

2023 ANWA Writers Conference Faculty

Special Guests

Heather Cashman, Agent, Storm Literary Agency

Heather started her publishing career as a SFF writer and then became a professional editor for Cornerstones Literary Consultancy, editing middle grade, young adult, and adult books. She also worked as Managing Director of Pitch Wars, #PitMad, and Pitch Madness, as well as being a Pitch Wars mentor. Before becoming Associate Literary Agent and Agent Mentor at Storm Literary Agency, Heather interned for three years at The Bent Agency and then for nearly a year at Entangled Publishing.

Wish List:

Heather Cashman will consider PB, MG, YA, and Adult fiction and nonfiction.

Currently seeking submissions for middle grade and young adult. Heather loves stories that encourage children—and all of us—to be the heroes and heroines of our own lives.

For fiction, she will consider MG and YA in all genres and loves a good genre splice. For non-fiction, Heather accepts PB, MG, and YA manuscripts that teach her about someone, something, and somewhere new in a creative and fun way.

For all writing, Heather enjoys unique characters formed from their own experiences in a unique world. The characters need to feel real with a distinct voice from the first line. Thematic elements and strong character arcs are a must. Her favorite books are commercial fiction with a literary flair and inclusive books that bring us together as citizens of the world.

Storm Literary Agency Website:

<https://www.stormliteraryagency.com/>

Heather's submission guidelines:

<https://www.stormliteraryagency.com/submissionguidelines>

Samantha Millburn, Covenant Communications

Samantha Millburn is the managing editor of Covenant Communications and has happily dedicated her work life to editing excellent books. She collaborates with extremely talented writers and cherishes not only her friendships with them but also the honor it is to help them turn their manuscripts into masterpieces. She has done so with more than three hundred books from more than seventy authors. She graduated from BYU–Idaho with honors with a bachelor's

degree in English. She currently lives in Rigby, Idaho, with her husband, Matthew, and their five beautiful children. Besides reading, Samantha enjoys watching and playing sports, cooking, and being with family.

Covenant Communications Wish List:

Contemporary Christian Romance (not necessarily LDS based; just Christian based)
Historical Romance (not LDS based)
Suspense (not LDS based)
Romantic Suspense (not LDS based)
Christmas Booklet
LDS Event Books (baptism, temple endowment, Easter, Father's Day)
LDS Doctrine

Lynette Novak, Agent, The Seymour Agency

Lynette Novak is an agent at The Seymour Agency and is currently building her client list. Prior to joining The Seymour Agency, Lynette spent seventeen years freelance editing. She worked with new writers, advanced writers, as well as New York Times and USA Today bestselling authors. Lynette earned a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Manitoba, where she specialized in English and French. She excelled in Advanced Creative Writing in university and studied writing for children and teens through the Institute of Children's Literature. She was a Pitch Wars mentor in 2015 and 2016. Both her mentees acquired an agent. Lynette has since closed her editing business and is excited to bring her passion for the written word to agenting.

Although Lynette was born and raised Manitoba, Canada, she now lives in Minnesota with her husband, twin girls, and many pets. Her personal interests include reading, writing, exercising at the gym (okay, that's a love/hate relationship), working on an assortment of crafts, all things having to do with animals (if she could own a farm, zoo, and animal shelter, she would), and enjoying time with family and friends.

She loves dark and suspenseful, mysterious twists, unique worlds, light and funny, a good love story, and lots of voice. Lynette is always looking for diverse and LGBTQ+ authors and wants to share more of these marginalized voices with the world.

Wish List:

(Always looking for own voices, diversity, and LGBTQ+!!!)

In adult fiction: thrillers, psychological suspense, contemporary romance, romantic comedy, and mysteries (traditional, amateur sleuth, and cozy).

In young adult fiction: thrillers, psychological suspense, horror, contemporary, mysteries, and fantasy.

In middle grade fiction: contemporary, horror, fantasy, mystery, humor, and novels in verse.

