

*2012 Directory of Connecticut Authors  
and Literary Venues*

Patricia F. D'Ascoli, Editor

**Albrizio, Eileen**

**Genre:** Poetry and fiction

*Without Mercy: A Ghost Story* (Novel – Due as an e-book in 2011 and a print book in 2012)

*Perennials: New and Selected Poems* (Nominated for the 2008 CT Book Award)

*Rain – Dark as Water in Winter* (A Play Plus Poems – Rain ranked in the top 20 best plays of 1997 by *Writer’s Digest*)

Former ABC and NPR radio journalist, Eileen Albrizio spends her days writing and teaching writing. Her most beloved teaching position was at the York Correctional Institute, Connecticut’s maximum-security prison for women. This two-time winner of the GHAC Individual Artist Fellowship for poetry is available for lectures and workshops.

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**Basch, Rachel**

**Genre:** Literary fiction/novelist

*The Passion of Reverend Nash*

*Degrees of Love*

Rachel Basch is the author of two novels published by W.W. Norton. *The Passion of Reverend Nash* was named one of the five best novels of 2003. *Degrees of Love*, translated into Dutch and German, was a *Hartford Courant* Book Club selection. A 2011 MacDowell Colony Fellow, Basch teaches in Fairfield University’s MFA program.

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**Benton, Richard O.**

**Genre:** Science Fiction and Action/Adventure

*I Wish I May: A Tale of the Fourth Millennium*

*Moonlight Man*

*The Mission*

Dick lives in CT’s northwest hills. He has written over 200 short stories formed into several collections. He has also written two stage plays, along with numerous op-ed articles. His work has been published in regional newspapers, magazines and online. Several book projects promise to keep him busy for years to come.

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**Bercowetz, Cynthia**

**Genre:** Children’s fiction and Nonfiction

*Oliver the Lion Who Wants to Be A Lion*

*Scams* (considers scams from 1920 to the present - includes Charles Ponzi and Bernie Madoff)

Cynthia Bercowetz presents her books to libraries in Connecticut and Naples, Florida. She is available to

read *Oliver the Lion* to children with their participation. Her book is about a lion who wants to help the service Lions do eye screening and everything else they do to help those in need. Oliver has many adventures along the way to get to the Lions building.

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### **Boyle, Doe**

**Genre:** Travel; children's fiction

*Fun with the Family in Connecticut*

*Guide to the Connecticut Shore*

*Coral Reef Hideaway: The Story of A Clown Anemonefish*

*Otter on His Own: The Story of A Southern Sea Otter*

A graduate of Fairfield University with a BA in English, Doe Boyle has worked in magazine, book, and newspaper publishing for 30 years. Editor of children's fiction and adult nonfiction with special interests in natural history, outdoor recreation, travel, regional folklore, and memoir, she is the author of eleven children's picture books about endangered species and conservation issues, published by Soundprints in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution and the National Wildlife Federation. A freelance writer of educational materials for such clients as the National Park Service and the CT Humanities Council, Doe is a Master Teaching Artist selected by the CT Office of the Arts. Her specialty is teaching elementary schoolchildren to write poetry and stories, both fiction and nonfiction, from the heart of their own experiences.

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### **Brody, Polly Laszlo**

**Genre:** Poetry, Short story, Essay

*The Burning Bush* (Antrim House 2005)

*At the Flower's Lip* (Antrim House 2007, 2009)

*Stirring Shadows* (Antrim House 2009)

Twice received the Winchell Award from Connecticut Poetry Society, placed first, second and third in national poetry competitions, finalist in New Millennium Writing Competition. Polly has published widely, including *Spoon River Poetry Review*, *Zone 3*, *The Midwest Quarterly*, *Potomac Review*, *Northeast Magazine*, *Connecticut River Review*. She offers a workshop titled "Putting Chi into Creative Writing."

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### **Brophy, Ann**

**Genre:** Children's, Middle Grade, YA

*Novus 3 and Me* (illustrated story book)

*When I Moved Upstairs* (middle grade/YA)

*Best Friends Are Better Than Diamonds, A Story of Diamond Heels and Stepped-on Toes* (memoir)

Ann Brophy worked with Broadway playwrights before moving to Connecticut. She has published eight books – fiction, nonfiction, and historical fiction. She has also published stories and poetry in children's

magazines, taught Writing for Children at Fairfield University, conducted workshops and edited for publishers and private students.

