

Writing Memorable Memoirs

by Susan Amy and Sundara Rajan

COURSE OUTLINE

A good memoir is not a long document of our lives: it captures and frames fascinating moments and experiences in our lives. Getting started on such a project may sound daunting to you. Don't despair. This workshop aims to help you write good and readable memoirs. It will give you the feel of good memoir and guide you from idea organizing and initial planning, through some actual writing, and ends with some practical tips on getting your memoirs published. It's a hands-on, participatory workshop, made lively with discussion, fascinating and entertaining examples and group sharing.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- research information for their memoirs
- plan and organize their writing
- draw upon good models of memoir writing
- explore ways of presenting their recollections
- know how to keep their readers reading
- make the beginnings of a good memoir

TARGET AUDIENCE

Anyone, including experienced writers, who is interested in writing memorable memoirs and improving your writing skills.

COURSE PROGRAMME

- What are memoirs?
- What makes a good memoir
- Getting started on the writing
- Shaping the story: developing an outline
- Researching background information
- Memorable beginnings – the initial impact
- Sustaining reader interest
- Pruning and polishing
- Ending with a bang
- Looking for a publisher

METHODOLOGY

The workshop will use discussion, analysis of other memoirs, hands-on group, pair and individual work to expose the writers to a rich and varied writing environment and inspire them to make the most of their writing skills.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP LEADERS

Ms Susan Amy, originally from the United Kingdom, has lived and worked in Singapore for the past 22 years. In this time, she has been teaching language and communication to various organisations and in most Southeast Asian countries. She has written several books on a variety of topics and has also worked on a number of cultural and heritage projects. Susan edited and proofread for several publishing companies including Simon & Schuster and Prentice Hall. She has a passionate interest in oral and local history.

Mr B.R. Sundara Rajan has over 45 years' experience in English Language Teaching and Language Teacher Education at the Specialist Certificate, Bachelor's, Post-Graduate Diploma and MA levels. Mr Rajan formerly worked as Language Specialist at SEAMEO Regional Language Centre (RELC) for 22 years. Sundara Rajan has conducted courses, workshops and seminars on *Language Teaching Methodology*, *Language Testing*, *Syllabus and Materials Design*, *English for Specific Purposes*, *Report Writing for Management* and *Business Communication Skills* in all the Southeast Asian countries as well as in India, Iran, Taiwan and Papua New Guinea. He has also co-authored several books and been the General Editor for a dictionary for children.

DATE & TIME

30 Nov 2007 (Fri), 9.00am to 5.00pm

VENUE

Multi Purpose Room, Level 2
Toa Payoh Community Library
6 Toa Payoh Central
Singapore 319191

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COURSE ADMINISTRATION

Registration Fees

Registration Fee : SGD\$190 per participant
Early Bird : SGD\$150 per participant (received and paid on/
before 02 Nov 2007)

Ways to register

1. Register online by visiting www.bookcouncil.sg/clap.htm
or
2. Complete the form below and fax it to (65) 6742 9466.

Cancellation & Substitution

Fees paid are non-refundable but transferable. Requests for substitution must be made latest by 23 Nov 07. A cancellation fee of 25% of the full course fee is applicable for cancellations made after 23 Nov 07.

Payment

Payment is required before the workshop commences or within 30 days of receipt of invoice, whichever is earlier. Payment to be made in Singapore Dollars, by cash, cheque or bank draft, payable to "NBDCS" and mail the payment together with your form to us. Alternatively you may deliver your payment, with your name and contact details attached, immediately after you have faxed/emailed/submitted your online registration.

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ABOUT THE ORGANISER

NBDCS is a non-profit umbrella body inaugurated in 1969 to promote storytelling, reading, writing and publishing, with a current objective to establish and develop Singapore as the Asian centre for publishing and the literary arts. NBDCS brings Singapore book industry and literary community together through industry events, courses, seminars, conferences and author lectures. NBDCS has been organising the prestigious Singapore Literature Prize since 1990 and also manages the Centre for Literary Arts and Publishing and Singapore Writers Centre.

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