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Thursday Sessions

8:00 am

11-1, 11-2 & 11-3 PRO Retreat

Rich, Crandall, Roberts, Cruise, Mayer, Hwang, Gorkinski, Farrell, Ruley

8:30 am

11-4 Bootcamp for Beginning Romance Writers

Simone Elkeles Track: Craft

11-5 Writing Is an Addiction - A Twelve Step Program to Success

Sharon Sala Track: Craft

11-6 Writing the Selling Synopsis

Nancy Robards Thompson & Katherine Garbera Track: Craft

11-7 From Alleles to Zygotes: Updated DNA Analysis for Writers

Jessica Andersen Track: Research

11-8 From Pelisse to Chemise

Heidi Hermiller Track: Research

11-9 When Everyone Stares: Presenting with Pizzazz

Natalie Eggeman Track: Career

9:45 am

11-10 Group Loops...and Blogs and Ads

Dianne Castell, LuAnn McLane, Janice Maynard & Karen Kelley

Track: Career

11-11 Dialogue: It's More Than What You Say

Julia Quinn Track: Craft

11-12 Reinventing Your Career Success: Making It All Come Together

Haywood Smith Track: Career

11-13 Fitzwilliam Darcy to Harry Potter: How Names Add Depth to Fiction

Jo Beverley Track: Craft

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Thursday Sessions continued

(9:45 am continued)

- 11-14 **Crime in Mind**
Rae Monet & Karin Tabke Track: Research
- 11-15 **PERSISTENCE--Do You Have What It Takes to Survive and Thrive?**
Jennifer Greene & Ruth Kaufman Track: Career
11:00 am
- 11-16 **Write 50 Books in a Year!**
Elle James & Delilah Devlin Track: Writer's Life/Muse
- 11-17 **Leadership 101: An Introduction to Volunteer Activities Within RWA**
Carol Prescott Track: Special
- 11-18 **Fresh Characters: Unlikely Heroines**
Emily Giffin & Stephany Evans Track: Craft
- 11-19 **Finding Your Funky Bird: A New Approach to Marketing Your Manuscript**
Lani Diane Rich Track: Publishing
- 11-20 **Drowned Dames, Mauled Men & Crispy Critters: A Body Disposal Primer for Writers**
Jeanne Pickering Adams Track: Research
- 11-21 **A Sagging Middle and What to Do About It**
Gail Martin Track: Craft
12:00 pm
- 11-22 **Thursday Luncheon Keynote**
Meg Cabot

Friday Sessions

8:30 am

- 11-23 **Legal Issues For Writers**
Teresa Bodwell Track: Career
- 11-24 **Writing Action Scenes**
Gail Dayton Track: Craft
- 11-25 **Chilling Villains**
Karen Rose & Madeline Hunter Track: Craft
- 11-26 **Recognizing Change - In Yourself and in Your Characters**
Kellie Finley Track: Career
- 11-27 **A Chick Lit Hero's Journey or It's Not Just About the Shoes**
Eileen Rendahl Track: Craft
- 11-28 **Spice Up Your Romance Novel**
Annette Blair Track: Craft
- 11-29 **Successful Storytelling in the Digital World**
Isabel Swift & Malle Vallik Track: Career
- 11-30 **The Bait, the Hook, the Catch: It's All About Chapter 1**
Christie Ridgway Track: Craft
- 11-31 **Spotlight on St. Martin's Press**
9:45 am
- 11-32 **Taming Your Internal Critic**
Jenna Kernan Track: Writer's Life/Muse
- 11-33 **Who's Your Daddy?**
Robyn DeHart & Emily McKay Track: Craft
- 11-34 **Prepping for the Big Leagues: How to Be a Successful Unpublished Author**
Trish Milburn & Mary Fechter Track: Career
- 11-35 **How to Get the Most from Your Local Bookstore**
Bonnie Gardner Track: Career
- 11-36 **Breaking Away from the Pack in a Nudist Werewolf World**
Natasha Kern, Pamela Clare, Malena Lott, Lisa Renee Jones & Kimberly Raye Track: Career
- 11-37 **The Amazing Pace: The Elements and Enemies of Effective Pacing in Romantic Suspense**
Roxanne St. Claire & Gayle Wilson Track: Craft
- 11-38 **Men Talk Different**
Laurie Brown Track: Craft

