



**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		<b>Conference Registration</b>					11:00 AM
11:30 AM							11:30 AM
12:00 PM							12:00 PM
12:30 PM		11:00 - 5:00					12:30 PM
1:00 PM		Registration Area					1:00 PM
1:30 PM							1:30 PM
2:00 PM			<b>The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Writers' Reactions to Reviews</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Angela Greenman  <b>Panel</b> Brooke Campbell, Verónica Gutiérrez, Miranda MacLeod, Ana Hartnett Reichardt, Cindy Rizzo, Kimberly Todd  Sponsored by: <b>Georgia Beers</b>	<b>Behind the Scenes: Making a Book</b>  <b>Moderator</b> JoAnne Seador  <b>Panel</b> Dena Blake, Alaina Erdell, Milena McKay, Ann Roberts, Em Schreiber	<b>Serious About Series</b> Join us for a presentation about the complexities and organization it takes to write a successful book series.  <b>Presenter</b> Nicole Pyland		
2:30 PM						2:30 PM	
3:00 PM		<b>Author Spotlight 1</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Cindy Rizzo	<b>Writing Across the Spectrum: Managing Neurodiversity as an Author</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Lynnette Beers  <b>Panel</b> Rachel Gold, Kimberly Cooper Griffin, Nicole Pyland, Tagan Shepard, Chris Zett  Sponsored by: <b>Tracy Ritter</b>		<b>Writing the Unseen: Invisible Illness</b> It takes a deft pen to write about illness, especially when the illness isn't obvious. Learn more about how to approach it in your writing with sensitivity.  <b>Presenter</b> Barbara Ann Wright	3:00 PM	
3:30 PM		<b>Featured Authors</b> Adrian J. Smith, Dena Blake, Kat Jackson, Kris Bryant, Zayden Salaam MD				3:30 PM	
4:00 PM		<b>Author Spotlight 2</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Alicia Gael		<b>The Kids Are All Right: Writing for a Young Adult/ New Adult Audience</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Michele M. Reynolds  <b>Panel</b> Rachel Gold, Sam Ledel, Erica Lee, Morgan Lee Miller, Ana Hartnett Reichardt, Kristen Zimmer  Sponsored by: <b>Ann de Mooij</b>		<b>Writing Reviews</b> 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.  <b>Presenter</b> Suzie Carr	4:00 PM
4:30 PM		<b>Featured Authors</b> Carol Anne Douglas, Tagan Shepard, Rachel Spangler, Catherine Young, Melissa Brayden				4:30 PM	
5:00 PM		<b>Con Newbies</b>				5:00 PM	
5:30 PM		5:00 - 5:45					5:30 PM
6:00 PM		<b>Welcome Reception</b> Sponsored by: <b>The Gill Foundation</b> 5:30 - 6:30  Registration Area					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.*

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8:00 AM	<b>Special Author Spotlight Writing Academy Graduates</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Lynnette Beers  <b>Featured Authors</b> Alicia Gael, Anne Virtue, Frankie Fyre, KC Laine, Milena McKay, Anna Gramlich  Sponsored by: <b>Anne Virtue</b>				<b>Morning Journaling</b> Start your conference day off with a guided journaling session.  <b>Led By</b> Writing Academy Staff	8:00 AM
8:30 AM						8:30 AM
9:00 AM	<b>Author Spotlight 3</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Angela Greenman  <b>Featured Authors</b> A.L. Duncan, Becky Bohan, CA Farlow, Sam Ledel, Jenn Alexander, Aurora Rey	<b>Who Done It Better? Cozies v Procedurals</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Katherine Rupley  <b>Panel</b> E.J. Cochrane, Katherine V Forrest, Judy Kerr, Catherine Maiorisi, Stacy Lynn Miller, Ann Roberts	<b>Editors and Authors: Labors of Love</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Maria Kaj  <b>Panel</b> Nancy Ashmore, Cindy Cresap, Heather Flounoy, Cheri Ritz, Ruth Sternglantz	<b>The Agent Game</b> Gaining representation is not impossible. Learn how to go about this daunting process.		9:00 AM
9:30 AM						