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### **Bulion, Leslie**

**Genre:** Children's  
*At the Sea Floor Cafe: Odd Ocean Critter Poems* (Peachtree 2011)  
*The Trouble with Rules* (Peachtree 2008)  
*Hey There, Stink Bug!* (Charlesbridge 2006)

Leslie Bulion writes funny science poetry and novels for children ages 5-100. For school and library visits in CT, please contact Young Audiences of CT [www.yaconn.org](http://www.yaconn.org). For visits outside CT, virtual visits, educator workshops or for more information, please email Leslie.

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### **Bussolini, Karen**

**Genre:** Garden Writing  
*Elegant Silvers: Striking Plants for Every Garden* (photographer and co-author)  
*The Homeowner's Complete Tree and Shrub Handbook* (photographer)  
*The Naturescaping Workbook: A Step-by-Step Guide for Bringing Nature to Your Backyard* (photographer)

Karen Bussolini is an award-winning garden photographer, writer, lecturer, an eco-friendly garden coach and a NOFA-Accredited Land Care Professional. In her coaching work, magazine and book writing and "The Garden Coach" column for *The Lakeville Journal*, she gives down to earth guidance for creating sustainable landscapes and gardens.

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### **Clements, Brian**

**Genre:** Poetry  
*Jargon* (Quale Press)  
*And How to End It* (Quale Press)  
*Disappointed Psalms* (Meritage Press)

Brian Clements is the author/editor of a dozen books, chapbooks, and anthologies, including *An Introduction to the Prose Poem*, an anthology designed for classroom use. He coordinates the Master of Fine Arts program in Creative and Professional Writing at WCSU and is the founding editor of Firewheel Editions and of *Sentence: A Journal of Prose Poetics*.

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**Cote, Lynne Kathryn**

**Genre:** Contemporary Adult Fiction

*The Long Road* - a collection of thirteen short stories

Lynne Kathryn Cote, a graduate of Union University, has a background in healthcare. She has been nationally recognized for her expertise in end-of-life palliative care, and edited *Nuances: The Soul of Hospice* by Reverend John Abbott.

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**Covello, Jennifer**

**Genre:** Children’s fiction

*My Life*

*Frittabello and his Angel*

Jennifer Covello is the owner and founder of Frittabello, LLC, a baby gift business. Ms. Covello has authored and published an award-winning baby journal, *My Life* and a children’s book, *Frittabello and his Angel*. Her products can be purchased online or in various upscale retailers in Fairfield County, CT.

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**D’Ascoli, Patricia**

**Genre:** Memoir

*Picture This: Photo Inspired Reflections*

*Diary of a Mediocre Mom: Why I Hate Water Parks and Other Midlife Musings*

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**Davis, Cortney**

**Genre:** Poetry, Fiction, Non-Fiction

*The Heart’s Truth: Essays on the Art of Nursing* (Kent State University Press). Winner of an Independent Publisher’s Silver Medal and the American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Award.

*Conversion / Return* (poetry chapbook; Finishing Line Press)

*Leopold’s Maneuvers* (poetry collection; Univ. of Nebraska Press). Winner of the Prairie Schooner Book Prize in Poetry.

Cortney Davis is the author of five poetry collections, two non-fiction books, a novella, and editor of two anthologies. Awards include The Center for the Book Award, NEA Poetry Fellowship, and three CT. Commission on the Arts grants. Poetry editor of "Alimentum: the literature of food," Cortney was the featured reader at the Sunken Garden Poetry Festival in 2005. She is available for readings and workshops.

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**Donohue, John**

**Genre:** Fiction, thrillers

*Kage: The Shadow.* 2011. YMAA Publication Center

*Tengu: The Mountain Goblin.* 2008. YMAA Publication Center

*Deshi.* 2006 Onyx Press

John Donohue is the award winning author of the thrillers Sensei, *Deshi Tengu* and *Kage*. A Ph.D. in Anthropology, he also holds black belts in karatedo and kendo. He is Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven Connecticut.

