Upcoming 2026 Meetings

April 8
Linda Austin
Memoir Writing and How It Relates to Fiction

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May 13
Warren (Marty) Martin
Audiobooks:
How and Why

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The HEIGHTS Community Center
Doors Open at 6:30 PM
Meeting Begins at 7:00 PM
FREE for SLPA Members
$10 for Guests
Join SLPA Today!

April Meeting
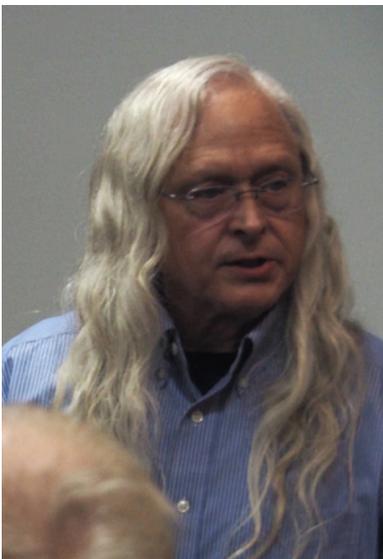# Memoir Writing and How It Relates to Fiction

Learn how the nonfiction writing and marketing of memoir and life writing are similar in aspects to fiction writing. Except YOU are the main character in the story. Your family is your most important audience, but what will attract them as well as other readers?

Linda Austin published Cherry Blossoms in Twilight, her mother's memoir of growing up in Japan around WWII, and became an advocate for life writing through her website Moonbridgebooks.com. She also wrote Poems That Come to Mind for caregivers, and she co-authored Battlefield Doc, a Korean War memoir. She has helped many others produce their memoirs or family histories. Linda is a long-time member of the SLPA.

February Meeting Recap

We had a wonderful turnout at just our second meeting of the year, with more than 30 members in attendance and several new faces joining us — an encouraging start to the months ahead. Soul Alignment: Writing True to Self and Authenticallyserved as a meaningful reminder that strong writing begins with reflection. Through a clear framework and guided prompts, participants gained practical techniques and tools to move their ideas closer to publication.

Thank you to Michael DePung for leading such an engaging session—and to our community for showing up ready to write with authenticity and intention.

Upcoming in May
Audiobooks: How and Why

If you're serious about growing as an author, audiobooks aren't an option anymore — they're leverage, and they let readers "read" while doing something else.

At our May meeting our SLPA past president Warren (Marty) Martin will discuss the why and how to produce and sell audiobooks. He has 20 plus books in print and eBook, and all of them in Audiobook format available on Audible, Spotify and other platforms including his website martymartin.net/

The audiobook market has grown consistently year after year. Platforms like Audible, Spotify, and Apple Books are investing heavily in audio. That's not a trend. That's a shift.

After discussing why you should include audiobooks with your books, Marty will discuss how to find narrator talent, produce, upload, the cost, and sell audiobooks on Amazon Audible, Spotify, and other platforms to include your website. He will also review how to market audiobooks.

Are you listening?

Congratulations

Several of our SLPA Anthology Authors were interviewed by the Authors Edge Radio Show. Congratulations Kimberly, Michael and Mary Pat!

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Dr. Patrick Jones has expanded his Microsoft 365 Companion Series with the release of Beyond the Feature, a new Android app (with an Apple version coming soon). Designed as a companion to his book series, the app turns the features readers learn about on the pages into short, practical lessons that demonstrate the real-world workflows behind them.

Beyond the Feature includes brief videos and guided reflection to help users move from "knowing the feature" to actually integrating it into their day-to-day work. The app also connects learners to additional resources (such as online courses, books, and podcasts) creating a complete pathway from reading to application.

Congratulations to Dr. Jones on giving readers a fresh, hands-on way to bring the Microsoft 365 Companion Series to life.

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.beyondthefeature.