- 11-39 & 11-40 **YEX and Violence: How to Write Action without Losing Your Story**
Jenny Crusie & Bob Mayer Track: Craft
- 11-41 **A Good Fit: Growing Your Novel into Single Title**
Stephanie Rowe & Michelle Grajkowski Track: Craft
- 11-42 **Spotlight on Ellora's Cave**
- 11-43 & 11-44 **Spotlight on Harlequin / Silhouette**
11:00 am
- 11-45 **True Confessions of Contest Junkies: From Contest Wins to Book Contract**
Catherine Kean & Nancy Robards Thompson Track: Career
- 11-46 **Chat with. . . Julie Garwood**
- 11-47 **Romantic Suspense - From Category to Single Title**
Rita Herron, Debra Webb, Allison Lyons & Stephanie Rostan Track: Craft
- 11-48 **Beyond the Basics: 10 Ways a Good Agent Can Benefit a Career Beyond Marketing & Negotiating**
Jennifer Archer, Jenny Bent & Lisa Childs Track: Publishing
- 11-49 **What a Difference a Brand Makes**
Vicki Lewis Thompson Track: Career
- 11-50 **Theme--Taking an Old Fashioned Concept and Turning It into an Effective Way to Market Your Voice**
Jennifer Greene & Barbara Keiler Track: Craft
- 11-51 **Harlequin, Kensington and Virgin Books' New Erotic Romance Lines: What they want & how to get it to them.**
Sunny, Hilary Sares, Susan Pezzack, Kayla Perrin, Adam Nevill Track: Publishing

12:45 pm

- 11-52 **Pitfalls of the Paranormal**
Susan Squires Track: Craft
- 11-53 **Dangerous to Love: Action, Romance, and Writing the Kick-Butt Heroine**
Susan Grant & Cindy Dees Track: Craft
- 11-54 **Chat with. . . Nora Roberts**
- 11-55 **What are You Feeling and Why Should I Care? Writing Realistic Emotions**
Judie Aitken Track: Craft
- 11-56 **Kilts: The History of a Scottish Icon**
Tonda Fuller Track: Research
- 11-57 **We Don't Need No Stinkin' Rules**
Holly Jacobs & Susan Gable Track: Craft
- 11-58 **The Birth of a Book**
Karen Harper, Miranda Stecyk & Sarah Rundle Track: Publishing
- 11-59 **Block-Busting: Getting the Joy Back**
Laurie Schnebly Campbell Track: Writer's Life/Muse
- NOT RECORDED What to Do When You're Stuck**
Jill Barnett Track: Craft
- 11-61 **Spotlight on Dorchester**
2:00 pm
- 11-62 **Adventures in Love and Murder: Putting Romance Into a Mystery, and Do You Really Want to Go There**
Linda O. Johnston, Paige Wheeler & Linda Zimmerhanel Track: Publishing
- 11-63 **Secrets of the Best-Selling Sisterhood**
Susan Elizabeth Phillips & Jayne Ann Krentz Track: Craft
- 11-64 **Frankly, My Dear, We Do Give a Damn!**
Mary Alice Monroe, Mary Kay Andrews, Patti Callahan Henry & Kimberley Whalen Track: Craft
- 11-65 **Surviving the Sophomore Slump**
Beth Pattillo Track: Career
- 11-66 **Plotting the Erotic Romance (Hint: It's Not Porn)**
Shelley Bradley & Jaci Burton Track: Craft
- 11-67 **One from Column A, Two from Column B: Creating Believable Secondary Characters**
Anna Genoese & Melissa Ann Singer Track: Craft
- 11-68 **Writing with Magic (for Muggles)**
S.P. Sipal & Pamela Ahearn Track: Craft