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**Dooling, Michael C.**

**Genre:** History, True Crime, Biographical

*Clueless in New England: the unsolved disappearances of Paula Welden, Connie Smith  
and Katherine Hull*

*Milford Lost & Found*

*An Historical Account of Charles Island*

Michael is a news librarian and antiquarian bookman and has written historical articles published by *Connecticut Explored, Naval History, Log of Mystic Seaport, Writer's Digest, Republican-American, Sinclair Lewis Society, Mattatuck Museum, etc.* Offers PowerPoint presentations for a fee including *The World of Rare Books* and *Working on Mysteries without any Clues.*

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**Dougal, Bill**

**Genre:** Children's

*This & That From Bill's Hat*

*Fish Song Fun*

Bill creates illustrations for books, etc. and he also writes books and songs for kids (www.dougalmusic.net ). He does musical performances, art workshops, and an easel show on cartooning. A professional caricaturist, Bill lives in Lebanon.

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**Ferriss, Lucy**

**Genre:** Fiction, nonfiction, memoir

*THE LOST DAUGHTER* (forthcoming Feb. 2012 from Berkley/Penguin)

*UNVEILING THE PROPHET: THE MISADVENTURES OF A RELUCTANT DEBUTANTE* (U. Missouri, 2005)

*LEAVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND OTHER STORIES* (Mid-List Press, 2001)

Lucy Ferriss is the author of eight books, including the novel *The Lost Daughter* (Berkley 2012). Her work has received recognition from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Faulkner Society, the Fulbright Commission, and the International Society for Narrative, among others. She teaches fiction, nonfiction, and literature at Trinity College.

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### **Frome, Shelly**

**Genre:** Fiction

*Tinseltown Riff*

*The Twinning Murders*

*Twilight of the Drifters* (to be released December 2011)

Shelly Frome is a member of Mystery Writers of America. His fiction includes *Tinseltown Riff*, *The Twinning Murders*, *Lilac Moon*, *Sun Dance for Andy Horn*, and *Twilight of the Drifters*. He is available for discussions on the creative process and book signings in the greater Litchfield Hills and Waterbury-Southbury-Woodbury area.

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### **Garnes, David**

**Genre:** Essays, Fiction, Poetry

*From My Life: Travels and Adventures*

*After The War Was Over: Poems of An American Childhood*

*Waitin' For The Train To Come In* (forthcoming)

Writer/editor, fFormer English teacher and academic librarian. Available to facilitate book discussions and to speak on a variety of topics (memoir writing; American literature and culture; volunteering; caregiving; the medicine/literature connection; Unitarian-Universalism; motion picture history; travel writing)

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### **Geisler, Thomas**

**Genre:** Prose fiction and drama, comic and serious.

*The Wedding Cup or Sophonisba's Chalice and Other Tales*

College instructor at University of New Haven and University of Connecticut. Retired lawyer. Graduate, Harvard College and Harvard Law School. Drama of historical tragic love triangle during Second Punic War, comic retelling of Theseus and Ariadne myth where all Hellas breaks loose, and two other comic tales.

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## **Gilbert, Frances**

**Genre:** children's fiction; adult psychological mystery

*Where Is She Now?* (available on Kindle and Amazon print)

*She Should have Come for Me* (available on Kindle only)

*A World Of Numbers* (available from Bank Square Books, Mystic and Amazon)

Frances Gilbert, born in England, immigrated to the United States and became a special educator. She writes children's books and adult mysteries. A believer in the intimacy of shared reading as a vital component of developing literacy, Frances writes for 'read aloud'. She is available for readings, signings, classrooms, book clubs.

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## **Golden, C.J.**

**Genre:** Women/Girls Life skills/ Self-realization

*TAO OF THE DEFIANT WOMAN*

*TAO-GIRLS RULE!*

C.J. Golden, author of *TAO OF THE DEFIANT WOMAN*, and the award winning *TAO-GIRLS RULE!* is a motivational speaker who travels the country inspiring all with her dynamic spirit and vision as she helps others explore their unique journeys through life. Golden is an increasingly important voice in the field of women's studies.

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## **Hathorn, Melvin**

**Genre:** Fiction

*The Prisoner's Dilemma*

*Celts and Kings*

*The Castlereagh Connection*

Melvin Hathorn teaches college literature and history at Albertus Magnus College and is a historic interpreter at the Mark Twain House in Hartford. He has piloted planes and traveled across the United States, Europe, Greece, the former Soviet Union and Central Asia. His passion for justice and fairness expresses itself in his writings.

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## **Hutton, Jeff**

**Genre:** Fiction, Nonfiction

*Perfect Silence*

*Inside Out: The Art & Craft of Landscaping*

*Rocks, Dirt, Worms and Weeds: A Kid's Introduction to Gardening*

Jeff Hutton is a landscape designer who teaches fiction writing at Manchester Community College and has also taught historical fiction writing. He teaches a Regional Continuing Education course in home landscaping at Rockville High School and is available for workshops.

