

MAY 2017

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THE WRITEGIRL PLANET

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UPCOMING WRITEGIRL EVENTS



saturday, June 17TH
10am-1pm

DON'T DROP THE MIC: A PERFORMANCE POP-UP

LOCATION:
SELF HELP GRAPHICS & ART
1300 E 1ST ST, LOS ANGELES, CA
90033

Mark your Calendars!

Saturday, June 24th
BOOK LAUNCH
& SEASON-END CELEBRATION

Writers Guild of America Theater

***PLEASE RSVP PROMPTLY - SHOW YOUR
WRITEGIRL SPIRIT!***

LA LITERARY EVENTS



MISS BURMA by Charmaine Craig in conversation with
Viet Thanh Nguyen

Wednesday, May 24, 7:30 pm

Price: Free

The Last Bookstore, 453 S Spring St, Los Angeles, CA
90013

www.lastbookstorela.com

Based on the lives of the author's mother and grandparents, Miss Burma tells the story of modern-day Burma through the eyes of one family struggling to find love, justice, and meaning during a time of war and political repression. Charmaine Craig studied literature at Harvard College, received her MFA from UC Irvine, and serves as a faculty member in the Department of Creative Writing at UC Riverside, where she particularly enjoys teaching literature, the art of the paragraph, and forms of narration.

ZAN ROMANOFF reads from her YA novel
GRACE AND THE FEVER

Thursday, May 25, 7:30 pm

Price: Free

Skylight Books, 1818 N Vermont Ave, Los
Angeles, CA 90027

www.skylightbooks.com

Zan Romanoff fell in love with Hanson when she was ten and has been a boy-band fanatic and teen-idol obsessive ever since. "Grace and the Fever" is a heart-clutching reminder of what it's like to fall in love--whether it's with a boy or a boy band--and how difficult it is to figure out who you are after you've fallen out of love again.

"A wise, bittersweet coming-of-age story for the thinking fangirl." --Anna Breslaw, author of *Scarlett Epstein Hates It Here*

LA LITERARY EVENTS



Teen Graphic Novel Book Club - "Lumberjanes: Volume 1"

Tuesday, June 06, 3:30pm

Price: Free

North Hollywood Amelia Earhart Regional Library, 5211

Tujunga Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91601

<https://www.lapl.org>

Teens ages 11-18!!

Join us as we discuss the totally rad graphic novel

"Lumberjanes: Volume 1"! We'll also be designing our own

camp badges and turning them into buttons!! Check out a

copy of the book at our branch or use your LAPL library

card to access it via Hoopla Digital (online at

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/> or via the Hoopla Digital

app!! Part of our "Reading by Design" Summer Reading

Program! Sign up to win prizes!!

Teen Zine Club

Tuesday, May 30, 4:00 pm

Price: Free

Edendale Branch Library, 2011

Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA

90026

<https://www.lapl.org>

Teens! Bring your creativity to our

Zine Club! All are welcome: find

out what a zine is, participate in

creating your own or a group zine,

and spend time creating with

other teens! Refreshments will be

served.

LA LITERARY EVENTS



Amy Goldstein discusses and signs *Janesville: An American Story*

Friday, May 26, 7:00 pm

Book Soup, 8818 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069

<http://www.booksoup.com>

This is the story of what happens to an industrial town in the American heartland when its factory stills--but it's not the familiar tale. Most observers record the immediate shock of vanished jobs, but few stay around long enough to notice what happens next, when a community with a can-do spirit tries to pick itself up. Pulitzer Prize winner Amy Goldstein has spent years immersed in Janesville, Wisconsin where the nation's oldest operating General Motors plant shut down in the midst of the Great Recession, two days before Christmas of 2008.

THE WANDERING SONG PUBLICATION

READING

Saturday, May 27, 4:00 pm

Price: General Admission \$10, Students & Seniors \$6, Members Free.

Beyond Baroque, 681 N. Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291

Tia Chucha Press is proud to present an anthology of Central American writers living in the United States. This is the first-ever comprehensive literary survey of the Central American diaspora by a U.S. publisher. With Ricardo Flores, Karina Oliva, Carolina Rivera, Claudia Hernandez, Gustavo Guerra Vasquez, William Archilla, Susana Marcelo, Felix Aguilar, Melinda Palacio, Michelle Bernardino, Kelly Duarte, William Flores, and Dora Magana.