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- 11-69 **Ten Ways Dating Has Improved My Writing - and Not in the Way You Think**
Joan Johnston Track: Career
- 11-70 **Show Me the Money!**
Brenda Hiatt Track: Career
- NOT RECORDED** 11-71 **Harlequin / Silhouette ... Forum**
Kathryn Lye & H/S editors Track: Publishing
- 11-72 **Spotlight on Bantam Dell**
3:15 pm
- 11-73 & 11-74 **RWA Idol**
Irene Goodman, Lucia Macro & Miriam Kriss Track: Career
- 11-75 **Self Editing for Success**
Laurie Brown Track: Craft
- 11-76 **Trauma 101**
Cathryn J. Lyons, MD Track: Research
- 11-77 **Real Women Kick Ass**
Lesley Mathews Track: Research
- 11-78 **Make It Last or Come Too Soon - How to Write Sexual Tension**
Linda Conrad Track: Craft
- 11-79 & 11-80 **Layering Complexity, Texture and Theme Using Subplots, Secondary Characters and Villains**
Robin Perini Track: Craft
- 11-81 **Author / Agent: A Marriage Made in Heaven or Hell**
Elizabeth Sinclair, Roberta Brown, Pattie Steele-Perkins & Vicki Hinze Track: Career
- 11-82 **Screw the Muse, I'm on Deadline**
Susan Mallery Track: Craft
- 11-83 **Spotlight on Pocket**
4:30 pm
- 11-84 **Writing the Sweet Series: Not Just Your Grandma's Stories**
Donna Wright & Erin Niumata Track: Craft
- 11-85 **Networking: Sowing the Seeds of Success**
Brenda Novak Track: Career
- 11-86 **Pointers on Point of View**
Lynnette Kent Track: Craft
- 11-87 **After the Crime**
Dianne Despain Track: Research
- 11-88 **Voice and Conflict: Blend Them and Make Ben and Jerry Proud!**
Leah Vale Track: Craft
- 11-89 **Jane Austen, the Mother of All Chick Lit**
Shanna Swendson & Kristin Nelson Track: Publishing
- 11-90 **Spotlight on Kensington**
7:30 pm
- 11-91 **Limbo-Limbo: A Fun Survival Class for the Not-Yet-Published**
Jeanne Pickering Adams Track: Career
- 11-92 & 11-93 **Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Having a Website but Were Afraid to Ask**
Kellie Finley Track: Career
- 8:45 pm*
- 11-94 **50 Ways to (Nearly) Kill Your Lover**
Amber Green Track: Research
- 11-99 **Who's on Top? Intimacy, Control and Conflict**
Virginia Kantra Track: Craft
- 11-100 **How to De-Latinize Your Latino Characters**
Lara Rios, Caren Johnson & Selena McLemore Track: Craft
- 11-101 **Walking the Tightrope: Writing More than One Kind of Romance**
Jill Shalvis & Brenda Chin Track: Career
- 11-102 **Spotlight on Red Dress Ink, HQN & MIRA**
9:45 am
- 11-103 **Chat with... Carly Phillips**
NOT RECORDED **Scared to Death: How to Write a Thriller ...**
Karen Robards Track: Craft
- 11-105 **How to Hook an Editor ON the First Page**
Dianna Love Snell, Allison Lyons & Annie Oortman Track: Craft
- 11-106 **Spotlight on Red Sage**
- 11-107 **Writing the Inspirational Novel: Keeping it Real and Relevant**
Terri Reed, Diane Dietz, Krista Stroever & Marta Perry Track: Craft
- 11-108 **Spotlight on Warner**
11:00 am
- 11-109 **Character and Culture**
Sharman Esarey Track: Research
- 11-110 **An Arranged Marriage: The Editor / Author Relationship**
Raelene Gorlinsky, Kate Douglas, Sylvia Day, Erin McCarthy & Kris Starr Track: Career
- 11-111 **Guerilla Tactics for Reinventing Yourself**
Charlotte Maclay, Lori Wilde & Karen Kosztołnyik Track: Career
- 11-112 **Unique Traits of Writing Action / Adventure for Women**
Vicki Hinze & Debra Webb Track: Craft
- 11-113 **Three Women in a Book: Turning Novellas into a Novel**
Jenny Crusie, Eileen Dreyer & Anne Stuart Track: Craft
- 11-114 **Three Act Structure: Pull the Reader In, Avoid the Sagging Middle, and Exit On a High Note**
Ann Voss Peterson, Rebecca York & Patricia Rosemoor Track: Craft
- 11-115 **A Cast of Thousands**
Suzanne Brockmann Track: Craft
- 11-116 **Spotlight on Avon**
- 11-117 **Spotlight on Luna and Other Paranormal Series**
12:00 pm
- 11-118 **Saturday Luncheon Keynote**
Christina Dodd
2:00 pm
- 11-119 **Scents & Sensibility**
Ann Christopher, Eve Silver Track: Craft
- 11-120 **Finding Time: The Habit of Writing Daily**
Kim Louise Track: Writer's Life/Muse
- 11-121 **Focus on Silhouette Intimate Moments: Back to the Future - with a Twist**
Nina Bruhns, Patience Smith & Linda Conrad Track: Publishing
- 11-122 **Fact or Fiction: Getting it Right at the Government**
Susan Egan Track: Research
- 11-123 **Making the Most of Your Marketing Dollars: The Author, Publicist, & Publishing Company Relationship**
Janice Lynn, Jo-Ann Power & Brianna Yamashita Track: Career
- 11-124 **Start Talking: Creating Unforgettable Dialogue**
Leslie Kelly, Brenda Chin & Julie Elizabeth Leto Track: Craft
- 11-125 **What Historical Slump?**
Shana Galen, May Chen, Robyn DeHart, Shirley Karr, Kimberly Logan, Margo Maguire & Anne Mallory Track: Publishing
- 11-126 & 11-127 **From Identity to Essence: Love Stories & Transformation**
Michael Hauge Track: Special
- 11-128 **I Do, I Do? Challenging Couples in Love**
Laurie Schnebly Campbell Track: Craft
- 11-129 **Outlining Plot and Narrative Structure**
Bob Mayer Track: Craft
- 11-130 **Spotlight on TOR**