In children's fiction: picture books (non-rhyming preferred).

In graphic novels: MG and YA. Author/illustrators preferred.

In adult nonfiction: self-help, relationships & dating, true crime, psychology, health & fitness, parenting & family, spirituality/New Age, memoirs, motivational/inspirational, lifestyle, celebrity, pets, and business. You must be an expert in the field and have a platform.

Not Looking For: Historical romance, inspirational romance, paranormal romance, romantic suspense, women's fiction, Christian fiction, adult sci-fi, or adult fantasy.

The Seymour Agency Website:

<https://theseymouragency.com/>

To Query Lynette: <https://QueryManager.com/QueryLynetteNovak>

Twitter: [@Lynette_Novak](https://twitter.com/Lynette_Novak)

#MSWL: <https://www.manuscriptwishlist.com/mswl-post/lynette-novak/>

Emily Poole, Managing Editor, Midnight Owl Editors

Emily Shelton Poole is the owner and award-winning managing editor of Midnight Owl Editors. In May of 2023, she completed her MA in English—Rhetoric and Professional Writing from Western Carolina University. She also holds a bachelor's degree in music from Brigham Young University. This makes it seem weird that she's an editor, but she taught herself how to read at age three, which has given her plenty of time to develop a critical eye and impeccable story sense. Emily was on Jeopardy! once. She knows the answer to almost everything. She's really good at talking herself into the right answer in trivia contests and sounding extremely authoritative about all of it; even though she's often right, she is also often making it up. Emily lives in the mountains of North Carolina with her husband, four children, and Lotte, the golden doodle who thinks she's a person. In addition to her work as an editor, she plays viola professionally in most of the symphonies within a reasonable driving distance of her home and, since she finished her master's degree in May, resting her brain. Clearly, she doesn't like sleep enough to say no to anything, but when she has free time, she loves to cook and bake and be outside and she lives for the time of year when her "food life" can start over again in the spring. She is a slow runner of long races, she has inexplicably well-muscled shoulders, and her house is almost always filled with music, to which she dances poorly but with great enthusiasm. Emily loves character-driven stories of all genres, especially those that are intricate and full of adventure and world-building. She has particular experience editing Mystery/Suspense, Regency Romance, as well as Historical and Contemporary Romance, Women's Fiction, and Fantasy.

Website: Midnight Owl Editors

<https://midnightowleditors.com>

Finding the right editor is a little like shopping for shoes: Fit is important. After years of experience, we've cultivated an understanding of what projects are right for us; we know you have the same desire—to find an editor who is right for YOU. We hope Midnight Owl Editors can meet your needs, but if we can't, we will do our best to refer you to an editor who can.

Facebook: Emily Shelton Poole Midnight Owl Editors

Instagram: mle_no_1 (Emily Shelton Poole)

Keynote:

Sara B. Larson

Sara B. Larson is the author of the acclaimed YA fantasy DEFY trilogy (DEFY, IGNITE, and ENDURE) and the DARK BREAKS THE DAWN duology (DARK BREAKS THE DAWN and BRIGHT BURNS THE NIGHT). She can't remember a time when she didn't write books—although she now uses a computer instead of a Little Mermaid notebook. Sara lives in Utah with her husband, their four children, and their Maltese, Loki. She writes in brief snippets throughout the day and the quiet hours when most people are sleeping. Her husband claims she should have a degree in “the art of multitasking.” When she's not mothering or writing, you can often find her at the gym repenting for her sugar addiction.

Thursday Keynote

Jennifer Griffiths

Jennifer Griffith is a USA Today bestselling author of roughly fifty novels and novellas, most of them clean romantic comedy and Christmas novels. Her work has been optioned for film, chosen for book clubs, and used in university and high school English class curriculum. She feels strongly about the need for readers to experience love—including vicariously through books, and she strives to provide that.

