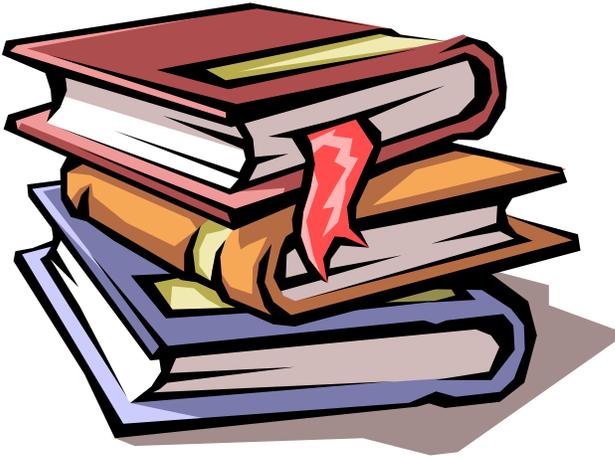


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Meeting at the Midland Bicentennial Library
Off Loop 250 next to Best Buy
OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE:
May 6, 2017
AT 2:00pm



NO MEETING IN APRIL

I have been way behind on our newsletter, but will try much harder to keep everyone informed of our meetings and our speakers.

If any of you have any requests for a speaker on any special topic, please let me know. If you know of someone or you would like to speak to the group, let me know. We would all enjoy hearing from anyone who might be able to help with our writing goals.



Authors Day on April 22nd at 3 pm

So far authors who are participating are Mark S Parker (children's book *Shaky Man*), from Alpine- Larry D Thomas who grew up in Midland (2008 Texas Poet Laureate, *As If Light Actually Matters: New & Selected Poems* and several other award-winning collections of poetry), Permian Basin residents Sara Barnard (prolific author of books for children like *Little Spoon* and adults like *Desperado*) and Logan Barnard (child writer of *Moggin Says Red*), Odessan Ann Swann (adult fiction of ghosties and ghoulies and award winning *Stutter Creek*), Texan Bob Campbell (newspaper reporter, publisher of poetry, prose, and two novels with new collection *The Purity of Jazz and Speckled Trout and Other Prose and Poetry*), Midlander Teffanie Thompson (award winning *DIRT*), from Patricia- Kat Copeland (several books of poetry and prose, including *my homeland - Texas*), Midlander Ellen Goldberg's *The Parkway Inn* (memoirs of a 15-year old).

Authors can sign up through March 31, 2017 (include bio and photo). Focus is on local authors and those connected to the Permian Basin.

The media has expressed interest in the event.

Looking forward to seeing you on April 22nd. Kat 817-437-4213



March Newsletter "Log of the Trail"

Meeting Announcement: Our March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Fort Davis Public Library in Fort Davis, TX. If you wish to carpool from Alpine, meet us in the Big Bend Telephone parking lot at 6:20 pm so we can depart at 6:30 pm and get there a few minutes early!

Program: **One Good Twist Deserves Another** presented by Reba Cross Seals

Writing "Opportunity": See more info and this month's prompt below...

Refreshments: Pam Breithaupt

Visitors ALWAYS Welcome!

One Good Twist Deserves Another

The Tuesday, March 21, meeting at 7 pm of the Texas Mountain Trail Writers promises a unique program by author, Reba Cross Seals.

"It was a good book, but I had the plot figured out by the middle." Have you ever said those words? Have you ever been disappointed at the conclusion of a good story?

"Writing with a Twist" is the topic in which writers will explore ways to turn the expected character action into a surprise for the reader. The meeting will be at the Fort Davis library, as it is on alternate months, and all persons interested in carpooling should meet in the parking lot of Big Bend Telephone Company by 6:20. For more information, call 432-364-2399 or 432-837-2919. Guests are welcome.

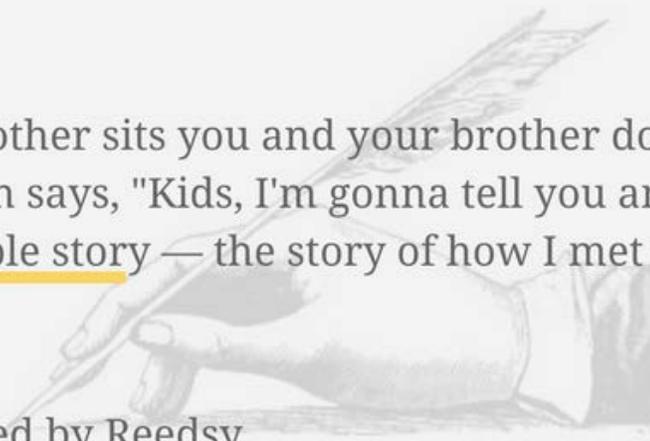
Fiction Writers Bonanza!



A delightful duo from the Panhandle of Texas is coming to Indian Lodge in the

312 S. Hackberry
Alpine Texas 79830
USA

Below please find some writing prompts to help you get your creative mind moving.



Your mother sits you and your brother down,
and then says, "Kids, I'm gonna tell you an
incredible story — the story of how I met your
father."

– Curated by Reedsy

Man! I feel like a woman. (And like reading writing prompts.)

This past Wednesday was International Women's Day and to celebrate, Reedsy published an article on [9 Contemporary Women Writers You Should Know](#). And I have to say, it's been an absolute joy getting to know some new writers, both women and men, over the past few weeks. I'm talking about **YOU**, of course!

This week's prompts all feature women — and we've also thrown in bartenders, dragons, fairies, and *How I Met You Mother* references, because, why not?

Short Story Contest — \$50 Cash Reward

Reedsy challenges you to create a short story based on one of our prompts. But we're going one step further and upping the stakes with a weekly **contest**: writers whose short stories are picked to be featured on the [Reedsy Medium Blog](#) will receive \$50 cash! Deadline to submit a short story based on any of the following prompts is next Friday, and length should be 1,000-3,000 words.

Don't forget to check out our recent contest winner: [Winter's Dragon](#) by Sarah Thomas. It was based on the prompt: *“Something unusual is found in a winter coat pocket.”*

Remember the days of loose teeth?

The Tooth Fairy finds something unexpected sitting beside the expected tooth under a child's pillow.

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On the rocks with a twist?

You are in a bar when an elderly woman takes the stool next to you and says to the bartender, "Hey, Francine, make it a double. It happened again." You can't resist and ask her, "What happened again?"

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A picture is worth a thousand words

A woman drops her wallet on the street, and it falls open. You pick it up and are about to return it to her when you notice a strange picture inside.

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She has a dragon-sized tower

A legendary dragon is on its way to capture a princess. Plot twist: the princess kidnaps it, and temporarily locks it away in her tower to teach it a lesson.

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Better get comfortable...

**Your mother sits you and your brother down,
and says, "Kids, I'm gonna tell you an
incredible story — the story of how I met your
father."**

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That's all folks, until next week! If you feel inspired, don't forget to reply to this email with your story.

– Arielle from [Reedsy](#)