

Join us on Saturday, May 12th for our Young Writers Awards Luncheon

Life is Fiction and Fiction is Life

featuring **Veronica Rossi**

We tend to think that our lives are separate and apart from the time we spend huddled over keyboards or notebooks creating plot arcs and characters—but the process of writing is actually a lot more like life than we realize. In fact, life reflects story and story reflects life.

In this talk, *New York Times* bestselling author **Veronica Rossi** will discuss the crossover between life and fiction, and how we should consider ourselves as much created by stories as the creators of them. Come prepared to be inspired!



- How can being a better *writer* make us a better *person*?
- Why *should* there be a vital connection between the words on the page and our personal experiences?
- What are some of the lessons we can carry from our manuscripts into our day to day?

Veronica Rossi is a *NY Times* bestselling author of fiction for young adults. Her debut novel, *UNDER THE NEVER SKY* (January 2012) was the first in a post-apocalyptic trilogy. The series has been published in over 25 foreign markets.

Her second series for young adults began with *RIDERS* (February 2016), and tells the story of four modern day teens who become incarnations of the four horsemen of the apocalypse, and the prophetic girl who brings them together. *SEEKER* (May 2017) completed the fantasy duology.

Veronica graduated from UCLA with a degree in Latin American Studies and then went on to study fine art at the California College of the Arts in San Francisco. She continues to paint in oils, when she's not writing. Born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, she has lived in Mexico, Venezuela, and all over the United States, to finally settle in Northern California with her husband and two sons.