Intensive Class Instructors:

Kaylee Baldwin and Raneé Clark

Kaylee Baldwin and Raneé S. Clark founded Sweetly Us Book Services in 2019, and have a thriving client list. They are both avid readers in a variety of genres. They frequently dissect stories together to figure out what makes them so amazing and incorporate that knowledge into their client edits.

Lisa Mangum

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Erin Olds

Erin Olds loves to travel, read, and drink boba tea! She currently lives in Seattle, where she homeschools her two excellent children. Erin is the CEO of and editor at Salt & Sage Books, an editing company dedicated to kindness. With a degree in English and French, Erin has worked with authors of all ages her whole adult life. Her poetry and short fiction have been published in various journals and magazines. She is a hybrid published author, with several indie books out under a pen name and her first traditionally published book (still a secret!) in progress.

J. Scott Savage

Author J. Scott Savage is the author of 20 published novels. He has been a teacher and presenter at writing conferences for adults and youth, and has developed Common Core-aligned projects for elementary school writing curricula. He has presented at more than 3000 schools across the country, inspiring students to read, write, embrace their own creativity, and change the world. He is represented by Michael Bourret of Dystal, Goderich, and Bourret. Scott is the author of Graysen Foxx and the Treasure of Principal Redbeard and The Lost Wonderland Diaries series, published by Shadow Mountain, the Case File 13 middle-grade series published by Harper-Collins, and the FarWorld and Mysteries of Cove middle-grade fantasy series, both published by Shadow Mountain.

Instructors:

Traci Hunter Abramson

Traci Hunter Abramson was born in Arizona, where she lived until moving to Venezuela for a study abroad program. After graduating from Brigham Young University, she worked for the Central Intelligence Agency, eventually resigning in order to raise her family. She has written more than forty best-selling novels and is a seven-time Whitney Award winner.

Kaylee Baldwin

Kaylee Baldwin's love of all things books and reading led her to graduate from Arizona State University with a degree in English. She is a founding editor at Sweetly Us Book Services and has several published novels, one of which was a Whitney Award Finalist. She lives in Arizona with her family. Follow her on Instagram to learn more about her adventures. @kayleebaldwinbooks

Jennie Bennett

Jennie Bennett is a ten year writing veteran with five years of publishing. Her first books, The Kpop Romance series, were originally free on Wattpad until she hit publish. Now she's a Kindle Vella author and Webtoon fan. She lives in Houston, TX with her husband and four children.

Adam Berg

Adam Berg is a real human boy and not a figment of his dog's imagination. He started his career in sketch comedy, spent six years writing and acting for Studio C, and now works for JK Studios. He's the author of bestselling novel Rainbringer and newly released The Broken Pantheon. Feed him cookies, please.

Instagram: @heyadamberg

Stephanie Black

Stephanie Black is the author of thirteen novels, most recently the Natalie Marsh mystery series. She is a four-time Whitney Award winner for Best Mystery/Suspense and a finalist for Best Speculative Novel. She thinks the ANWA Conference is one of the best events on the planet and loves to hang out with a bunch of people who understand hand-wringing over characterization, the thrill of twisting a plot, and the temptation to overuse em-dashes.

Raneé Clark

Raneé Clark has eight years of free-lance editing experience and an eye for story. She loves helping authors find both little and big holes, as well as polishing grammar and punctuation. She has a degree in history from the University of Wyoming that she loves putting to use for her clients. She has an eye for perfection and seeks to make sure every client is satisfied with any project they work on together. She's a multi-published author with experience in both the indie and traditional publishing markets. When she's not chauffeuring her boys to various activities

(and sometimes while she is), she loves to read, obsess over clothes, and figure out how to find Crumbl cookies in rural Wyoming.

Rebecca Connolly

Rebecca Connolly is the author of more than two dozen novels. She calls herself a Midwest girl, having lived in Ohio and Indiana. She's always been a bookworm, and her grandma would send her books almost every month so she would never run out. Book Fairs were her carnival, and libraries are her happy place. She has been creating stories since childhood, and there are home videos to prove it! She received a master's degree from West Virginia University, spends every spare moment away from her day job absorbed in her writing, and is a hot cocoa addict.