10:00 AM		<b>Self-Publishing for Success</b>  <b>Moderator</b> KC Luck  <b>Panel</b> Lila Bruce, J.E. Leak, Erica Lee, Jamey Moody, Nicole Pyland, Stephanie Shea	<b>Writing with an Emotional Core</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Anne Shade  <b>Panel</b> Georgia Beers, Melissa Brayden, Felice Cohen, A.L. Duncan, E. J. Noyes, Ali Vali	<b>Presenter</b> Elle Ire  Sponsored by: <b>Tracy Ritter</b>	<b>Character Development</b> 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.  <b>Presenters</b> Tammy Bird & Finnian Burnett  Sponsored by: <b>Jennifer Bilskis</b>	10:00 AM
10:30 AM						
11:00 AM	<b>Author Spotlight 4</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Kat Jackson  <b>Featured Authors</b> Luc Dreamer, Benna Bos, Cindy Rizzo, Jennifer Karter, Lila Bruce, Serena J. Bishop	<b>Spilling the Ink: Behind the scenes of the GCLS Writing Academy</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Lynnette Beers  <b>Panel</b> Jenn Alexander, Frankie Fyre, Milena McKay, Katherine Rupley, J. Torres, Anne Virtue	<b>The Black Experience in Sapphic Literature</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Maria Peña  <b>Panel</b> Liz the Dreamer, Sheree L. Greer, Patrice James, Anissa McIntyre, Anne Shade  Sponsored by: <b>Anne Hart</b>	<b>Two to Tango</b> How to launch a successful co-writing partnership.  <b>Presenters</b> Jaime Clevenger & Aurora Rey		11:00 AM
11:30 AM						
12:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>					12:00 PM
12:30 PM	<b>Colorado F &amp; E</b>					12:30 PM
1:00 PM		<b>Writing Nonbinary Characters</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Aurora Rey  <b>Panel</b> Finnian Burnett, Jaime Clevenger, Karin Kallmaker, Rachel Spangler	<b>Fan Fiction: A Multi-Tool for Writers</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Pol Robinson  <b>Panel</b> K. Aten, Virginia Black, Shawn Marie Bryan, Patrice James, Milena McKay, Jazzy Mitchell  Sponsored by: <b>S.Y.Thompson</b>	<b>The Business of Sapphic Kisses</b> Let's talk about the dollars and cents (sense) of sapphic authorpreneurship.  <b>Presenter</b> Susy Chandler	<b>Plotting a Novel</b> Whether you're a plotter or a pantsier, having a plan when writing a book will help you keep moving forward. Learn the secrets of plotting from an expert.  <b>Presenter</b> Georgia Beers  Sponsored by: <b>K. L. Gallagher</b>	1:00 PM
1:30 PM	<b>Author Spotlight 5</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Adrian J. Smith					
2:00 PM	<b>Featured Authors</b> Ana Hartnett Reichardt, Blythe H. Warren, Jessie Chandler, Lizbette Ocasio-Russe, Shannon O'Connor, S.W. Andersen					2:00 PM
2:30 PM	<b>Snack Break</b> Sponsored by: <b>Melissa Brayden / NCLR / S.Y. Thompson</b>					2:30 PM
	<b>Colorado F &amp; E</b>					
3:00 PM	<b>Author Spotlight 6</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Carol Anne Douglas  <b>Featured Authors</b> Ana K. Wrenn, Brenda Murphy, Judy Kerr, TJ O'Shea, Ali Vali	<b>Readers Sound Off: Controversies Edition</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Tagan Shepard  <b>Panel</b> Anna Gramlich, Michelle Dunkley, Laura Green, Anne Hart, Millie Ireland, Patrice James	<b>I Don't Remember Signing Up for This</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Michele M. Reynolds  <b>Panel</b> Jenny Fielder, Maria Kaj, Kate Kelly, Bridget Nelson	<b>Writing Short Shorts</b> 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.  <b>Presenters</b> Finnian Burnett & Kimberly Cooper Griffin  Sponsored by: <b>NanBec</b>	<b>Self-editing</b> 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.  <b>Presenters</b> Barbara Ann Wright & Jerry Wheeler  Sponsored by: <b>Katherine Rupley</b>	3:00 PM
3:30 PM						
4:00 PM	<b>Author Spotlight 7</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Krystina Rivers  <b>Featured Authors</b> Angela Greenman, Britney Jackson, Jaime Clevenger, K. Aten, Lynette Yetter	<b>No Writer is an Island</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Nan Campbell  <b>Panel</b> Karen D. Badger, Serena J. Bishop, Luc Dreamer, KC Luck, T.B. Markinson, Anne Pace  Sponsored by: <b>Georgia Beers</b>				4:00 PM
