

Suburban Scribe

Sacramento Suburban Writers Club (SSWC) | Newsletter

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For the Sacramento Suburban Writers Club meeting of Monday, June 13, 2022, we're pleased that **Melissa Glover** of the Barnes & Noble store in Roseville will speak to us about publishing.

Melissa's experience at Barnes & Noble provides valuable insight into the secret halls of publishing. Melissa Glover is assistant Manager at the Roseville store. She has experience in Community Business Development and the Retail Industry. Melissa is a graduate of the University of California at Davis.

Gifts of Welcome to May/June 2022 New Members at SSWC

Every new member joining in May or June, 2022, will be able to choose a free book from among the authors and titles listed below.

L Paul Turner: *The Space Trade Update*. This book explains how the private sector economy can develop in orbit to the benefit of all humankind. If you have recently joined SSWC, please mail L Paul at lpaulturner2050@gmail.com for your new SSWC member e-book copy. View it at www.TheSpaceTrade.com

Cle Curbo: *In the Garden of Mistress Bloom*. This collection of 5 science fiction short stories won 1st Place in Sci-Fi in 2021 with a thousand dollar award from Writer's Digest for the category of self-published e-books. If you have recently joined SSWC, please email Cle at cle.curbo@gmail.com for your new SSWC member e-book copy. View it at www.CleCurbo.com

Meeting Info — Briefly —

Join us on Monday, June 13, at 7 p.m. for the next SSWC meeting, this month on Zoom only.

For people to attend via Zoom, Ron Smith will email members the Zoom link. See, also, Page 2.

Non-members can request the Zoom link from L Paul Turner at lpaulturner2050@gmail.com.

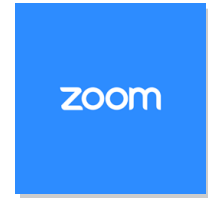
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Hello fellow writers and artists of all walks of life, members and guests,

June will be a Zoom meeting only at 7:00 p.m. and lasting to as late as 9:00 p.m.

To meet on Zoom, Ron Smith will send members a link by email. New guests may email lpaulturner2050@gmail.com.



- Ronald Smith, President SSWC

WORKSHOPS BLURB

Gloria Cooksey, Chair

SSWC Workshops kindly requests your presentation for meetings beyond June, 2022. Tell us of your experiences in writing or in life. A bit of your history may inspire others to write.

**The June workshop will be a powerpoint presentation on Writing SCAMS.
See, Page 5**

Follow the SSWC podcasts at <https://anchor.fm/sactowriters>
Author interviews are happening.

Scholarship Milestones

Two of our members, **Karen Sephmansour and Linda Covelli**, are helping SSWC with the scholarship fund. Here is their plan.

Here's the summary for SSWC to move forward with the Scholarship Fund. In the next couple of months, our goal is to establish new guidelines to encourage young writers to apply.

1. Content of the submissions, including topics, length, & deadlines.
2. Targeting high schools in Sacramento, El Dorado, and Placer Counties, where advertisements can be posted or given out.
3. Re-visit our funding to establish possible ways to raise funds, i.e., raffles, book sales, donations, or other welcomed ideas.
4. A committee of at least three people is needed to review the submissions. The committee currently has two members but needs one more.

Please email karenselah@gmail.com for any input you'd find helpful to the goals.

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Dear Sacramento Suburban Writers Club Members

Do You Have a Published Book? If so, please inform our Newsletter Editor, Cle Curbo, at balloonwhisperer@gmail.com.

Books of Interest

Books of Interest is a new column for the SSWC Newsletter. Let us present to the world your publications, whether it be non-fiction, fiction, chap book, book of poetry, or even a new song with lyrics attached. - Cle Curbo, Editor

Read Jim's version of the CANE MUTINY at:

<http://www.pulpmodernflash.com/2012/05/12/cane-mutiny-by-jim-guigli/>



Bad News For A Ghost - *E-Novelette*

A Bart Lasiter Mystery

A Sacramento private detective goes underground to help a seductive TV reporter catch a ghost.

Available now - 99 cents on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com)

http://jimguigli.com/books_page.htm

1895 Gramma's Grammar

I said to Gramma, "I want to *bring* Mrs. Smith some grapes."