Arianne Costner

Arianne Costner is the author of the middle grade books MY LIFE AS A POTATO and CONFESSIONS OF A CLASS CLOWN. She grew up in Mesa, Arizona, spent time in Utah and California, and returned home to Arizona with her husband and four children. She originally drafted her first novel as young adult literature but edited it into middle grade with help from her agent and editor. Through this, she found a passion for all things Middle Grade!

Kyro Dean

Kyro Dean is the owner and editor for Eight Moons Publishing, LLC and the writing resource, VanillaGrass.com. She has published 5 epic fantasy novels in the Fires of Qaf series and has three more books coming out this summer. She loves nurturing plants and plots and helping other writers have confidence in their writing journeys.

Gina Denny

Gina Denny is an editor with TouchPoint Press whose writing reaches thousands of readers each month on Medium, Educate, Education Weekly, Teachers on Fire, YourTango, and Kiwi Crate subscription box services. She spent three years as a legal assistant, five years as a teacher, and has been involved in the writing community since 2011.

Pam Eaton

Pam Eaton lives in the deserts of Arizona, but she'll always consider herself a New Englander at heart. She graduated from Arizona State University with degrees involving education and history. While she loves history, it'll always take a backseat to the fictional world she stumbled into as a young girl.

She lives with her husband, three kids, and two crazy but lovable labs. It's a chaotic life, but she wouldn't have it any other way. Especially since they let her read an insane amount of books, and watch way too many Food Network shows.

You can find out more at Pam's website www.pameaton.com

Paige Edwards

Paige Edwards has won a Reader's Favorite Book Award for *DANGER ON THE LOCH*, and two Swoony Awards for *HEIRS OF FALCON POINT* and *FACING THE ENEMY*. She is a Forward INDIES, Carol Award, Silver Falchion, RONE Award, and two-time Whitney Award finalist of inspirational romantic suspense novels. Due to her deep British roots, Paige's books are often set in the UK, and she hops the pond whenever she gets the chance. She is styled the Lady Paige Edwards when in Scotland, but her favorite title is *Grandma*. When she isn't writing, she serves as president of her area's Interfaith Community Council, is fond of digging in the dirt (what some might call gardening), biking battlefields, and kayaking the lake. Paige is a member of ACFW, ANWA, and the Storymakers Guild. She loves to connect with readers through her website @authorpaigeedwards.com.

Dennis Gaunt

Dennis Gaunt has been a writer ever since that fateful day he pulled a magic pen from a stone. At least, that's what he tells people. The truth is that he has been working with Deseret Book and Shadow Mountain Publishers as a slushpile reader since 2000, and in that time, he's seen it all and then some, and is eager to share what he's learned. He has published books and talks for LDS young adults with both Deseret Book and Covenant Communications, and is also a long time youth speaker and teacher. He enjoys playing the guitar, going to Disneyland, and Godzilla movies. He also hates onions.

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Jessica Guernsey

Jessica Guernsey writes Fantasy and Sci-Fi short stories. With a degree in Journalism from BYU and a Master in Publishing from WCU, her work is published in magazines and anthologies. By day, she crushes dreams as a slush pile reader for multiple publishers. During November's NaNoWriMo, Jessica is a Municipal Liaison for the Utah::Elsewhere Region. Frequently, she can be found at writing conferences. She isn't difficult to spot; just look for the extrovert. While she spent her teenage angst in Texas, she now lives on a mountain in Utah with her family and a bossy mini schnauzer. Discover more stories at jessicaguernsey.com.

