



**Golden Crown Literary Society
2023 Annual Conference
Wednesday June 28 - Registration open from 11:00am - 5:00pm**

Registration Area

	Author Spotlights Colorado D	Panel Room 1 Denver 1-3	Panel Room 2 Denver 4-6	Presentations & Master Classes Colorado H & G	Workshops Colorado A & B	
11:00 AM	Conference Registration 11:00 - 5:00 Registration Area					11:00 AM
11:30 AM						11:30 AM
12:00 PM						12:00 PM
12:30 PM						12:30 PM
1:00 PM						1:00 PM
1:30 PM						1:30 PM
2:00 PM		The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Writers' Reactions to Reviews Moderator Angela Greenman Panel Brooke Campbell, Verónica Gutiérrez, Miranda MacLeod, Ana Hartnett Reichardt, Cindy Rizzo, Kimberly Todd	Behind the Scenes: Making a Book Moderator JoAnne Seador Panel Dena Blake, Alaina Erdell, Milena McKay, Ann Roberts, Em Schrieber	Serious About Series Join us for a presentation about the complexities and organization it takes to write a successful book series. Presenter Nicole Pyland		2:00 PM
2:30 PM						2:30 PM
3:00 PM	Author Spotlight 1 Moderator Cindy Rizzo Featured Authors Adrian J. Smith, Dena Blake, Kat Jackson, Kris Bryant, Zayden Salaam MD	Writing Across the Spectrum: Managing Neurodiversity as an Author Moderator Lynette Beers Panel Rachel Gold, Kimberly Cooper Griffin, Tagan Shepard, Chris Zett				3:00 PM
3:30 PM						3:30 PM
4:00 PM	Author Spotlight 2 Moderator Alicia Gael Featured Authors Tagan Shepard, Rachel Spangler, Catherine Young, Melissa Brayden		The Kids Are All Right: Writing for a Young Adult/ New Adult Audience Moderator Michele M. Reynolds Panel Rachel Gold, Sam Ledel, Erica Lee, Morgan Lee Miller, Ana Hartnett Reichardt, Kristen Zimmer		Writing Reviews Reviews are the best way for a book to get noticed. They don't have to be polished or long to do the job. Learn how to write a good review. Presenter Suzie Carr	4:00 PM
4:30 PM						4:30 PM
5:00 PM	Con Newbies 5:00 - 5:45					5:00 PM
5:30 PM						5:30 PM
6:00 PM	Welcome Reception Sponsored by The Gill Foundation 5:30 - 6:30					6:00 PM

GCLS Diversity and Inclusion Statement

In line with our mission of providing a safe, inclusive space, GCLS has adopted a Code of Conduct for participation in all GCLS events.

The Code of Conduct can be found on the GCLS website. Event hosts will take corrective action as immediately as possible in response to any behaviors outlined in the Code, including racist, transphobic, sexist, or otherwise discriminatory language.

Anyone who witnesses such behaviors is invited and encouraged to express concerns to event hosts who will follow up with proper discretion to address harm with the objective of providing safe and inclusive spaces for GCLS-sponsored programs.



