

# The Quill Newsletter - June 2018

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Newsletter of North State Writers (NSW), a Branch of the *California Writers Club*  
**JUNE 2018**

Join us on Monday June 18, 2018 at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 554 Rio Lindo Ave, Chico, CA, 6:00 pm social time, 6:30 p.m. meeting





**Join**

## Enhancing Your Plot Through Characters

**June 18th 6 p.m.**  
Veterans Memorial Hall  
554 Rio Lindo Ave, Chico

Sarah Pape teaches English at CSU, Chico and is the Managing Editor of Watershed Review. Her poetry & prose has been published or is forthcoming in: *New England Review*, *Passages North*, *Ecotone*, *Crab Orchard Review*, *Bluestem*, *The Pinch*, *Smartish Pape*, *Hayden's Ferry Review*, and others. Her chapbook, *Ruin and Atlas*, was published this year (dancing girl press). She curates community literary programming & is a member of the Squaw Valley Community of Writers. [www.sarahpape.com](http://www.sarahpape.com)

**Meetings are Free & Open to the Public**  
[www.northstatewriters.com](http://www.northstatewriters.com)

## Upcoming Events

**July 15, 2018 - Sunday 10:00 to 4:00 - Successful Self-Publishing Workshop**



**July 16, 2018 - 5:30 Summer Picnic at Wildwood Park-Details to be announced**

**August 20, 2018 - Jeannie Holden - Research**

**September 17, 2018 - Dr. Cara Gubbins - Beating the Amazon Algorithm**

Notice of Still Photography, Video/Audio Recording: North State Writers is providing this notice to inform members and guests at our events that Still Photography will be taking place and Video and/or Audio


Recording may be taking place. By entering the venue, members and guests are granting permission that their likeness may be used for publicity purposes.



# North State Writers

# SUCCESSFUL SELF-PUBLISHING

This Workshop teaches you how to become a self-published author on Amazon in one day! And...how to maximize sales by creating successful Book Covers - Book Descriptions - Book Titles - Author Bios - and much more!



**July 15th**  
**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**OXFORD SUITES**  
2035 Business Lane  
Chico, CA

**NSW Members \$65**  
**Non-members \$95**

Seats are limited. Get your tickets by calling (530) 864-1186 or  
email [chaseca310@gmail.com](mailto:chaseca310@gmail.com).

## TIP OF THE QUILL

You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after  
it with a club. — **Jack London**



## NSW NEWS

Welcome new NSW member Jamie Candiff

# North State Writers





## Short Story Contest

Have a frightening fiction or nonfiction tale to tell? Have a ghost or funny Halloween story or scary memory to share? Enter the North State Writers Halloween Short Story contest by June 30<sup>th</sup> & win cash.

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$100
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	50
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	25

3-Honorable Mentions

### Short Story Details

- Open to all CWC Members (\$12), Non-members (\$20), & Students (\$15)
  - Word Limit: 2500 or less
  - **Deadline: June 30<sup>th</sup>**
  - Restrictions: Must Be Original work
- Multiple Entries Accepted (separate fee for each entry)



Submission Guidelines: [www.northstatewriters.com](http://www.northstatewriters.com) (click on the EVENTS tab)

**Winners will be Notified by Email &  
Recognized At the NSW '2018' Family Picnic in July!**

All entries will be eligible for possible entry into a North State Writers *Halloween Short Story* edition tentatively slated for publication in the fall. Author's permission will be sought prior to publication.







### MAY SPEAKER - BITSY KEMPER

Bitsy provided us with tips for writing children's books, many of which are appropriate for any genre. For instance, every story should have a beginning, middle, and end. The main character should be transformed in some way by what occurs in the story. It should have mainstream appeal with your main character the same age or slightly older than your target audience.

She suggested the following book styles for age groups:

- 0-3 Board Books
- 3-7 Picture Books
- 5-8 Early Readers
- 7-9 Chapter Books
- 8-12 Middle Grade
- 12-17 Young Adult
- 14-21 New Adult

This is just a small sampling of the information she provided and I suggest that you check out her website for more information

<https://bitsykemper.wordpress.com/video/>

You might also want to check into the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators

<https://www.scbwi.org/>

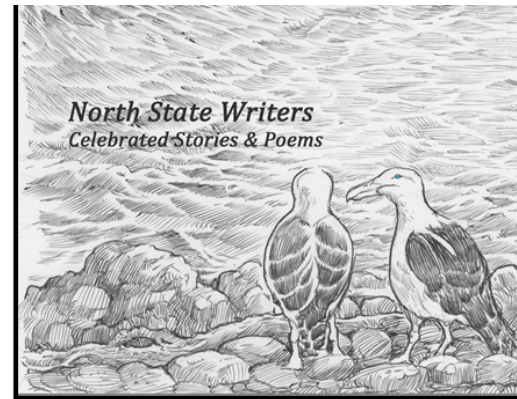
## THE BECKONING

North State Writers 2018 Anthology is now available on [Amazon](#)

North State Writers beckons you; sit down, relax and enter the world of a devoted, confused husband, stalking



devoted confused husband, stalking killers and an excursion into the life of the disabled. The Beckoning introduces you, the reader, to a desert world, a she-wolf and a trinket from a woman's past. Journey into tales of knights battling vicious foes, ghosts coming alive and learning lessons from the wisdom of animals. Between the covers of The Beckoning, there is something for everyone.





