

Writing for Children: An Introductory Workshop

Dates: Arrive, Saturday, June 30; Depart Campus, Thursday, July 5

Have you ever thought about turning your favorite childhood memory into a story? Do you dream about writing a children's book, but don't know where to begin? Let a week at the internationally-respected Hollins University Graduate Program in Children's Literature show you how to wake up from that dream and get started. Designed to introduce you to everything you ever wanted to know about writing for children, from brainstorming to book signing, this workshop will nurture you through your first steps.

Twenty hours of non-credit* instruction in the craft of writing for children, individual conferences, lectures by highly-respected graduate faculty members and other professionals, the opportunity to talk with Kathryn Erskine, 2010 National Book Award Winner and the graduate program's 2018 Writer-in-Residence, and social get-togethers just for workshop participants will complement time for your own writing. **Absolutely no experience is necessary** for this supportive, positive, fun workshop.

*Recertification points may be granted. Check with your supervisor.

Here's what last year's workshop participants had to say:

I had no idea this one week workshop would be a pivot point in my writing life.

With no exaggeration, this workshop changed my life.

Immersed for a week in wisdom, nurturing and full-hearted encouragement, I received a gift that set the path for my future as a better person and as a writer. I fully accept now that I am a writer and I am stepping into this work with a confidence I did not have before.

...such a success that all of us who participated are hoping it can be continued to the next level during the summer 2018.

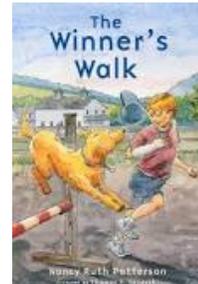
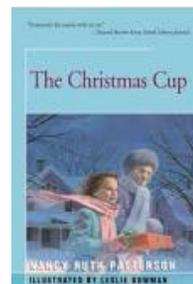
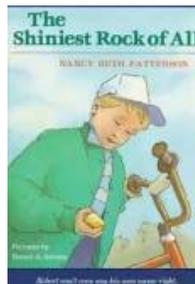
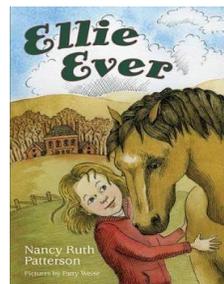
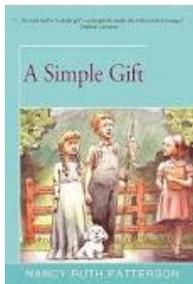
If I had one phrase to describe the workshop, it would be "life altering." We wrote, we laughed; we cried; we created lifelong friendships.

Return to the campus you love to explore what just might be the next chapter in your life... that story you were *meant* to write.

For more information, email ckoon@hollins.edu. **Registration deadline April 2, 2018. Early bird discount for those who register by March 1.**

Instructor: **NANCY RUTH PATTERSON**

Nancy Ruth Patterson's five novels for children have been honored on Master Reading Lists in 10 states, and three have been adapted and performed for the professional stage. Upon retiring after 33 years as a teacher and administrator with Roanoke City Schools, she joined the adjunct faculty of the University of Virginia, teaching graduate courses in literature for children and young adults as well as memoir writing. She has spoken at more than 500 national conferences and workshops and has written numerous articles on the craft of writing. At her 2002 induction into the Virginia High School League's Hall of Fame, Patterson was cited as "one of the most sought-after writing teachers in the country."



Details and Fees

Workshop Tuition: \$1,200 (Early bird special - \$1,020 if registered by March 1.)

Housing: \$165 (single in Tinker with A/C & linen packet)
Housing is available first-come, first-served.
Rooms may also be available at the Country Inn & Suites
(www.countryinns.com/roanokeva).

Meals: Dining Services will be open Monday through Friday.
Participants may pre-pay at the rate of \$85.75 or may choose to purchase meals as desired at a cost per meal as follows:
Breakfast - \$6.50; Lunch - \$8.00; Dinner - \$9.25