

Write Now! 2026 Conference Schedule

8-9:00 a.m.

Registration and Check-In

9-9:50 a.m.

Writing for Young People in Times of Turmoil (**Meg Medina's opening keynote**)

10-10:50 a.m.

A. Crafting Emotion on Purpose (**Karin Wiberg**)

B. Searching for Needles in Haystacks: Adventures in Researching (**Molly Guphill Manning**)

11-11:50 a.m.

A. Writing for Harlequin: A Romance Panel (**Kianna Alexander, Karen Booth, and Deborah Fletcher Mello**)

B. 50 Years a Writer: 10 Career Lessons From the Freelance Trenches (**Don Vaughan**)

Noon: Lunch/book sales

1:15-2:05 p.m.

A. Negotiating Your Publishing Agreement: Keeping a Watchful Eye (**Mitch Tuchman**)

B. Shadow Writing: How to Write When You Can't (**Rita Lewis**)

2:15-3:05 p.m.

A. Writing Personal Truths That Resonate (**Sarah Merritt Ryan**)

B. The Way In and the Way Out: A Blueprint for Writing Children's Literature (**Meg Medina**)

3:15-4:05 p.m.

Lessons From Wartime Writers: Truth Telling Under Pressure (**Molly Guphill Manning's concluding keynote**)