Gramma corrected me, "You want to *take* Mrs. Smith some grapes."

"Huh," I said.

"*Bring me* the grapes," said Gramma. "That is correct, but you *take* the grapes away."

"Oh. Right."

"I went *to talk to* Mrs. Smith," said I.

"You went *to talk with* Mrs. Smith, unless you gave her a *talking to*," said Gramma.

Advanced Writers Techniques Prompt for June 13, 2022

Advanced Writers (anyone can join the Advanced Writers meeting) will meet at 6:15 P.M. in the Fellowship Meeting Hall kitchen, and adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

June's AWT writing prompt comes from Mike Brandt.

Finish the flash fiction constrained by the hand-out sheet, using each of the letters on the sheet only once. See, page 8 for the handout sheet.

Every month AWT meets independently of the regular meeting and discusses advance writing techniques. We share ideas of how to tell our non-fiction and fiction stories better with characters of interest, dialogue, descriptions, scenes, plot, etc.

AWT meets monthly 45 minutes before the regular meeting held at 7:00 p.m. The AWT session is from 6:15 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. at the Crossroads Christian Church, Fellowship Hall. Practice innovative skills to create a book, essay, memoir, short story, poem, or collection that readers will love.

Conferences and Workshops

Palm Springs Writers Retreat—ROHM LITERARY RETREATS & COURSES

Date: December 12-16, 2022 or Weekend Workshop, Dec. 17-18, 2022

Write with NY Times best-selling authors & literary agents.

<https://www.pariswritersretreat.com/palmspringswritersretreat.html>

Imaginarium Convention—A Convention for Creatives of All Genres

Date: July 8-10, 2022 Location: Louisville, Kentucky

<https://www.entertheimaginarium.com/> Admission: \$75

WORKSHOP / PODCAST UPDATE

**Mort Rumberg will present this month's workshop,
with a presentation on**

WRITING SCAMS

The workshops are a wonderful opportunity for members to share perspective and information on topics that are important to writers. Workshops need not be complicated or involved. A workshop presentation of five to ten minutes is all that is required.

Teach us something you know. Tell us of your experiences in writing or in life. An incident in your history may inspire others to write. To volunteer to present a workshop, please contact Gloria Cooksey at gcookcee@gmail.com

Don't wait to be shanghaied!

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SSWC PODCAST is currently on the Spotify/Anchor platform at

**<https://anchor.fm/sactowriters>**

New platforms are pending as soon as we finalize the media release form, which is anticipated for discussion at the July Board meeting.

Glor Thierry (Gloria Cooksey) recorded the first interview format podcast with Clé Curbo (L Paul Turner) to discuss his award-winning book, ***In the Garden of Mistress Bloom.***

Tune in to the podcasts, there is no time like the present. Look for interviews with M.L. Edson, Westley Stark, and Dorothe Kress in the near future. If you have a published book that you would like to discuss on the podcast, please contact Gloria or LPaul.

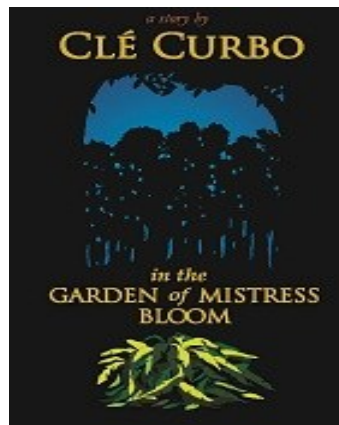
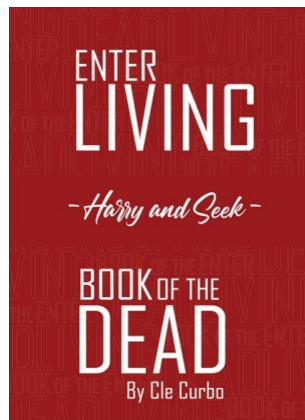
Don't be shy!

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 Do You Have a Published Book? If so, please inform our  
 Newsletter Editor Cle Curbo at [balloonwhisperer@gmail.com](mailto:balloonwhisperer@gmail.com).