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	Author Spotlights Colorado D	Panel Room 1 Denver 1-3	Panel Room 2 Denver 4-6	Presentations & Master Classes Colorado H & G	Workshops Colorado A & B		
8:00 AM	Special Author Spotlight Writing Academy Graduates Moderator Lynnette Beers Featured Authors Alicia Gael, Anne Virtue, Frankie Fyre, KC Laine, Milena McKay, Anna Gramlich				Morning Journaling Start your conference day off with a guided journaling session. Led By Writing Academy Staff	8:00 AM	
8:30 AM						8:30 AM	
9:00 AM	Author Spotlight 3 Moderator Angela Greenman Featured Authors A.L. Duncan, Becky Bohan, Sam Ledel, Jenn Alexander, Aurora Rey	Who Done It Better? Cozies v Procedurals Moderator Katherine Rupley Panel E.J. Cochrane, Katherine V Forrest, Judy Kerr, Catherine Maiorisi, Stacy Lynn Miller, Ann Roberts	Editors and Authors: Labors of Love Moderator Maria Kaj Panel Nancy Ashmore, Cindy Cresap, Heather Flournoy, Cheri Ritz, Ruth Sternglantz			9:00 AM	
9:30 AM				The Agent Game Gaining representation is not impossible. Learn how to go about this daunting process.		9:30 AM	
10:00 AM		Self-Publishing for Success Moderator KC Luck Panel Lila Bruce, J.E. Leak, Erica Lee, Jamey Moody, Nicole Pyland, Stephanie Shea	Writing with an Emotional Core Moderator Anne Shade Panel Georgia Beers, Melissa Brayden, Felice Cohen, A.L. Duncan, E. J. Noyes, Ali Vali	Presenter Elle Ire	Character Development Digging into the complexity of your characters can be the secret to making a good story great. Learn how to tap into your characters' hidden pasts, uncover their weaknesses and shame, and discover what makes readers love them. Presenters Tammy Bird & Finnian Burnett	10:00 AM	
10:30 AM							
11:00 AM	Author Spotlight 4 Moderator Kat Jackson Featured Authors Luc Dreamer, Darlene Bos, Cindy Rizzo, Jennifer Karter, Lila Bruce, Serena J. Bishop	Spilling the Ink: Behind the scenes of the GCLS Writing Academy Moderator Lynnette Beers Panel Jenn Alexander, Frankie Fyre, Milena McKay, Katherine Rupley, J. Torres	The Black Experience in Sapphic Literature Moderator Maria Peña Panel Sheree L. Greer, Patrice James, Anissa McIntyre, Anne Shade, Elizabeth Wallace	Two to Tango How to launch a successful co-writing partnership. Presenters Jaime Clevenger & Aurora Rey		11:00 AM	
11:30 AM						11:30 AM	
12:00 PM	Lunch					12:00 PM	
12:30 PM	Colorado F & E					12:30 PM	
1:00 PM		Writing Nonbinary Characters Moderator Aurora Rey Panel Finnian Burnett, Jaime Clevenger, Karin Kallmaker, Rachel Spangler		The Business of Sapphic Kisses Let's talk about the dollars and cents (sense) of sapphic authorpreneurship. Presenter Susy Chandler	Plotting a Novel Whether you're a plotter or a pantsler, having a plan when writing a book will help you keep moving forward. Learn the secrets of plotting from an expert. Presenter Georgia Beers	1:00 PM	
1:30 PM	Author Spotlight 5 Moderator Adrian J. Smith Featured Authors Ana Hartnett Reichardt, E.J. Cochrane, Jessie Chandler, Shannon O'Connor, S.W. Andersen		Fan Fiction: A Multi-Tool for Writers Moderator Pol Robinson Panel K. Aten, Virginia Black, Shawn Marie Bryan, Patrice James, Milena McKay, Jazzy Mitchell				1:30 PM
2:00 PM							2:00 PM
2:30 PM	Snack Break					2:30 PM	
	Colorado F & E						
3:00 PM	Author Spotlight 6 Moderator TBD Featured Authors Ana K. Wrenn, Brenda Murphy, Judy Kerr, TJ O'Shea, Ali Vali	Readers Sound Off: Controversies Edition Moderator Tagan Shepard Panel Michelle Dunkley, Laura Green, Anne Hart, Millie Ireland, Patrice James, Shiki		Writing Short Shorts It seems like everyone is into flash fiction these days. Learn why writing these very short stories is fun and can make you a better writer. Presenters Finnian Burnett & Kimberly Cooper Griffin	Self-editing Before a book is ready to be published, the manuscript goes through various stages of editing. Self-edits are the first step. Learn how to revise your manuscript before sending it off to your editor. Presenters Barbara Ann Wright & Jerry Wheeler	3:00 PM	
3:30 PM						3:30 PM	
4:00 PM	Author Spotlight 7 Moderator Krystina Rivers Featured Authors Angela Greenman, Britney Jackson, Jaime Clevenger, K. Aten, Lynette Yetter	No Writer is an Island Moderator Nan Campbell Panel Karen D. Badger, Serena J. Bishop, Luc Dreamer, KC Luck, T.B. Markinson, Anne Pace	I Don't Remember Signing Up for This Moderator Michele M. Reynolds Panel Jenny Fielder, Maria Kaj, Kate Kelly, Bridget Nelson			4:00 PM	
4:30 PM						4:30 PM	
5:00 PM		GCLS After Hours Presents: Creators Connect Moderator Suzie Carr Panel Serena Bishop, J.E. Leak, Anne Pace, Adrian J. Smith		Colorado J Friends of Bill W (5-5:30)	Mattie Silks	5:00 PM	
5:30 PM					BIPOC Attendee Meetup 5:00-6:00	5:30 PM	