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### **Jones, Nalini**

**Genre:** fiction, nonfiction

*What You Call Winter*, story collection (2007)

Nalini Jones is the author of a story collection, *What You Call Winter*. Her fiction has appeared in *One Story*, *Elle India* and *Ontario Review*, and her essays in *Vogue India*, Freud's Blind Spot, and AIDS Sutra, among other publications. She teaches in the M.F.A. writing program at Fairfield University.

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### **Joyell, Jeremy**

**Genre:** Memoir

*A Lifetime Ago: Before the Death of Childhood*

Born in 1942 in Waterbury, Jeremy Joyell graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1964 and received a Master's degree from the University of Hartford in 1967. He completed further graduate work at Trinity College, Central CT State University, University of Rhode Island, and the University of Hartford. He taught high school English for 25 years and taught as an adjunct instructor of English at the University of Connecticut and Albertus Magnus College. He is also a presenter in the Osher Lifelong Institute at UConn – Waterbury.

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### **Kelleher, Anne (Annie)**

**Genre:** Mainstream; SF/Fantasy

*How David Met Sarah* (eFitzgerald 2011)

*Silver's Lure* (Harlequin 2006)

*Silver's Bane* (Harlequin 2005)

Anne Kelleher's published work includes one short story, two poems, twelve novels and numerous nonfiction articles both in print and online. As a writing coach, Annie empowers aspiring writers to discover and nourish their unique voices. A gifted intuitive medium, Annie is available for workshops and other speaking engagements. Annie facilitates The Writers' Circle at the Canton Public Library.

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**Kelleher, Jim**

**Genre:** Poetry

*Quarry* (2008)

*Mick: A Celestial Drama* (2011)

Jim’s poems have appeared in Yankee, The Christian Science Monitor, The Country and Abroad and literary journals. He has an MFA from New England College and teaches composition and literature at Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted. He is available for readings and workshops.

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**Knopf, Chris**

**Genre:** Mysteries/Thrillers

*Black Swan*

*Bad Bird*

*Elysiana*

Chris Knopf is the author of the Sam Acquillo and Jackie Swaitkowski Hamptons Mysteries series and a three-time runner-up for the CT Book Award. Jackie III, *Ice Cap* is slated for May, 2012, *Dead Anyway*, a stand-alone thriller, Oct, 2012. Chris is CEO of Mintz & Hoke Communications Group.

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**Labriola, Jerry**

**Genre:** Mystery/Forensic Science

*Scent of Danger* (2011)

*Shocking Cases*, co-authored with Dr. Henry Lee (2010)

*The Strange Death of Napoleon Bonaparte* (2008)

Jerry Labriola, M.D. is the author of seven mystery novels and has co-authored four books dealing with true crime and forensic issues with famed forensic scientist, Dr. Henry Lee. He is a regular worldwide lecturer aboard the Queen Mary 2, Queen Victoria, Queen Elizabeth and other cruise line ships.

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**Law, Janice (non-fiction as Janice Law Trecker)**

**Genre:** Contemporary and mystery novels; short mystery fiction

*The Lost Diaries of Iris Weed*

*Voices*

*Blood in the Water and Other Secrets* (short story collection)

I have published extensively, both fiction and non-fiction, and I have had a lot of experience with readings and public speaking. I recently retired from the University of Connecticut where I taught English for twenty years.

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**Mann, Jan**

**Genre:** Travel

*Cruising Connecticut with a Picnic Basket*

The stimulus for *Cruising Connecticut* was a long-time passion for day tripping. The addition of picnic spots and recipes was the perfect touch to make it a best-selling Connecticut travel book. Now Jan’s passion is traveling across the state giving talks to various groups, over 150 to date.

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**Marks-White, Judith**

**Genre:** Humor columnist: *Westport News* and Novelist, College Professor, Lecturer

*Seducing Harry* (Random House/Ballantine)

*Bachelor Degree* (Random House/Ballantine)

*Chicken Soup for the Soul Books* (6)

Judith Marks-White’s Westport News award-winning column: *The Light Touch* appears every Wednesday for the past 26-years. She authored two novels published by Random House/ Ballantine. Judith teaches humor writing, and lectures widely. She is the recipient of numerous awards including ELLE magazine’s Reader’s Prize Book 2009.

