

Suburban Scribe

Sacramento Suburban Writers Club (SSWC)

sactowriters.org



For the Sacramento Suburban Writers Club meeting of Monday, October 10, 2022, we're pleased to have **Tatiana Villa**. She will speak to us about her experience as an artist and the services she offers to authors. See her beautiful website at www.viladesign.net

Her custom cover designs come with unlimited changes until satisfied. She is said to have a rare gift for taking a complex concept and distilling it into beautiful and appropriate imagery—imagery, I might add, that compels a reader to pick up the book. Her patient and upbeat nature supports the collaborative process that brings an idea to fruition.

Tatiana works with authors on many aspects of bringing a book to life, including Ebook cover, paperback cover, hardback cover, dust jacket, audiobook cover, and marketing materials. Authors can help the process by providing an existing book cover that they wish their cover to emulate. Tatiana's wonderful skill is in great demand and with very reasonable prices. She welcomes your emails at villatat@gmail.com.

A few of Tatiana's covers: *Sierra Heist*; *The SSWC Anthology*, *Other People, Other Places, Other Times*; *Ex Terra Expeditions*; *Time to Leave*; *What a Towering Achievement*; and *Veatrice Chapin's exciting story, Discarded*, (see p. 3).

Meeting Info — Briefly —

Join us in person on Monday, October 10, at 7 p.m. for the next SSWC meeting at 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks in the Fellowship Hall behind the white picket fence..

For people wishing 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,

October 10 will be a dual meeting. 7-9 p.m. Pacific Time. For meeting in person, please arrive at or before 7:00 p.m. at 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks in the Fellowship Hall behind the white picket fence at the edge of the parking lot.



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

The WORKSHOP

Gloria Cooksey, Chair

The October Workshop will be presented by Bernard Wozny.

<<<< The Many Faces of Story >>>>

Bernard helps us find writerly support from the following excerpt from “Trust,” A Hernan Diaz novel, published in 2022 by Riverhead Books.

“A shadow hesitated, right next to hers, on the threshold leading to a sitting room. Helen noticed that her own black shape on the floor expressed the same vacillation—the regret of having been seen, the lack of courage to leave, the unwillingness to come forth. The faceless silhouettes seemed to look at each other, as if wishing they could resolve the situation between themselves, without having to trouble their owners. Helen was not surprised when Benjamin Rask emerged from the sitting room.”

SSWC Workshop kindly requests your presentation. Teach us something you know.

Author Interviews at **SSWC podcasts** at <https://anchor.fm/sactowriters>
 Spotify (<https://open.spotify.com/show/0UHX19RTviPkRXMzkysg6V>)
 RadioPublic (<https://radiopublic.com/sactowriters-694Q1Z>)
 Pocket Casts (<https://pca.st/z1e83qlq>)

Scholarship Update

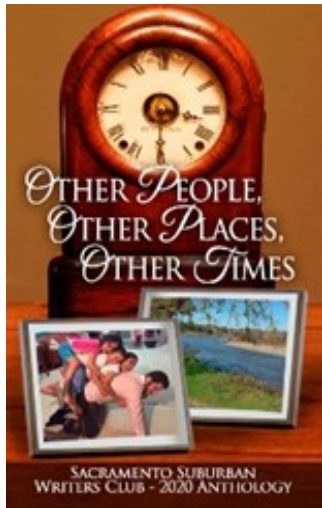
Members, **Karen Sepahmansour, Linda Covelli and Bernard Wozny** are helping SSWC with the scholarship fund revamping.

Update: The scholarship group updates will post at <http://sactowriters.org>.

Please email karensepah@gmail.com for input helpful to the goals.

Book Covers

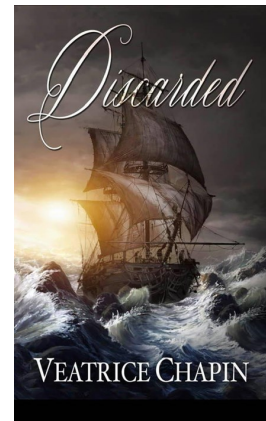
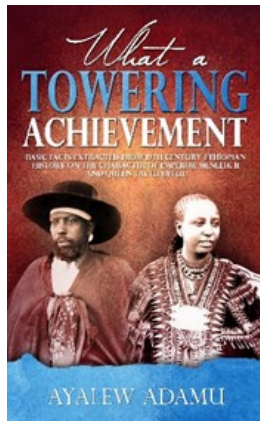
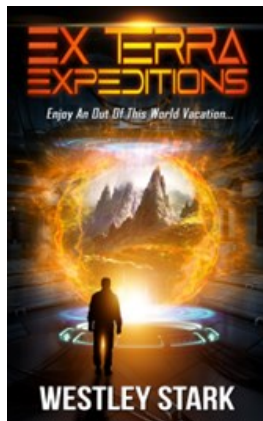
Composed by SSWC's Esteemed October Guest Speaker,
Tatiana Villa