## Books of Interest

Books of Interest is a new column for the SSWC Newsletter. Let us present to the world your publications, whether they be non-fiction, fiction, chap book, book of poetry, or even a new song with lyrics attached. - Cle Curbo, Editor, [balloonwhisperer@gmail.com](mailto:balloonwhisperer@gmail.com)

Be sure to read the descriptions of these three books at [www.clecurbo.com](http://www.clecurbo.com)

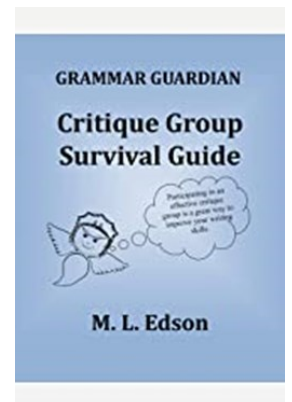
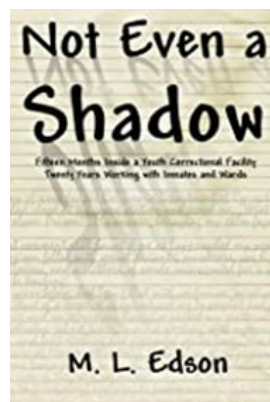


### 1st Place Sci-Fi Winner

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Find all of M.L. Edson's books at

[https://www.amazon.com/M-L-Edson/e/B07Z8JX48V/ref=aufs\\_dp\\_fta\\_dsk](https://www.amazon.com/M-L-Edson/e/B07Z8JX48V/ref=aufs_dp_fta_dsk)



# More Books of Interest

**Get yours now!**

## The Great Book of Books by M.M. Rumberg

*Every novel in full length - over 3000 pages!*

**M.M. Rumberg**

## Advanced Writers Techniques Prompt for June 13, 2022

### THIS IS A CREATIVE WRITING EXERCISE.

Use as many of the tiles as possible for a short story.

However, you can only use a tile once.

The story must be original.

It cannot refer to anything related to an alphabet.

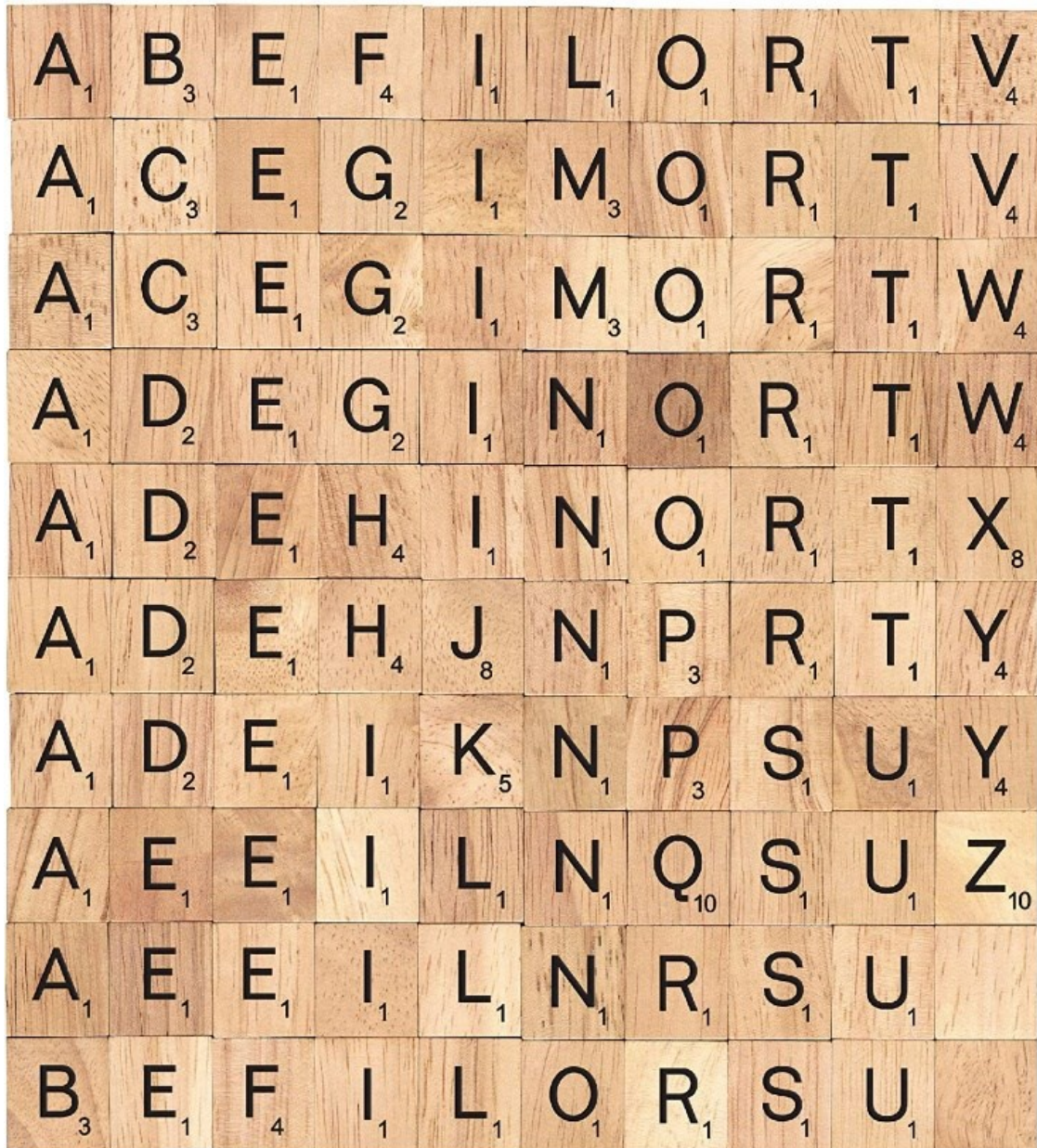
The writer who uses the most tiles is the winner.

