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Get the Word Out!

Join CWC Marin and Left Coast Writers at Book Passage!

April 25, 1:00 pm (wrapping up at 3:15)

Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera

pop-ups by local authors, CWC and Left Coast Writers members, as the last Saturday of National Independent Booksellers' Day, April 25, 1:00-3:00 pm at Book Passage.

Jasmin Darznik, author of The Bohemians, will speak at 1 pm in the event space.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to 10,000 Degrees, a non-profit which provides scholarships to deserving local students.

Be sure to tell your friends! We want to show our love for Book Passage and hard-working independent bookstores. Bring the first book ten goes well, hopefully Book Passage will sponsor more in the future.

Online Meeting in May

A Writer's Guide to Surviving and Thriving in the Age of AI

Thurs. May 14 at 6 pm
Zoom meeting
$10 CWC Members (any branch, but please identify in an email to marin@sacmart.com)
$15 Non-members

You have a story to tell, an important story, your story. Getting that story down on paper is hard, though. We writers have to be good at so many different things, from coming up with worthy ideas to developing a hearty and clever plot, creating memorable characters, and finding the right words to describe people, places, and emotions in ways that will keep our crucial elements. With ChatGPT and other tools taking over the writing market, author Jane K. Cleland has developed a new tool, the not-too-distant future. The answer isn't to surrender to the dark and grim predictions, but to learn how to use the tools to our advantage. Jane will show us how to do just that in this presentation.

Based on Jane's book, Beat the Bots: A Writer's Guide to Surviving and Thriving in the Age of AI, this webinar shows you how to harness your innate creativity because if you bring your creativity, your individuality, and your judgment to your work, you'll rule while it drafted all day long.

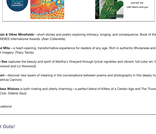
Jane K. Cleland, author and teacher, will be presenting. Beat the Bots: An Author's Guide to Surviving & Thriving in the Age of AI. Jane is the author of 24 mysteries, including the Josie Prescott Antique Mystery series, the Scene of the Crime Mysteries, Christmas Mysteries and Matchmaking Pet Travels. Also, the Jane Austen Mysteries, including Jane Austen's Lost Letters. "Beguiling, ... Miss Austen would approve." Publishers Weekly. www.janekcleland.com

REGISTER HERE

Check out our new Coffee Social location!

We had a great turnout at our new location in March! Mark your calendars for the next coffee meeting: April 15, third Sunday, as always.

Bring your own coffee and croissant. The social is open to members and non-members alike, and it's free of charge, but we have a lip at the door to help defray the rental cost (a $5 tip is cheaper than your coffee-house date).



New Group of CWC Mariners at Copperfield's in April

Check out the covers of the new group of CWC authors to visit Lucas Author Bookshelf at Copperfield's starting on April 1st! Visit Copperfield's at Lakeside Landing to see these books up close and make a connection! It knows how much we appreciate the support.

Copperfield's CWC Marin Author Bookshelf
Spring Author Cohort
LIFE & DEATH IN THE ANCIENT ROMAN WORLD
Lynn Cullen
Spring Author Cohort
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Thurs. April 23, 6:30 pm. **An Evening of Poetry** at the **Sausalito Women's Club.** Hear readings from teachers, clergy, moms and dads, and students, as they share words that sear, that soothe, that jostle our minds and mark our hearts. 120 Central Avenue, Sausalito. Reserve a seat

Sat. April 25, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. **CWC Marin**, Left Coast Writers, and Book Passage present the **Local Author Book Fair** celebrating National Independent Booksellers' Day. Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera. See above for more details.

Sat. April 25, The Bookish Bay Brigade Bookstore Crawl in celebration of Indie Bookstore Day. This is an opportunity to connect with other bookish friends, support independent bookshops, get prizes, and enjoy a scavenger hunt. Register here

Fri. - Sun. May 1 – 3. Sonoma Valley Authors Festival. For more information

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We also received valuable assistance from:

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