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Saturday Sessions

8:30 am

- 11-95 **Energy Healing for Writers**
Jade Lee Track: Career
- 11-96 **Crafting a Great First Chapter**
Stacy Boyd & Susan Litman Track: Craft
- 11-97 **Payoffs and Pitfalls of Contests**
Tanya Michaels Track: Writer's Life/Muse
- 11-98 **60 Minutes to Your Marketing Strategy**
Deborah Pfeiffer & Blythe Gifford Track: Career

Saturday Sessions Continued

3:15 pm

- 11-131 **Teens and Tweens**
Nadia Cornier & Simone Elkeles Track: Craft
- 11-132 **Plotting or Pantsing**
Sherilyn Kenyon, Dianna Love Snell & Kim Daniel Track: Craft
- 11-133 **Not a Virgin, No Secret Baby, Not Looking for a Hero: Meet the REAL Women of Women's Fiction**
Jennifer Archer, Gail Chasan, Nancy Robards Thompson & Lisa Childs
Track: Publishing
- 11-134 **Google This! Tips and Tricks for Writers**
Virginia Kelly Track: Research
- 11-135 **Breaking In (Without the Nervous Breakdown)**
Hilary Sares & Sulay Hernandez Track: Publishing
- 11-136 **Writing on the Edge**
Jennifer St. Giles & Rita Herron Track: Craft
- 11-137 **Pillow Talk: How to Avoid Making Bedroom Banter Sound Like an "Adult" Movie**
Heather Osborn, Sylvia Day, Cathryn Fox & Delilah Devlin
Track: Craft
- 11-138 **Spotlight on Avalon**
- 11-139 **Spotlight on NAL**

4:30 pm

- 11-140 **What Editors Worry About and Why It's Not the Size of Your Margins!**
Lucia Macro, Stephanie Laurens & Victoria Alexander
Track: Publishing
- 11-141 **Doing It All Over Again: Writing Novels in a Series**
Eloisa James Track: Craft
- 11-142 **The A-Team**
Jenna Petersen, Miriam Kriss & May Chen Track: Publishing
- 11-143 **To Target or Not to Target - That is the Question**
Madelyn Hill Track: Career
- 11-144 **YOU, New and Improved: Building a Brand**
Stephanie Bond Track: Career
- 11-145 **Yes They ARE Different! Cracking the Romantic Suspense Code at Harlequin / Silhouette / Mira / HQN**
Nina Bruhns, Jessica Alvarez, Cynthia Cooke & Michele Hauf
Track: Publishing

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