CONTESTS



One Teen Story is looking for great short stories written by teens about the teen experience. We seek stories that deal with issues of identity, friendship, family, and coming-of-age. Gratuitous profanity, sex and drug use are best avoided. Open to all genres of well-written young adult fiction between 2,000 and 4,500 words. Because of our format, we can only accept stories that are strong enough to stand alone (as opposed to excerpts from novels-in-progress). Proof of the author's age will be required for all stories accepted for publication.

One Teen Story pays \$500 and 25 contributor copies for first North American serial rights. All rights will revert to the author following publication. *One Teen Story* publishes 4 stories a year and accepts submissions from teen writers ages 13-19 <http://www.one-story.com/>

Teen Ink Magazine: If you are ages 13-19 and you'd like to be published in this online magazine, you can submit an original work of poetry, fiction or non-fiction. There is no entry deadline; submissions are accepted on an ongoing basis. No residence eligibility requirements are stated. Teen Ink also has a printed edition; if your work is accepted for the printed edition, you will receive a free copy of that month's magazine. <http://www.teenink.com/submit>

Ocean Awareness Student Contest is open to middle and high school students. This year's theme is **Ocean Pollution: Challenges & Solutions**. Connect your submission to your own life, your local community, or something else that inspires and motivates you. Some questions that you might consider as you work on your submission are:

- Who is to "blame" for ocean pollution? What are the sources of ocean pollution?
- Who – and what – is impacted by ocean pollution?
- How does ocean pollution at one end of the world affect at the other end?.

No Entry Fee. Top prize is \$1,500. **Deadline: June 19th, 2017.** <http://www.fromthebowseat.org/contest.php>

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



- **DO-OVER Scholarship- IF WE COULD TURN BACK TIME...**

Mistakes - we've all made them. Too bad life doesn't always give you a mulligan. Or does it?

What if you had the chance to "do-over" a moment in your life? What would it be? How would it affect you and your future?

What we learn from our mistakes can often be invaluable - but we're here to help put a price to it. While we can't undo the past, this fun scholarship is available to students looking for a unique way to earn free college money. Our Do-Over Scholarship will award \$1,500 to one lucky applicant. Don't let "applying for this scholarship" be that do-over moment for you! Applicants must: Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application, Be legal residents of the fifty (50) United States or the District of Columbia, Be currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2023) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education Submit an online written response to the question:

"If you could get one 'do-over' in life, what would it be and why?" (250 words or less)

The Do-Over Scholarship winner will be notified by email or phone on or around September 30, 2017

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/do-over-scholarship>

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



250 words for \$500? Why not? The "Courage to Grow Scholarship" awards \$500 each month to a **deserving student**. You must be a junior or senior in high school or college student with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or better and be a U.S. citizen. The "Courage to Grow Scholarship" was created to help students realize their college dreams, so that their college plans don't get lost in the financial shuffle. All you need to do is **explain in 250 words or less why you believe that you should be awarded this scholarship.**

UNIGO Fifth Month Scholarship- WHAT DOES THE NUMBER FIVE MEAN TO YOU?

One is the loneliest number. Three is a crowd. Then there is five. What's so special about five? Well, for starters, this lucky number could help you win a \$1,500 scholarship. It would take more than just one hand to count all the reasons why the number five is important - and we want to know what you think! What is it about the number five that's so significant to you? One great reason is that May is the fifth month - which just so happens to be a great time to apply for fun scholarships. Help bring awareness to the fifth month and the number five. UNIGO is awarding one \$1,500 scholarship to a lucky student - and an endless supply of high fives.

Applicants must Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application, Be legal residents of the fifty (50) United States or the District of Columbia, Be currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2023) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education. Submit an online written response to the question:

"May is the fifth month of the year. Write a letter to the number five explaining why five is important. Be serious or be funny. Either way, here's a high five to you for being original." (250 words or less)

The Fifth Month Scholarship winner will be notified by email or phone on or around August 31, 2017.

COURAGE TO GROW

SCHOLARSHIP: This month's **deadline is May 31**, but check back at <http://couragetogrow scholarship.com> for a chance at \$500 **every month!**

UNIGO'S Fifth Month Scholarship Deadline is May 31st, 2017.

