

# The Writing Hideout

## Workshops and Courses

Hello, and welcome to the course list for *The Writing Hideout*! I'm so glad you and your friends are ready to continue your writing journey with me!

Here you will find a comprehensive list of all the courses that are available. I am also able to offer some of these courses on an individual basis, so do get in touch if you want some one-on-one support on your writing.

If you have any queries, or wish to book a course, do send me an email.

*Please note: Courses must be booked no fewer than eight weeks in advance. Courses are available for all age ranges, from ages 11 and older, unless otherwise specified. Bookings of school-age groups must have all students within an age bracket of no more than three years, to allow for maximum support within the course.*

### Courses Available:

**Creative Writing for Beginners.** A series of workshops guiding new writers through the basics of crafting a novel. In this course we will cover plot, character, motivations, setting, point of view, and how to springboard from this course to getting the first draft of your novel finished!

**Creative Writing: Novice!** A series of workshops for the more experienced writer. You may be halfway through a novel or have a finished first draft you just don't know what to do with – this course is the answer! We'll refresh our knowledge of plotting and characterisation, as well as redrafting and editing strategies to start polishing that novel.

**The Workshop.** A session designed to bring like-minded writers together to positively and constructively critique each other's work. I will guide you through the workshop process and you will each receive my detailed feedback on your submitted work as part of the process.

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**Awesome Heroines.** A course designed to get your brain whirring on writing the most awesome of heroines into your current WIP! We'll explore what makes an awesome heroine, how to avoid the tropes of Strong Female Characters™ and how to make your female characters the best they can possibly be. We'll then practice building this into our own writing, with one-to-one tutorials to support your writing.

**Death By Literature.** A course that will allow you to explore writing a truly tragic narrative. We will cover characterisation, plotting, and crafting a finale to rip your heart out! You will have one-to-one tuition as well as opportunities to workshop with your peers in a supported environment. Don't forget to bring your tissues!

### For Younger Writers (aged 16 and under)

**How To Build A Novel.** This course guides you through the basic building blocks of a novel. Where do writers get their ideas from? How do you take this huge, amazing idea and turn it into a story with characters, plot, and maybe an interesting twist? By the end of this course you'll be ready to take on the world with your novel. JK Rowling, watch out!

**My World's Better Than Yours!** This session focuses on that most important aspect for any fantasy / sci-fi writer – world building. How can you build a truly authentic world for your reader to live in? Make your dystopias realistically horrifying, or create whole galaxies with fully-formed civilisations within them. Whatever you want to create, disappear into your own world for this session and when you finish you'll be able to say – my world is definitely better than yours!