



The Write News

A Monthly Newsletter

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In-Person and Zoom Branch Meeting

March 12, 2022— **Workshop 9:00 am to 12:00****

Check-in begins at 8:30. See below for timing.

Register online at <https://cwcmtdiablo.org/current-cwc-mt-diablo-meeting/>

Writing Character

Featuring
Constance Hale



Storytellers—whether they are novelists, memoirists, or narrative journalists—know that characters are key to any great yarn. Readers love *people*, and writers must deliver through short sketches to longer portraits to full-length biographies. Yet developing characters is trickier than you might think. Especially minor ones, where few words must make an impression. Connie Hale, who has made the profile her preferred form, gives us readings, interactive exercises, and prompts from her book [*Writing Character*](#).



Skills you will sharpen in this workshop:

- Rendering the physical presence of a person so that a reader might recognize the character on the street.
- Capturing a character's inner life through observed behaviors.
- Nailing character in three descriptive words.
- Treating *yourself*—author, narrator, first-person voice—as a character.

Constance Hale is a San Francisco-based journalist and the author of cheeky writing manuals, a book for adults on hula, and a picture book for children set in Hawai'i. Her articles have appeared in the *New York Times*, the *LA Times*, and many magazines. In 2019, she published *Writing Character*, a book chock-full of thoughts, tips, and prompts that is part of the Lit Starts series, produced by The Writers Grotto. She is an energetic workshop leader, and she covers the writing life at sinandsyntax.com.

***WORKSHOP FEES - IN-PERSON – Members \$45.00 – Guests \$55.00**

ZOOM ONLINE – Members \$25.00 – Guest \$30.00

****TIMES: CHECK IN 8:30-9:00; 3 hr. WORKSHOP 9:00 - 12:00; LUNCHEON 12:00 - 1:00**