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**Mathieu, Lois**

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*Debut*

*Quiet But Dangerous*

Lois, a fiction writer, wrote poetry after earning a B.A. degree from Syracuse University and a M.A. in English at Trinity College. Her poems and reviews have been published in a variety of literary journals. She wrote for many years in the corporate industry before writing fiction full time.

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**Mattison, Alice**

**Genre:** Fiction

*When We Argued All Night* (novel, forthcoming 6/12/12 from Harper Perennial)

*Nothing Is Quite Forgotten in Brooklyn* (novel, 2008)

*In Case We’re Separated: Connected Stories* (2005)

Alice Mattison’s new novel, *When We Argued All Night*, will be published in June, and she is the author of nine other books of fiction. She lives in New Haven, teaches in the Bennington Writing Seminars, and would be happy to visit or talk with book groups and writing groups.

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**Merritt, Donna Marie**

**Genre:** Poetry

*What’s Wrong with Ordinary? Poems to Celebrate Life* (2012)

*Cancer, A Caregiver’s View* (2011)

*Job Loss, A Journey in Poetry* (2010)

Donna Marie Merritt is the author of the “Poetry for Tough Times” series. Her work has appeared in magazines, school reading programs, and ALA’s *Book Links*. Her poems may also be found in NCTE’s *Dear One: A Tribute to Lee Bennett Hopkins*, CPS’s *Olives, Now and Then: poems in honor of Donald Hall*, and *Caduceus* by the Yale Medical Group.

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**Norton, Louis Arthur**

**Genre:** Maritime history and maritime fiction

*Joshua Barney: Hero, of the Revolution and 1812* (The United States Naval Institute Press 2000)

*New England’s Stormalong*, (children’s fiction; Tate Publishing, 2009)

*Captains Contentious: The Dysfunctional Sons of the Brine* (University of South Carolina Press 2009 -

Finalist for Eric Hoffer Prize Award (da Vinci Eye) 2010-2011)

Louis Arthur Norton, professor emeritus from the University of Connecticut. Educated at Bowdoin (AB), Harvard (DMD) and at the University of Connecticut (MA in history), Dr. Norton has published extensively in maritime history and fiction and was recognized with two literary prizes each from the Mystic Seaport Museum and CAPA.

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**Padowicz, Julian**

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*Writer’s Block* (novel)

*Loves of Yulian: Mother and Me Part III* (memoir)

*The Best Sunset in Venice* (novel)

Julian Padowicz was seven, and Jewish, living in Warsaw, Poland when WW II began. With his mother, he made a celebrated escape over Carpathian Mountains into Hungary and eventually America. This escape and aftermath have provided fodder for several award-winning books, both memoir and fiction. Padowicz also speaks in libraries.

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**Paris, Mary Jane (MJ)**

**Genre:** Business and Motivational

*A Positive Workplace Means Business! It Just Makes Cent\$!*

*The Gratitude Book Project: Celebrating Moms and Motherhood* (contributing author)

Mary Jane (MJ) Paris, President, is the founder and “positive energy” source of Positive Impact Consulting Services, LLC and Positiv-A-Tea, LLC, a gourmet tea company in Shelton, CT. With a focus on the “positive workplace,” MJ specializes in leadership and professional development programs designed to boost morale and productivity, maximize employee potential and improve business results.

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### **Prince, Cathryn J.**

**Genre:** Narrative non-fiction history

*A Professor, a President, and a Meteor: The birth of American Science* (Prometheus Books 2010)

*Burn the Town and Sack the Banks: Confederates Attack Vermont!* (Basic Books 2006)

*Shot from the Sky: American POWs in Switzerland* (US Naval Institute Press 2003)

Winner of the Connecticut Press Club’s 2011 Book Award for non-fiction, Cathryn J. Prince was a correspondent for *The Christian Science Monitor* in Switzerland and in New York. Prince covers the Connecticut State House for Patch.com. She holds an M.S. in journalism from Columbia University, a B.A. in International Affairs from The George Washington University and an M.A. in American Studies from Fairfield University. Available for writer workshops.

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### **Radune, Richard A.**

**Genre:** History, non-fiction

*Sound Rising: Long Island Sound at the Forefront of America's Struggle for Independence*

*Pequot Plantation: The Story of an Early Colonial Settlement*

Mr. Radune graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in history. He served as a Captain in the USAF followed by a 30 year career with CIGNA Corporation. He has given numerous talks through various venues and has developed a lively “Power Point” slide presentation for each book.