Donna Hatch

Award-winning author of over two dozen best-selling Historicals, Donna Hatch is hailed as a masterful storyteller of captivating, romantic tales of courage, second chances, redemption, and lasting love. Meticulously-researched, and beautifully written, her stories take place amidst the romantic and sometimes dangerous Regency Era immortalized by Jane Austen, Georgette Heyer, and Lord Byron. Donna's unusual style weaves virtue and values into her tales while including

plenty of chemistry. Every “Sweet” or “Clean and Wholesome” Donna Hatch romance brings courageous heroines and swoony heroes together for a glorious happily ever after.

Serene Heiner

Serene has a degree in visual arts from BYU where she studied everything from bookbinding to graphic design, animation to illustration. She also taught classes there! As an artist and a writer, Serene understands that details are important but there is such a thing as working a piece to death and adding too much of a good thing can ruin a masterpiece.

Rachel Huffmire

Rachel Huffmire is an award-winning author who writes futuristic fairytale retellings with twisty plots and happily-ever-afters. She has worked in the book and publishing industry since 2007, managing bookstores, acquiring and editing manuscripts for publishers, directing a marketing department for a small press, and co-founding Author Capital Conference, an online educational resource for authors. She lives in Southern California with her husband, three children, and a library of books that is slowly overtaking their house. It’s not her fault, honest. When she’s not writing, Rachel enjoys baking apple pastries, taking long naps, and wearing warm cardigans.

Rebecca Irvine

Rebecca Irvine is the author of eight books, including *Let’s Learn Together, Come Talk with Me, MTC at Home*, and *Follow the Prophets*. As a busy wife, mom, college professor, Rebecca writes to help stay sane. From 2017-2021 she served on the executive board of the American Night Writers Association. Learn more about Rebecca by following her on Facebook @Rebecca Irvine or on Instagram @author.rebeccairvine.

Clarissa Kae

Clarissa founded Carpe Vitam Press and orchestrated bestselling multi-author collaborative anthologies *Horses, Hounds and Happily Ever After* and *Once Upon a Fairytale*. She is the former president of her local California Writers Club after spending several years as the Critique Director and Conference Coordinator. She’s a former contributor for *Equus* and editor for *Writer’s Digest*. She’s the author of Award Winning *Once And Future Wife* and her Victorian Fairy Retellings, *A Dark Beauty* and *Cinders Like Glass*. After graduating with an Animal & Veterinary Science degree, Clarissa has bred designer Australian Shepherds, Bernedoodles, Aussiedoodles, Goldendoodles and Poodles with her family in California.

Victorine Lieske

Victorine self-published her first book, *Not What She Seems*, in April of 2010. In March of 2011, *Not What She Seems* began its 6-week run on The New York Times best-selling eBook list. By May 2011 she had sold over 100,000 copies. Victorine’s first romantic comedy novel hit the USA Today Bestselling books list in January 2015. When she’s not writing, she’s watching Korean Dramas, or making something with her extensive yarn collection.

Liz Lowham

Liz Lowham dreams of a future house that is seventy-percent library, with at least three lavish window seats fit for a princess. Her reality is five bookshelves and a rocking chair, which isn't so bad either. She lives with her husband and son in the Loveland area of Colorado and believes it to be the most appropriate place any romance author could hope to live. Liz has a bachelor's degree in English from BYU-Idaho. She works as author, editor, and screenwriter. Her debut novel, *Beauty Reborn*, is available from Shadow Mountain Publishing.

Lisa Mangum

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Cynthia Merrill

Cynthia Merrill is a mom to two goofy kids, a dog named Jasper, some guinea pigs, and a bunch of chickens. They all live in the heart of Phoenix, Arizona. She's a writing coach and editor by profession and a writer at heart. (You can find her on Instagram doing all sorts of writing tips and shenanigans @cynthiamerrillediting.) Cynthia believes that the world grows and heals through stories.

Heather B. Moore

Heather B. Moore is a USA Today bestselling author of more than ninety publications. Heather writes primarily historical and #herstory fiction about the humanity and heroism of the everyday person. Publishing in a breadth of genres, Heather dives into the hearts and souls of her characters, meshing her love of research with her love of storytelling. Heather attended Cairo American College in Egypt and the Anglican School of Jerusalem in Israel. Despite failing her high school AP English exam, Heather persevered and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Brigham Young University in something other than English.