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	Author Spotlights Colorado D	Panel Room 1 Denver 1-3	Panel Room 2 Denver 4-6	Presentations & Master Classes Colorado H & G	Workshops Colorado A & B	
8:00 AM					Morning Journaling Start your conference day off with a guided journaling session. Led By Writing Academy Staff	8:00 AM
8:30 AM						8:30 AM
9:00 AM	Author Spotlight 8 Moderator Carleen Spry	Readers Panel: Fanfic Did It Better Moderator Rachel Gold	The Importance of Place: Colorado's Writers and Readers Set the Context for GCLS 2023 Moderator M.J. Lowe	Let's Talk About Imposter Syndrome Tips, tricks, and the emotional journey to becoming the badass you already are. Presenter Aurora Rey		9:00 AM
9:30 AM	Featured Authors Ann Roberts, Brooke Campbell, E.J. Noyes, Karen D. Badger, Lynn Ames, Karin Kallmaker	Panel K. Aten, Virginia Black, Patrice James, Tagan Shepard	Panel Jaime Clevenger, Nicole Disney, Kimberly Cooper Griffin, Sam Ledel, Jaycie Morrison, Bryce Oakley,			9:30 AM
10:00 AM		How Many Times Did I Use That Word? Moderator Ann Roberts	Building Positive and Safe Reader/Author Interactions Moderator Rachel Spangler		Flash Fiction Less is sometimes more, but it doesn't mean it's easy. Learn how to write a compelling flash fiction story. Presenters Finnian Burnett & Kimberly Cooper Griffin	10:00 AM
10:30 AM		Panel Nat Burns, Heather Floumoy, Jennifer Karter, KG MacGregor, Jazzy Mitchell, Adrian J. Smith	Panel Lynn Ames, Georgia Beers, Kris Bryant, Milena McKay, E. J. Noyes	10:30 AM		
11:00 AM	Author Spotlight 9 Moderator Ali Vali	When Light Speed Engines Go Boom: The Art of Science in Fiction Moderator Chris Zett	"So I Had This Idea..." Moderator Karin Kallmaker			11:00 AM
11:30 AM	Featured Authors Ann Tonnell, Cade Haddock Strong, Elle Ire, Georgia Beers, Lynnette Beers, Verónica Gutiérrez	Panel Katherine V Forrest, Britney Jackson, S Y Thompson, Barbara Ann Wright, Catherine Young	Panel Nan Campbell, Kat Jackson, Morgan Lee Miller, T J O'Shea, Ana K. Wrenn			11:30 AM
12:00 PM	Lunch					12:00 PM
12:30 PM	Colorado F & E					12:30 PM
1:00 PM		Suspense! It's Not Just for Thrillers! Moderator Aurora Rey		Finding Your Resilience and Passion How to stay positive while navigating your career as a writer. Presenter Brenda Murphy	Social Media for the Author Join Melissa Brayden as she outlines the hits and misses of growing an author brand. Let's take over Booktok together, one helpful step at a time! Presenter Melissa Brayden	1:00 PM
1:30 PM	Author Spotlight 10 Moderator Ana Hartnett Reichardt	Panel Virginia Black, Elle Ire, Kat Jackson, Rita Potter, Ali Vali, Ana K. Wrenn	Discovering the Story in Disability Moderator Jenn Alexander			1:30 PM
2:00 PM	Featured Authors Anne Shade, Cheri Ritz, Felice Cohen, Jaycie Morrison, Maria Kaj, Reba Birmingham		Panel Darlene Bos, Jessie Chandler, E.J. Cochrane, Barbara Ann Wright			2:00 PM
2:30 PM	Snack Break					2:30 PM
	Colorado F & E					
3:00 PM	Author Spotlight 11 Moderator Jaycie Morrison	Breaking the Mold in the Happily Ever After Moderator Pol Robinson	Author Branding (and Taglines) Moderator Lynn Ames	Replacing Doubt with Certainty: Finding Your Confidence and Self-Belief in Writing Doubt is a common problem writers face, and self-care is important to get past it. We'll talk about how to do it. Presenters Natalie Miller-Snell	Optimizing Amazon for Book Sales Learn algorithms and effective settings to optimize your book's visibility on Amazon. Presenters Rebecca Quirk	3:00 PM
3:30 PM	Featured Authors Annette Mori, Carolyn Elizabeth, Finnian Burnett, KC Luck, MB Panichi, Nat Burns	Panel K. Aten, Tammy Bird, Reba Birmingham, Becky Bohan, Lindsay Henry, Jazzy Mitchell	Panel Kris Bryant, Kate Castle, Karin Kallmaker, Miranda MacLeod, Krystina Rivers, Anne Shade			3:30 PM
4:00 PM	Author Spotlight 12 Moderator Serena J. Bishop	We All Scream for Sex Scenes! Moderator Jaime Clevenger	Trends in Sapphic Literature and Publishing Moderator TBD			4:00 PM
4:30 PM	Featured Authors Jazzy Mitchell, Catherine Maiorisi, J.E. Leak, Barbara Ann Wright, Nan Campbell, Krystina Rivers	Panel Georgia Beers, Melissa Brayden, Brenda Murphy, Meghan O'Brien, Aurora Rey, Rachel Spangler	Panel Lynn Ames, Katherine V Forrest, KC Luck, Ruth Sternglanz		4:30 PM	
5:00 PM		GCLS After Hours Presents: Passion Pursued, Passion Caught Moderator Ana K. Wrenn		Colorado J		5:00 PM
5:30 PM		Panel Virginia Black, Nan Campbell, Carolyn Elizabeth, Elle Ire, Shannon O'Connor, Kristen Zimmer			Friends of Bill W (5-5:30)	5:30 PM
6:00 PM						6:00 PM
8:00 PM	OFFSITE					8:00 PM
	Karaoke					
	At Blush & Blu, 1526 E Colfax Ave, Denver 8:00 - ??					