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# Blue Room Theatre LiveWord

**Submission Call for Fiction/Non-Fiction...**

LiveWord is a spoken performance of your works with an emphasis on crisp, forceful dialog or strong emotional content & is performed by local actors.



In collaboration with *The Blue Room Theater*, North State Writers is accepting submissions for LiveWord in a variety of formats: poetry, essays, memoir, short fiction, and excerpts from longer works. Entries may include new or published work, with a maximum of 100 to 3,000 words, or 1 to 15 minutes of spoken material. Submissions of excerpts must include a brief introduction that sets the scene & establishes characters for the audience.

Email entries to: [northstatewriters@gmail.com](mailto:northstatewriters@gmail.com)

By **June 30<sup>th</sup>**.

*Selected work may require additional editing or restructuring by the author to achieve maximum impact on stage.*



[www.northstatewriters.com](http://www.northstatewriters.com)

New Releases by North State Writers members

## The Trumpeter's New Clothes

by Robyn Alana Engel

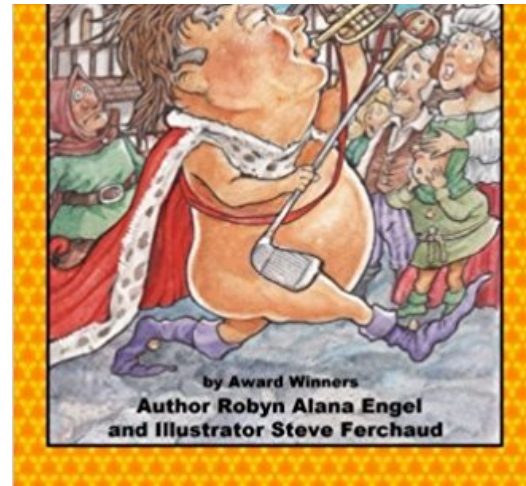
Illustrator Steve Ferchaud

A delightfully clever modern-day spin





on Hans Christian Andersen's classic children's tale, The Emperor's New Clothes. This brief and vibrant rhyming adventure comes complete with an edge-of-your-seat covfefe cannon pickle, a remarkable girl who sparks positive strides throughout the lands, and an overly dramatic (yet far underpaid) porcupine with a hair-brained view of it all. The Trumpeter's New Clothes serves gratuitous spoonfuls of humor and hope -- flavors needed even more today than yesterday. For mature children and immature grown-ups. Warning: Not for those who lean Orange.



## WHO AM I?

Can you identify this fictional character, what book is he in and who wrote it?

Reverend Arthur Dimmesdale

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Last months' character was Robert Jordan from  
For Whom the Bells Tolls by Ernest

## CHARACTERS



## [8 Ways to Write Better Characters](#) from Writers Digest

[Creating Characters in Novels](#) from Novel Writing

[Character Worksheet](#) from The Writer's Craft

Check out the articles and worksheets available,  
if you find something you find helpful please  
share it at the meeting.

## Conferences and Workshops

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### JUNE

#### **CWA Writers Conference**

June 7-9, 2018

Houston TX

[http://catwriters.com/wp\\_meow/](http://catwriters.com/wp_meow/)

“Cat Writers’ Association Annual Conference & Awards Banquet”

#### **Aboutness: A Workshop for Novelists and Narrative Memoirists with Sandra**

Scofield

June 9, 2018

San Francisco CA

<https://www.milibrary.org/events/aboutness-workshop-novelists-and-narrative-memoirists-jun-09-2018>

<https://sfwriters.org/mil-classes>

Class co-sponsored by Mechanics Institute and San Francisco Writers Conference/San Francisco Writers Foundation.

#### **The Literary Stage at San Mateo Country Fair**

June 9-17, 2018

San Mateo CA

<http://cwc-peninsula.org/the-literary-stage/>

Partnership between San Francisco Peninsula Writers and San Mateo Country Fair

#### **Mystery Writers Key West Fest**

June 16-18

Key West FL

<http://mysteryfestkeywest.com/>

#### **Santa Barbara Writer’s Conference**

June 17-22 2018

JUNE 17-22, 2018

Santa Barbara, CA

<http://www.sbwriters.com/>**Lost Coast Writers Retreat**

June 20-29, 2018

[http://lostcoastwritersretreat.org/Lost\\_Coast\\_Writers\\_Retreat\\_Cooperative/Home.html](http://lostcoastwritersretreat.org/Lost_Coast_Writers_Retreat_Cooperative/Home.html)**Annual Greater Los Angeles Writers Conference**

June 22-24, 2018

Los Angeles CA

<http://www.wcwriters.com/aglawc/>

"20th Conference For Writers"

**Become an AUTHORpreneur: Turn Your Book into a Paying Business with**

Sam Horn

June 30, 2018

San Francisco CA

<https://www.milibrary.org/events/become-authorpreneur-turn-your-book-paying-business-jun-30-2018><https://sfwriters.org/mil-classes>

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