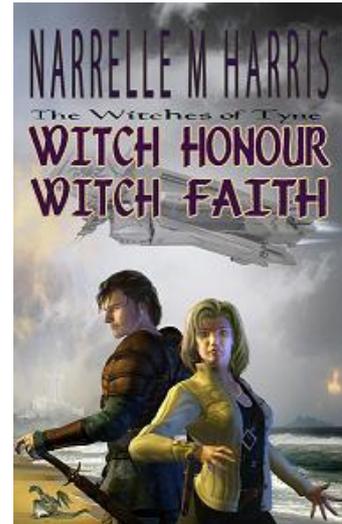


One Day Writing Workshop: Fantasy Writing Building Blocks

Presented by Melbourne author, Narrelle M Harris

Though they may be set in other-worldly locations, fantasy works still need to convince readers of their authenticity to make their stories come to life. In this one-day course, Narrelle M Harris – author of crime, fantasy and urban horror novels – takes writers through the building blocks of fantasy through discussion and writing exercises. Participants are encouraged to bring their works-in-progress for practical advice on their own stories.



"Narrelle Harris conducted a lively and engaging workshop at Ballarat in October 2012. Narrelle showed us how our created worlds should have consistency, internal logic and credibility. She emphasised that our worlds need texture and depth through using all the senses.

A writing exercise after lunch considered the opening paragraph as we all worked on a new one or shared an existing piece. Narrelle handled this session positively and with great encouragement. A great day that saw us all leaving inspired to continue our writing."

– Marian Chivers, Secretary, Ballarat Writers Inc.

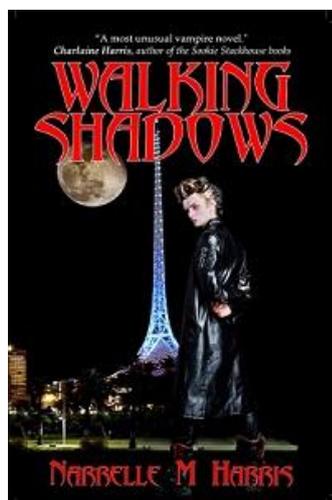
Fantasy writing building blocks

The course covers a range of topics including:

- the different sub-genres of fantasy
- building your world from the outside in or the inside out
- how to make your invented worlds feel real
- writing a killer opening sentence
- insights into the current Australian market for fantasy
- ways of promoting your work
- tips for further skill development.

Narrelle's rate for the day is **\$600 + GST** per group, which covers the six hour course and breaks.

If you would like to engage Narrelle as a speaker for your library, school or organisation, contact her on **0421 024 474** or narrelle@iwriter.com.au.



More praise for Narrelle M Harris's talks and workshops:

"If you need a well-spoken author who captivates the audience, I highly recommend Narrelle."

– Josie Mitzi, Craigieburn Library.

"Narrelle is an inspirational speaker/author who threaded a wonderful tale of discovering a way to develop believable fantasies... Definitely worthwhile for those who love writing."

– Judy Cousins, Emerald Library.

About the presenter:

Narrelle M Harris is a Melbourne-based writer with several novels, short stories, a play and numerous works of non-fiction under her belt. She also writes erotica under the name NM Harris.

Her first novel, crime/thriller, *Fly By Night* (2004), was nominated for a Ned Kelly Award. Her other published books are *Witch Honour* (2005), *Witch Faith* (2007), *The Opposite of Life* (2008), *Walking Shadows* (2012) and the short story collection *Showtime* (2012). Other short works have been published in *Outside the Law #3* and *Best Zombie Tales Volume 2*.

Narrelle's iPhone app, *Melbourne Literary*, was released in 2010 and a second app, *Melbourne Peculiar*, came out in 2012.

Also in 2012, Narrelle presented a one-day workshop for the Ballarat Writers Centre on writing believable fantasy worlds.

Narrelle has a background in theatre and public speaking. She speaks at libraries, bookstores and other events. In 2009, Narrelle was a regular guest on radio show *The Outland Institute* on Joy 94.9FM, as the show's book expert. That same year, she was Guest of Honour at Melbourne science fiction convention, Continuum 5. She has also been a guest speaker for the MEAA and the ASA about e-readers and apps.

Find out more at her website: www.narrellemharris.com

Or her blog: www.mortalwords.com.au



Narrelle's other talks and courses include:

Courses

Writing about Sex and Intimacy (2 hours)

One-hour talks

The Vampire Metaphor

Growing Up Reading

Building Believable Fantasy Worlds

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