4:30 PM						4:30 PM
5:00 PM		<b>GCLS After Hours Presents: Creators Connect</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Suzie Carr  <b>Panel</b> Serena Bishop, J.E. Leak, Anne Pace, Adrian J. Smith		<b>Colorado J</b>  <b>Friends of Bill W (5-5:30)</b>	<b>Mattie Silks</b>  <b>BIPOC Attendee Meetup</b> 5:00-6:00	5:00 PM
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					<b>Morning Journaling</b> Start your conference day off with a guided journaling session.  <b>Led By</b> Writing Academy Staff	8:00 AM
8:30 AM						8:30 AM
9:00 AM	<b>Author Spotlight 8</b> <b>Moderator</b> Carleen Spry  <b>Featured Authors</b> Ann Roberts, Brooke Campbell, E. J. Noyes, Karen D. Badger, Lynn Ames, Karin Kallmaker  Sponsored by: <b>Michele Karlsberg</b>	<b>Readers Panel: Fanfic Did It Better</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Rachel Gold  <b>Panel</b> K. Aten, Virginia Black, Patrice James, Nicole Pyland, Tagan Shepard	<b>The Importance of Place: Colorado's Writers and Readers Set the Context for GCLS 2023</b>  <b>Moderator</b> M.J. Lowe  <b>Panel</b> Jaime Clevenger, Nicole Disney, Kimberly Cooper Griffin, Sam Ledel, Jaycie Morrison, Bryce Oakley,	<b>Let's Talk About Imposter Syndrome</b> Tips, tricks, and the emotional journey to becoming the badass you already are.  <b>Presenter</b> Aurora Rey  Sponsored by: <b>Patricia Sparks</b>		9:00 AM
9:30 AM						9:30 AM
10:00 AM		<b>How Many Times Did I Use That Word?</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Ann Roberts  <b>Panel</b> Nat Burns, Heather Flournoy, Jennifer Karter, KG MacGregor, Jazzy Mitchell, Adrian J. Smith	<b>Building Positive and Safe Reader/Author Interactions</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Rachel Spangler  <b>Panel</b> Lynn Ames, Georgia Beers, Kris Bryant, Milena McKay, Annette Mori, E. J. Noyes		<b>Flash Fiction</b> Less is sometimes more, but it doesn't mean it's easy. Learn how to write a compelling flash fiction story.  <b>Presenters</b> Finnian Burnett & Kimberly Cooper Griffin  Sponsored by: <b>Katherine Rupley</b>	10:00 AM
10:30 AM						10:30 AM
11:00 AM	<b>Author Spotlight 9</b> <b>Moderator</b> Ali Valli  <b>Featured Authors</b> Ann Tonnell, Cade Haddock Strong, Elle Ire, Georgia Beers, Lynnette Beers, Verónica Gutiérrez	<b>When Light Speed Engines Go Boom: The Art of Science in Fiction</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Chris Zett  <b>Panel</b> Katherine V Forrest, Britney Jackson, S Y Thompson, Barbara Ann Wright, Catherine Young  Sponsored by: <b>Katherine Rupley</b>	<b>"So I Had This Idea..."</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Karin Kallmaker  <b>Panel</b> Nan Campbell, Kat Jackson, Morgan Lee Miller, TJ O'Shea, Ana K. Wrenn  Sponsored by: <b>Katherine Rupley</b>			11:00 AM
11:30 AM						11:30 AM
12:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>					12:00 PM
12:30 PM	<b>Colorado F &amp; E</b>					12:30 PM
1:00 PM		<b>Suspense! It's Not Just for Thrillers!</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Aurora Rey  <b>Panel</b> Virginia Black, Elle Ire, Kat Jackson, Rita Potter, Ali Valli, Ana K. Wrenn	<b>Discovering the Story in Disability</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Jenn Alexander  <b>Panel</b> Benna Bos, Jessie Chandler, E.J. Cochrane, Barbara Ann Wright  Sponsored by: <b>Tracy Ritter</b>	<b>Finding Your Resilience and Passion</b> How to stay positive while navigating your career as a writer.  <b>Presenter</b> Brenda Murphy  Sponsored by: <b>Karin Kallmaker</b>	<b>Social Media for the Author</b> 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!  <b>Presenter</b> Melissa Brayden  Sponsored by: <b>Kris Bryant</b>	1:00 PM
