

Panel Discussions Saturday, May 6

Murder on the Mind: Writing Riveting Mysteries

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Mystery stories are an incredibly popular genre. So how do you make yours stand out? Five authors with distinct voices and styles will discuss how to create strong characters, vivid settings, and convincing plots.

JoAnn Smith Ainsworth writes nailbiting suspense wrapped in otherworldly experiences

Margaret Lucke writes exciting tales of love, ghosts, and murder

W. H. Matlack writes unique, thrilling characters that drive exciting, unexpected plots

Gene Poschman writes gripping detective adventures

Kate Jessica Raphael writes a compelling mix of murder and politics

Putting Your Life on the Line: Writing A Memoir

3 pm to 4 pm

Everyone has a story to tell but getting deeply personal on the page can be a challenge. Learn how these writers balanced the art of self-revelation with the craft of shaping a text.

C'Anna Bergman-Hill, Dear Mrs. B: Unplanned Lessons of a Special Education Teacher

Sherman Gee, Legacy of the Lone Sentinel

Camille Minichino, moderator and author of four mystery series

Anne K. Ross, Beyond Rain Man: What One Psychologist Learned Raising a Son on the Autism Spectrum

Nancy Schluntz, Hand in Paw: A Journey of Trust and Discovery