Welcome to a beautiful and engaging collection of short stories and poetry created by twenty-three SSWC Sacramento area writers on **Other People, Other Places, and Other Times.**

Enjoy this page-turning anthology that brings readers into the diverse and powerful worlds that Sacramento Suburban Writers have imagined.

Other Covers Created by Tatiana Villa
For your cover visit www.viladesign.net



1895 Gramma's Grammar

Gramma's usage: It must by needs be that man eats food.

Current usage: Man needs to eat food.

- Cle Curbo

Advanced Writers Techniques Prompt for October 10, 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.

October's AWT WRITING PROMPT comes from the AWT Leadership Group, Michael Brandt and Mary Lou Anderson.

October's AWT focus

Word Choices. Share examples of mundane and boring writing that you've turned into interesting, fun, and exciting visions by simply choosing better words in your story or article, all while considering the semantics and connotations of the words used.

AWT meets independently of the regular meeting and discusses advanced writing techniques. We share ideas of how to tell our non-fiction and fiction stories better with characters of interest, dialogue, and descriptions, scenes, plot, and so on. 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 Crossroads Christian Church, Fellowship Hall, 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks, CA. Practice innovative skills to create a book, essay, memoir, short

Conferences and Events (See, also, p. 5)

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>

Books of Interest

Books of Interest is a recent column for SSWC Members. Let us present to the world your publications, whether they be non-fiction, fiction, chapbook, book of poetry, or even a new song with lyrics attached.

- Cle Curbo, Editor



A new love story, a chase across the universe to a distant and mysterious planet, as a man pursuing a goddess is granted a biology to save the Earth from a one-sided fate. By award winning author, Cle Curbo. Visit www.CleCurbo.com for all of Cle's stories.

Conferences and Events (See, also, p. 4)

Cordova Community Council

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On Behalf Of

Cordova Community Council



The MACC has recruited published authors with a Rancho Cordova connection for a celebration of the authors amongst us. If you live in Rancho Cordova, grew up here, are employed here, or have some other significant connection, you were invited to register for **AUTHORS DAY**. To be held at the MACC on Saturday, Oct. 15.

LOCAL AUTHORS DAY is part of an exhibit marking the 5th Anniversary of the MACC, which has helped nurture the explosion of arts activity in the community. After all, writers are artists, too!

SSWC News

Barnes and Noble Press: An Update

Unlike I reported last month, we do need to convert our Word file into Ingram Spark's acceptable format. Even though Barnes and Noble Press is here, B&N won't place your book on their shelves if all you've done is upload your manuscript to Barnes and Noble Press for P.O.D. Now, it is true that the other day I uploaded a book easily to B&N Press. Also true, there are no fees for returned books. These are fees which indie authors may incur when a bookstore orders too many of their books from Ingram Spark and decides to return a few of them.

Barnes and Noble Press to P.O.D. is all part of the new B&N, which was bought by a guy in England. His philosophy, as told to us by Mel Glover in June, 2022, is for each Barnes & Noble store to establish relationships with local authors. Simply go to [Barnes and Noble Press](#) to sign up, follow instructions to send in your W-9, and you're on your way to uploading your manuscript. Sales will feed income directly into your bank account, just like for KDP Amazon.

In summary, we, as authors, are left with the Ingram-Spark pathway to place our books in the store and on the shelves. Upload your book to Ingram-Spark, and B&N can carry it on their shelves, just like independent bookstores can.

- Your more informed and somberly editor, Cle Curbo

Do You Have Holiday Publication?

If you have a holiday publication, and want it featured on a November or December podcast, please contact Gloria at cookcee@gmail.com. Thank you!

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

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 and she will let you know where to send it.

OFFICERS

Elected Officers:

President	Ron Smith
Vice President	Brittany Lord
Secretary	Laura Kellen
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
Nominations	Y O U ?????
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 October, our Next meeting is:

Monday, Nov. 14, 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!*