1:30 PM	<b>Author Spotlight 10</b> <b>Moderator</b> Ana Hartnett Reichardt  <b>Featured Authors</b> Anne Shade, Cheri Ritz, Felice Cohen, Jaycie Morrison, Maria Kaj, Reba Birmingham  Sponsored by: <b>Dillon Watson</b>					1:30 PM
2:00 PM						2:00 PM
2:30 PM	<b>Snack Break</b> Sponsored by: Rosa Moran / Nicole Pyland / S.Y. Thompson					2:30 PM
3:00 PM	<b>Author Spotlight 11</b> <b>Moderator</b> Jaycie Morrison  <b>Featured Authors</b> Annette Mori, Carolyn Elizabeth, Finnian Burnett, KC Luck read by Stephanie Németh-Parker, MB Panichi, Nat Burns	<b>Breaking the Mold in the Happily Ever After</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Pol Robinson  <b>Panel</b> K. Aten, Reba Birmingham, Becky Bohan, Lindsay Henry, Jazzy Mitchell, Renee Roman	<b>Author Branding (and Taglines)</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Lynn Ames  <b>Panel</b> Kris Bryant, Kate Castle, Karin Kallmaker, Miranda MacLeod, Krystina Rivers, Anne Shade  Sponsored by: <b>Veterans Storytelling Project</b>	<b>Replacing Doubt with Certainty: Finding Your Confidence and Self-Belief in Writing</b> Doubt is a common problem both writers and readers face alike, and self-care is important to get past it. We'll explore how to do it.  <b>Presenters</b> Natalie Miller-Snell  Sponsored by: <b>Kris Bryant</b>	<b>Optimizing Amazon for Book Sales</b> Learn algorithms and effective settings to optimize your book's visibility on Amazon.  <b>Presenters</b> Rebecca Quirk	3:00 PM
3:30 PM						3:30 PM
4:00 PM	<b>Author Spotlight 12</b> <b>Moderator</b> Serena J. Bishop  <b>Featured Authors</b> Jazzy Mitchell, Catherine Maiorisi, J.E. Leak, Barbara Ann Wright, Nan Campbell, Krystina Rivers	<b>We All Scream for Sex Scenes!</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Jaime Clevenger  <b>Panel</b> Georgia Beers, Melissa Brayden, Brenda Murphy, Meghan O'Brien, Aurora Rey, Rachel Spangler	<b>Trends in Sapphic Literature and Publishing</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Annette Mori  <b>Panel</b> Lynn Ames, Katherine V Forrest, KC Luck, Ruth Sternglantz  Sponsored by: <b>Michele Karlsberg</b>			4:00 PM
4:30 PM						4:30 PM
5:00 PM		<b>GCLS After Hours Presents: Passion Pursued, Passion Caught</b> <b>EXPLICIT</b>  <b>Moderator</b> Ana K. Wrenn  <b>Panel</b> Virginia Black, Nan Campbell, Carolyn Elizabeth, Elle Ire, Shannon O'Connor, Kristen Zimmer		<b>Colorado J</b>  <b>Friends of Bill W (5-5:30)</b>		5:00 PM
5:30 PM						5:30 PM
8:00 PM	<b>OFFSITE</b> <b>Karaoke</b> Sponsored by: Judy "The General" Comella  At Blush & Blu, 1526 E Colfax Ave, Denver 8:00 - ??					8:00 PM



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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	
9:00 AM						9:00 AM
9:30 AM						9:30 AM
10:00 AM	<b>Keynote Address: Lynn Ames</b>					10:00 AM
10:30 AM	Sponsored by:					10:30 AM
11:00 AM	<b>KG MacGregor</b>					11:00 AM
11:30 AM	<b>Denver 1-6</b> 10:00-12:00					11:30 AM
12:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>					12:00 PM
12:30 PM	<b>Colorado F &amp; E</b>					12:30 PM
1:00 PM						1:00 PM
1:30 PM	<b>Author Signing</b>					1:30 PM
2:00 PM	Penrose Room					2:00 PM
2:30 PM	1:30-3:00					2:30 PM
3:00 PM	<b>Awards Rehearsal</b>					3:00 PM
3:30 PM	Denver 1-6					3:30 PM
4:00 PM	3:00-4:00					4:00 PM
4:30 PM						4:30 PM
5:00 PM						5:00 PM
5:30 PM						5:30 PM
6:00 PM	<b>Awards Buffet</b>					6:00 PM
6:30 PM	Denver 1-6					6:30 PM
7:00 PM	6:00-7:00					7:00 PM
7:00 PM	<b>Awards Ceremony</b>					7:00 PM
7:30 PM	Denver 1-6					7:30 PM
8:00 PM	7:00-9:00					8:00 PM
8:30 PM						8:30 PM
9:00 PM	<b>Awards Celebration and Dance</b>					9:00 PM
9:30 PM	Denver 1-6					9:30 PM
	9:00-1:00am					

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	<b>Breakfast Buffet and Closing Remarks</b>					9:00 AM
9:30 AM	Special Guest: The Honorable Leslie Herod, CO General Assembly					9:30 AM
10:00 AM						10:00 AM
10:30 AM	<b>Colorado F &amp; E</b> 9:00-11:00					10:30 AM