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Saturday, July 1 - Vendor Room Open from 9:00am - 3:00pm

	Author Spotlights Colorado D	Panel Room 1 Denver 1-3	Panel Room 2 Denver 4-6	Presentations & Master Classes Colorado H & G	Workshops Colorado A & B	
8:00 AM						8:00 AM
8:30 AM						8:30 AM
9:00 AM	Additional Speaker					9:00 AM
9:30 AM	Denver 1-6					9:30 AM
10:00 AM	Start Time TBD, 8:30 or 9:00-10:00					10:00 AM
10:30 AM	Keynote Denver 1-6 10:00-12:00					10:30 AM
11:00 AM						11:00 AM
11:30 AM						11:30 AM
12:00 PM						12:00 PM
12:30 PM	Lunch					12:30 PM
1:00 PM	Colorado F & E					1:00 PM
1:30 PM	Author Signing Penrose Room 1:00-3:00					1:30 PM
2:00 PM						2:00 PM
2:30 PM						2:30 PM
3:00 PM						3:00 PM
3:30 PM	Awards Rehearsal Denver 1-6 3:00-4:00					3:30 PM
4:00 PM						4:00 PM
4:30 PM	Awards Buffet Denver 1-6 6:00-7:00					4:30 PM
5:00 PM						5:00 PM
5:30 PM						5:30 PM
6:00 PM						6:00 PM
6:30 PM	Awards Ceremony Denver 1-6 7:00-9:00					6:30 PM
7:00 PM						7:00 PM
7:30 PM	Awards Celebration and Dance Denver 1-6 9:00-1:00am					7:30 PM
8:00 PM						8:00 PM
8:30 PM						8:30 PM
9:00 PM						9:00 PM
9:30 PM						9:30 PM

Sunday, July 2 - Bookseller Open from 9:00am - 12:00

	Author Spotlights Colorado D	Panel Room 1 Denver 1-3	Panel Room 2 Denver 4-6	Presentations & Master Classes Colorado H & G	Workshops Colorado A & B	
9:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet and Closing Remarks Colorado F & E 9:00-11:00					9:00 AM
9:30 AM						9:30 AM
10:00 AM						10:00 AM
10:30 AM						10:30 AM