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### **Reyna, Bessy**

**Genre:** Poetry, Fiction, Memoir

*Memorias de la Amante Infiel/Memoirs of the Unfaithful Lover* (tunAstral, Mexico, 2010) bilingual poetry collection

*The Battlefield of Your Body* (Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, CT) poetry

Reyna is an award-winning poet whose work has appeared in many literary publications in the US and Latin America. She has read twice at the nationally recognized Sunken Garden Poetry Festival. A former opinion columnist for the Hartford Courant, she is a frequent speaker at Colleges and universities.

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### **Rossiter, Nan**

**Genre:** Women's fiction and children's books

*The Gin & Chowder Club*

*Making Spirits Bright*  
*The Fo'c'sle*

Nan Rossiter is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and the author-illustrator of several books for children. She is also a women's fiction novelist. Nan lives in New Milford with her husband and two sons. She is available for school visits and book signings.

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**Saba, Mark**

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*Thaddeus Olsen* (in *Desperate Remedies*, 2008)

*The Landscapes of Pater* (2004)

*Judith of the Lights* (epic poem, in *Three Women: Touching the Boundaries of Life*, 1996)

Mark Saba's fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction have appeared widely in literary magazines and anthologies in the US and abroad. He is also a painter. Currently he works as a medical illustrator and graphic artist at Yale University.

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**Shea, Pegi Deitz**

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*Noah Webster: Weaver of Words*

*The Taxing Case of the Cows: A True Story about Suffrage*

*Abe in Arms*

Pegi has presented at more than 400 schools, libraries and conferences across the country. A two time winner of the Connecticut Book Award, she has also received awards from IRA, NCTE, CBC, NCSS, New York Public Library and Bank Street College. She teaches writing at UConn and through the Institute of Children's Literature.

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**Sheehy, Patricia**

**Genres:** fiction/non-fiction

*Veil of Illusion; Field of Destiny* (fiction)

*Dancing Under the Full Moon; Giving with Meaning* (nonfiction)

An award winning author with a background in marketing and public relations, Patricia holds a Master's Degree from Wesleyan University. Her writing often explores spiritual themes of forgiveness and acceptance, as well as karma, destiny and laws of attraction. A seasoned public speaker and workshop facilitator, she is available to speak with groups of all sizes; in addition she offers mentoring, editing and consulting services.

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## **Shmurak, Carole B.**

**Genre:** Mystery

*Deadmistress* (named a Notable Book of 2004 by *Writers Notes Magazine*)

*Death by Committee*

*Death at Hilliard High*

(All out in new 2011 editions from Park Court Press; also on Kindle)

Carole Shmurak is the author of ten books. As Carroll Thomas, she co-authored *Ring Out Wild Bells*, nominated for the Agatha in 2001. Carole gives the following talks and workshops:

“Private Lives of Private Eyes” (the love lives, or lack thereof, of fictional detectives)

“Academic Robes and Little Black Dresses” (history of women and professors as detectives in fiction)

“Bringing Characters Alive” - How to create vivid realistic characters, and how description and dialogue can bring them to life on the page.

“Writing Your Mystery” - The basic elements of mystery writing: the various types of mysteries, creating a detective, bringing characters to life, plotting the story, clues and red herrings.

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## **Speart, Jessica**

**Genre:** Narrative Nonfiction; Mystery

*Winged Obsession*

*Unsafe Harbor*

*Restless Waters*

Jessica Speart is the author of the highly acclaimed narrative nonfiction book *Winged Obsession: The Pursuit of the World's Most Notorious Butterfly Smuggler* (William Morrow), an Indie Next pick which has been featured on CBS *Weekend Roundup*, *National Geographic Weekend*, the *Huffington Post*, *The New York Post*, and numerous NPR shows.

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## **Stengel, Joyce**

**Genre:** Middle grade mysteries and picture book

*St. Patrick and the Three Brave Mice*

*Mystery of the Island Jewels*

*Mystery at Kittiwake Bay*

Joyce A. Stengel holds an M.F.A. in English and a B.A. with a concentration in writing. Prior to writing for children, she was Writing Center Coordinator at CCSU and wrote freelance articles for newspapers and magazines.

