mainly from student needs as presented in their work, but also include discussion of fiction and non-fiction references.

Writing and Spirituality

1-3 hours

For many of us, writing is more than a profession — it's a Calling. In this workshop, Faith shares thoughts and practices for a spirit-centered approach to writing fiction. Topics include inspiration, surrender and — in the words of Anne Lamott — "[Getting] out of the way so I can write what wants to be written."

Lectures on Fiction

1-3 hours each

Faith is available to discuss numerous topics in fiction. Subjects may include, but are not limited to:

- **"Lit Like a Burning City":** The words we use to describe spiritual experience in fiction
- **Inanna's Descent:** Using the Sumerian myth of Inanna as a doorway to healing trauma and grief
- **Why Story Matters:** Exploring texts like Pinkola-Estes' *Women Who Run with the Wolves* and Booker's *The Seven Basic Plots* to understand and celebrate the human need for story

The Traditional Publishing Journey

1-3 hours

Faith shares stories and insights from her own publishing journey. Speaking on manuscript submissions, book birthdays and everything in between, she will help writers ready themselves for the rewarding rigors of the traditional publishing industry.

Fiction for Educators

90 minutes

In this workshop, Faith helps teachers and homeschoolers develop confidence around concepts like point of view, plot and theme. Participants are encouraged to bring questions, examples of teaching glitches, and bits of fiction that have stumped them!

About Faith

Faith Harkey is the author of the middle-grade children's novels *Genuine Sweet* and *Sneak Thief*. A bright-spirited and engaging speaker, Faith has a passion for language, fiction and traditional publishing. She is a graduate of the Writer's Workshop at Eckerd College, and makes her home in Tallahassee, Florida.

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These sessions are intended for middle-grade years and up.

Workshops

for

Kids !

For a handy guide to arranging school visits, see:

 <http://faithharkey.com/resources>

Workshop attendees have said . . .

"I could listen to her all day!"

"Holy Moly that was great!"

"Faith is awesome! Very well spoken, knowledgeable and easy to follow."

Adult Workshops continued ...

Reading Like a Writer

1-3 hours

Experienced readers know books can offer companionship, inspiration, and mental vacations. But what about books as writing teachers? In this workshop, Faith teaches participants to read with a writer's eye, so that any book can become a study in the art of writing fiction.

Manuscript Critiques

as part of a larger event only

Combining narrative know-how with respect for authorial vision, Faith offers practical feedback for bringing out the best in fiction.

Special Topics

schedules vary

Would you like to hear about something in particular? Let Faith know!

Author Visit

1 hour

Invite Faith to your school, library or event for a reading of *Genuine Sweet* and/or *Sneak Thief*, a talk about a writer's job, or a *Genuine Sweet* and *Sneak Thief* party!

Intro to Story – Writing Workshop

up to 1 day

In these kid-friendly fiction workshops, Faith offers a nuts-and-bolts introduction to fiction, then creates a supportive atmosphere for kids to share their work and learn how to supportively critique the work of others. Longer workshops include writing sessions where students work from writing prompts. Shorter workshops discuss works that students have written prior to workshop. May include optional **How to Start Your Own Writing Workshop** session (30 minutes). Format depends on grade-level. Small groups (8 or less) strongly suggested.

Start Your Own Book Club

30 mins to 1 hour

Using one of Faith's novels as a starter book, Faith shares ways kids can start their own book clubs. (This works best if students have read Faith's novels prior to workshop!)

I wanna be writer! Now what?

30 mins to 1 hour

For kids considering writing as a career, Faith encourages young authors to think of themselves as writers *now*. Student interest directs the discussion, but topics can include: What should I write about? Do writers go to college? How does a book get published? Are all writers rich? Why writers have to, have to, *have to* read.

Better as a Team

1 hour

Faith and her husband, Drew, share stories from their cross-country adventures, explaining how these travels inspired *Genuine Sweet* and helped create the book's lively trailer and website design. Drew Harkey has been creating digital media for more than a decade.

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How can Faith help your students blossom a love of fiction and writing? Let her know!

