

# *The Power of Writing with Abandon*

## *Featuring Grant Faulkner (on Zoom)*

One of the biggest obstacles any writer faces is finishing the first draft. As Joyce Carol Oates said, "Getting the first draft finished is like pushing a peanut with your nose across a very dirty floor." Enter [National Novel Writing Month](#), which has generated one of the most effective approaches to writing a first draft and bounding to new imaginative heights. This session will cover the power of diving in and connecting with others in a creative community. This is your year to finish the book of your dreams. Come prepared to write—with abandon!



### **We will learn how to:**

- Banish our inner editor
- Take creative risks
- Set an audacious goal and a deadline
- Track our daily progress
- Connect with others

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