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**Thunfors, Jacquelyn**

**Genre:** Non-fiction

*Journalist Without Words - 19 Years Painting International Conversations*

*Paint Your Life*

*Alternating Currents - Childhood Between Frances and Lyman*

International author and artist, creator of patent-pending Paint Your Life educational workshops-Greece, South Africa, UK, Spain, China, US-proven 100% successful generating original ideas, images, streaming brainset in one 6-game day. 11 international government exhibitions. Olympic collection opening June 2012 University of London, SOAS, TRANSMISSION OF IDEAS WITHOUT WORDS - her trademark. U.S and UK '11 and '12 workshop information via email.

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**Wagner, Pamela Spiro**

**Genre:** Non-fiction memoir and poetry

*Divided Minds: Twin Sisters and Their Journey through Schizophrenia*, Pamela Spiro Wagner and Carolyn Spiro, MD (St Martin's Press 2005)

*We Mad Climb Shaky Ladders: Poems* (CavanKerry Press, 2009)

Award-winning author, poet and artist, Wagner has lived with schizophrenia most of her life. She is available to speak and do readings nationally on writing and mental health issues.

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**Webb, Shirley G.**

**Genre:** Children's and YA Fiction

*Tales from the Keeper of the Myths*

*Dance in the Rain*

*Echo of a Dream*

Shirley G. Webb, in her 30-minute story presentation, *The Land Where the Forest Begins*, dresses in traditional Native American regalia, and with traditional flute music, leads children K-8 on a time-travel journey using their imagination and five senses. She also writes for YA and gives craft of writing presentations to schools and writer groups.

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**Webber, Christopher L.**

**Genre:** Various: Biography, poetry, religious

*American to the Backbone: the Life of James W.C. Pennington, a fugitive slave who became a leading black abolitionist* (Pegasus, 2011)

*Welcome to the Christian Faith* (Morehouse, 2011)

*Beyond Beowulf* (2006)

I've been described as "poet, priest and farmer." I live in a remote area of Sharon, CT, take care of my garden, build up and deplete my woodpile, preach to a small congregation on Sundays, and wrote about what interests me. My newest book is one that ought to interest all Americans because James Pennington changed our history.

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## **White, Michael**

**Genre:** Novelist

*Beautiful Assassin* (William Morrow, 2010)

*Soul Catcher* (William Morrow, 2007)

*The Garden of Martyrs* (St. Martin's, 2004)

Author of six novels and a story collection, including *Beautiful Assassin*, a *Historical Novels Review* editors' choice, *Soul Catcher*, a *Booksense* selection, *A Brother's Blood*, a *NYT Book Review* Notable Book. Two of his novels have been finalists for the Connecticut Book Award. He is the Director of Fairfield University's MFA Creative Writing Program.

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Bethel, Connecticut 06801  
Owner: Alice Hutchinson

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### **Connecticut Authors and Publishers Association**

Established in 1994, CAPA helps authors (and aspiring authors) improve their writing and marketing skills and increase the visibility and sales of their books, columns and articles by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and information. Monthly meetings feature speakers on a variety of topics of interest, and a monthly magazine *The Authority* not only shares information with members, but gives them an opportunity to hone their writing skills.

**Website:**     [www.aboutcapa.com](http://www.aboutcapa.com)

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### **Fairfield University MFA in Creative Writing**

Dr. Michael C. White, Program Director

Fairfield's two-year, low residency Creative Writing Program leads to an MFA degree with concentrations in fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry, and screenwriting. Students attend only two 10-day annual residencies on beautiful Enders Island off the coast of Mystic. Between residencies, students develop their craft under the guidance of skilled and caring faculty.

**Website:**     [www.fairfield.edu/mfa](http://www.fairfield.edu/mfa)

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### **Sunken Garden Poetry Festival**

Hill-Stead Museum  
35 Mountain Road  
Farmington, CT 06032

Each summer, Hill-Stead Museum hosts the outdoor Sunken Garden Poetry Festival, one of the most prestigious poetry events in the country featuring the top tier of American poets, including U.S. Poets Laureate and winners of national prizes and awards, as well as regional and student poets.

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## **Westport Writers' Workshop**

3 Sylvan Road South  
Westport, CT 06880

**Creative Writing Workshops:** Established in 2005, the *Westport Writers' Workshop* offers a range of supportive creative writing workshops designed to nurture creativity, inspire imagination, and develop the writing craft. Along with its workshops and programs The *Westport Writers' Workshop* also offers an optional annual membership which includes discounts and other member benefits.

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