Due June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. at the in-person AWT session at Fellowship Hall kitchen, 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks.

You will have the opportunity to read your work to the group.

READING PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL.

Have fun and enjoy the exercise





## Join the Club!

We are a vibrant club with active writers, have several critique groups (with room for more), and stay wonderfully supportive of each other.

SSWC supports local writers and encourages everyone to write and publish. Attending meetings is free, but membership brings benefits, such as publication in the newsletter and anthology, use of our club's library, qualification for grants to attend conferences (limits apply), and ability to join our first-class critique groups.

MEMBERSHIP is paid on a yearly basis. If joining after April, dues are prorated by quarter (unless you are just really late in maintaining your membership!).

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$40 / year

\_\_\_\_\_ Couple \$55 / year

\_\_\_\_\_ Full-Time Student \$30 / year

\_\_\_\_\_ Platinum Senior (70+) \$30 / year

More information is on our website: [sactowriters.org](http://sactowriters.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Genres: \_\_\_\_\_

Published? Y / N (yes, includes self-published) Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website/other info/address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL YOUR DUES TO: Jeannie Turner. Her address is in the Directory. If you don't have a copy, email Jeannie at [turnerjeannie48@gmail.com](mailto:turnerjeannie48@gmail.com) and she will let you know where to send it.**

## OFFICERS

### Elected Officers:

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| President      | Ron Smith     |
| Vice President | Brittany Lord |
| Secretary      | Linda Covelli |
| Treasurer      | Julie Beyers  |

### Chairs:

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Coffee/Treats      | Al Gilding           |
| Conferences        | Open                 |
| Critique Grps      | Brittany Lord        |
| Historian          | Pat Biasotti         |
| Librarian          | Ron Smith            |
| Membership         | Jeannie Turner       |
| Newsletter         | L Paul Turner        |
| <b>Nominations</b> | <b>Y O U ? ? ? ?</b> |
| Prgm/Speakers      | L Paul Turner        |
| Publicity          | L Paul Turner        |
| Raffle             | Open                 |
| Sunshine           | Nan Roark            |
| Website            | Wes Turner           |
| Workshops          | Gloria Cooksey       |

**There's a spot in the list  
above for YOU!**



## WRITING INSPIRATION

SSWC podcast on the internet at <https://anchor.fm/sactowriters> has inspiring topics.

Keep at it. You will finish that work you're writing or planning to write.

Keep at it. You will become a published author.

Got an idea? Spread the word.

Put pen to paper.



## MEETING INFORMATION

**7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**After June, our Next meeting is:**

**Monday, July 11, 2022**

**At 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks  
And, on Zoom**

*All writers are encouraged to attend.  
Membership not mandatory but brings privileges  
like publication in the newsletter!*