

2015 TEENSPEAK NOVEL WORKSHOP

Oct. 1 (eve) to Oct. 4 ♦ Coastal Santa Cruz, CA ♦ 7th Annual



ENJOY
a whole weekend
on the beach
with a cozy group of
fiction-loving friends.



Enroll NOW... grab a tasty helping of pizza, plots, and special people!

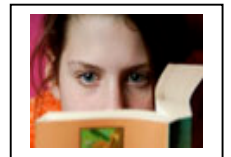
Teen Writers & Readers: Do you find fictional characters fascinating, at least as irresistible as real ones? Have you ever dreamed of publishing your fiction—or wondered how your favorite authors got their first books out into the world? Do you have a powerful story to tell? ♦ If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, our workshop may be perfect for you!

As a **TeenSpeak** enrollee, you'll take your story-passion to a new level. Come share your fiction with peers, a friendly New York editor and agent, and published author. Discover insiders' tips to increase your enjoyment of novels, movies, myths—identify the **OH, WOW!** factor that you love.

♦ **TeenSpeak** also helps adults in a concurrent workshop publish youth novels. Your feedback can make a difference—as you make leaps in your own story or personal essay writing.

FACULTY: Intergenerational sessions with HarperCollins' **Kristen Pettit**, editor of *NY Times* bestselling *13 Reasons Why*; teens-only sessions with **Helen Pyne, MFA**, former Doubleday YA book editor. Helen worked in public relations at *Seventeen* magazine, and authored two YA mystery books (Ballantine). She mentors teens in creative, academic, and college application writing. *Other faculty: see website.*

SCHEDULE: Thursday 5:00 PM to Sunday 1:30 PM. Lively sessions may include Memory Magic, Improv as a Gateway to Character, Discover Your Voice, Write to Publish, Scenes, Revise & Shine! Also, Craft a Personal Essay to enhance your story, magazine article, or college application. ♦ **Before the workshop**, choose enrollees' samples to read: one adult's teen novel, teens' and adults' shorter pieces. ♦ **At the workshop**, talk about this writing with our pros. Juicy and fun! *Optional: Story-related art & crafts.*



COST: Tuition \$499 (by **June 30**) or \$549; limited scholarships. Fee includes parent-chaperoned **lodging** in a beachfront condo; optional **feedback** on your writing from supportive editor, agent, and peers; adult workshop sessions, where applicable; **meals**, including a teens-only pizza party.

THE INSIDE STORY: Teens Speak (*See more teen comments & photos on our website.*)



"This workshop was definitely worth my coming from China to attend." — **Isabelle, 15** ♦
"I loved it! My faculty critiques were wonderful. Instructors read with a teen's eyes and wit. I'm ready to write at a deeper level than ever." — **Rachel, 16** ♦ **"Amazing opportunity, really fun."**
— **James, 17** ♦ "I learned to foreshadow plot so readers have hints about what the story involves, but still be surprised by critical events. I greatly recommend this workshop." — **Sam, 15** ♦ **"This workshop changed my life."** — **Jordan, 16** ♦ "I learned to create realistic characters and got tips on my college essays. It was exciting to learn there's a job market out there for what I love."
— **Jacqueline, 17** ♦ **"A major asset in revising my novel."** — **Maya, 13** ♦ "Writing is good. Reading is good. S'mores are good. Beaches are good. But writing and reading while eating s'mores on a beach is beyond good. If you do it with friends, it's just amazing squared." — **Audrey, 13**

Don't wait. **APPLY NOW** 🕒 before we fill all 10 spots!

➡ **Nancy Sondel, Founding Director; Contributor, *Children's Book Insider***
www.ChildrensWritersWorkshop.com ♦ Click **FOR TEENS** at top right.