Stephanie Neilan

Stephanie Neilan is a local member of ANWA, a high school English teacher, and the author of several different types of books.

Erin Olds

Erin Olds loves to travel, read, and drink boba tea! She currently lives in Seattle, where she homeschools her two excellent children. Erin is the CEO of and editor at Salt & Sage Books, an

editing company dedicated to kindness. With a degree in English and French, Erin has worked with authors of all ages her whole adult life. Her poetry and short fiction have been published in various journals and magazines. She is a hybrid published author, with several indie books out under a pen name and her first traditionally published book (still a secret!) in progress.

Martha Petersen

Martha Petersen's creative nonfiction, fiction, and book reviews have appeared in *Witness*, *Silk Road Review*, *Essay Daily*, *Press 53*, and others. She holds an MFA from Vermont College of Fine Arts, and teaches composition and creative writing at Pima Community College. Martha writes from the beautiful but prickly Sonoran desert in Tucson, Arizona, where she has raised four children. They bring her loads of joy and worry as well as writing material.

Lori Ries

Lori Ries is an award winning children's author of 16 books. A mother of three, grandmother of nine, Lori has been crafting stories for as long as she can remember. She's served as faculty for *Highlight's* for children and has presented for SCBWI, schools, and community college audiences. Lori loves to play with her family, bake in her kitchen, snowshoe in the woods, and travel with her husband and best friend.

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Mars Simper

Mars Simper works as a graphic designer, aspires to publish their own series of graphic novels, and firmly believes that making bad art is the only way to make good art. When they're not drawing or writing, Mars likes to stare at their growing collection of glass orbs and give little kisses to their cats.

Kate Stradling

Kate Stradling is a language-structure fanatic who adores historical and descriptive linguistics. She graduated from Brigham Young University with her BA in English and completed her MA in English at Arizona State. Her published work spreads across the fantasy spectrum, from dystopia lite to fairy tales to kingdom adventures. Devoted to token winters and scorching weather, she lives in sunny Mesa, Arizona.

Jolie Taylor

Jolie Taylor (@endlessfairytale) has 50K+ combined followers on Instagram and TikTok. She found her future audience before publishing a book. She uses social media to connect with readers and writers. She's worked with publishers (such as Scholastic, MacMillan, Penguin, Workman, Shadow Mountain, Running Press, etc.) to promote books on her accounts. She has interviewed on the podcast Books for Kids and Two Babes and a Book. She earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education with an emphasis in English and is a sucker for books with magic and romance.

Rachel V. White

Rachel V. White has narrated three novels. She uses her booth as a quiet hideaway when she's not recording. Her audiobooks include "The Mirror Chronicles" series by Rachel Huffmire and "Second Star" by Bree Moore.

Ellie Whitney

Since the age of three, Ellie Whitney has loved reading and writing, so a master's degree to teach high school English seemed a natural fit. She graduated summa cum laude and received a perfect score on the Praxis, the national teacher qualification exam, for literature, language, and composition. She taught for over ten years and has spent the last eight as a writing tutor and freelance editor. Her work has appeared in various local, state, and national publications. Currently, Ellie lives in Virginia with her wonderful family where she herds cats, teaches ESL, and eats chocolate, not necessarily in that order.

Julie Wright

Julie Wright has written 26 novels and is a two-time Whitney Award winner. Her books have received several starred reviews and have been listed in the American Library Association's top ten romances of the year. She's a sucker for almost all things nerdy: Doctor Who, Disneyland, the Marvel Universe, Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, fairy tales, and Jane Austen. She believes in second chances, getting up and trying again, and in the power of generosity and compassion. She loves writing, reading, traveling, snorkeling, hiking, playing with her family, and watching her husband make dinner.