You can apply at: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/fifth-month-scholarship>

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



How about \$1,000 for only 250 words! Sounds like a good trade to me! **College JumpStart Fall Scholarship** <http://www.jumpstart-scholarship.net> will award the winner \$1,000.00 for answering one of the questions below, about the value of education, in 250 words or less:

1. What are your educational goals?
2. How will winning this scholarship help you attain your goals?
3. Write about a time when "hard work" paid off.
4. Describe your experience with community service and volunteering and how that has affected you and your outlook.

The deadline is October 17, 2017. To be eligible, you must meet the following requirements:

- * Must be a high school 10th-12th grader, college student or non-traditional student
- * Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident
- * Must attend or plan to attend an accredited 2-year, 4-year or vocational / trade school in the U.S.
- * Must be committed to using education to better your life and that of your family and/or community

Here are a few more you can search out on the INTERNET!

FUTURE LEADERS
SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE
7/15/17 \$3000

WRITERS SQUARE
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
DEADLINE 6/30/17 \$1000

FIRST SITE GUIDE
SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE
8/31/17 \$1500

SCREENWRITERS YOU SHOULD KNOW



Jenji Kohan

Co-creator and executive producer of "Orange is the New Black."

Elizabeth Meriwether

Creator, executive producer, and showrunner of "New Girl" on Fox.

Michelle Ashford

Ashford has written for two Emmy-winning television miniseries: 2008's "John Adams" and 2010's "The Pacific."

Amy Sherman-Palladino

Sherman-Palladino is best known for creating the whip-smart and heartwarming series "Gilmore Girls."

Nahnatcha Khan

Khan has written and produced the Saturday morning cartoon series "Pepper Ann," and the Seth MacFarlane vehicle "American Dad!" In 2012, Khan created her own ABC sitcom called "Don't Trust the B---- in Apartment 3."

SCREENWRITERS YOU SHOULD KNOW



Shonda Rhimes

Creator, head writer, and executive producer of "Grey's Anatomy" and showrunner of the current ABC smash hit "Scandal."

Julie Plec

Co-created "The Vampire Diaries" with Kevin Williamson for The CW.

Liz Sarnoff

Sarnoff got her start writing episodes of "NYPD Blue" and "Crossing Jordan" before joining the crew of "Deadwood" in 2004. Co-executive producer of "Lost" Season 5, and Executive Producer in Season 6. Co-created the Fox series "Alcatraz."

Jane Espenson

Writer and producer on "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Battlestar Galactica." She has written episodes for "Game of Thrones," "Firefly," "Angel," "Tru Calling," and the ABC fairy tale series "Once Upon a Time."

Mindy Kaling

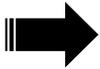
Kaling first joined "The Office" as a writer at the age of 24. Creator, writer, and star of "The Mindy Project."

WRITING EXPERIMENTS

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Great characters make great monologues and dialogs. Choose any of the characters listed (or make up your own!) and bring them to life by answering the character questions in your journal.

**POLICE OFFICER
SCHOOL TEACHER
TODDLER
ARMY GENERAL
TENNIS PLAYER
ACTOR
ALIEN
ELDERLY WRITER
SURGEON
SPY
MAIL CARRIER**

CHARACTER QUESTIONS:

- **WHERE ARE THEY FROM?**
- **HOW OLD ARE THEY?**
- **WHAT IS THEIR FIRST AND LAST NAME?**
- **WHAT EDUCATION DO THEY HAVE?**
- **DO THEY HAVE A FAMILY? WHO IS IN THEIR FAMILY?**
- **WHAT HOBBIES DO THEY HAVE?**
- **WHERE DO THEY LIVE?**
- **HOW DO THEY PAY THE BILLS?**
- **WHAT IS THEIR MOST APPEALING QUALITY?**
- **WHAT IS THEIR LEAST APPEALING QUALITY?**

WRITING EXPERIMENTS



Scene Starters

Once you've created a main character, choose one of these situations to inspire a monologue or dialogue. Create some tension by considering "What could possibly go wrong?!":

Your main character is:

- ★ Volunteering for the first time
- ★ Trying to get out of a dinner date
- ★ Looking for a new apartment
- ★ Trying to prevent a fight from happening
- ★ Calling attention to an injustice
- ★ Impersonating a family member
- ★ Learning how to play an instrument
- ★ Preparing a big speech
- ★ Lost in a foreign country

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- The Ahmanson Foundation
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WriteGirl ClubHouse Page:

www.writegirl.org/writegirl-club-house

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