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Meeting Date: May 9, 2017
NW Houston IWA! Meets Second Tuesdays at Copperfield Church,
8350 Hwy. 6 North, 7-9 p.m. Check with front desk for Room Number.

Inspirational Writers Alive! (IWA!) is a Christian interdenominational writers' club. IWA! promotes creative writing to glorify Christ by helping individuals advance their writing skills and find effective markets for their work. We welcome writers at all levels in our meetings.



Hear Ye!

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DiAnn Mills, Speaker, May 9, 2017

Topic: Creating Powerful Emotions

DiAnn's topic, "Creating Powerful Emotions" is essential for the fiction and non-fiction writer. Novels are about confrontation and that involves stress, conflict, and tension. These necessary ingredients are impossible to incorporate unless the writer fills the pages with

character emotions – those emotions constantly in conflict. DiAnn will explore sensory perception and symbolism.

DiAnn Mills is a bestselling author who believes her readers should expect an adventure. Her titles have appeared on the CBA and ECPA bestseller lists; won two Christy Awards; and been finalists for the RITA, Daphne Du Maurier, Inspirational Readers' Choice, and Carol award contests. *Firewall*, the first book in her Houston: FBI series, was listed by Library Journal as one of the best Christian Fiction books of 2014.

DiAnn is a founding board member of the American Christian Fiction Writers, a member of Advanced Writers and Speakers Association, Suspense Sister, and International Thriller Writers. She is co-director of The Blue Ridge Mountain Christian Writers Conference and The Author Roadmap with social media specialist Edie Melson. She teaches writing workshops around the country. DiAnn is very active online and would love to connect with readers on Facebook: www.facebook.com/diannmills, Twitter: <https://twitter.com/diannmills> or any of the social media platforms listed at www.diannmills.com.



Pam Van Scoyoc speaks at our NW Houston IWA! meeting October 10, 2017.

Author, Hybrid Publisher, and Publishing Consultant

Check out Pam's website: [www;pamvanscoyoc.com](http://www.pamvanscoyoc.com).

CONFERENCE

2017 IWA! Texas Christian Writers' Conference Brochure available on
Central Houston IWA! website (www.centralhoustoniwa.com/).

Click on Conference for the complete brochure.

Time and Location

Saturday, August 5, 2017 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Houston's First Baptist Church

7401 Katy Freeway Houston, Texas 77024

and

Still time to enter the Texas Christian Writers IWA! 2017 Open Competition

Click on (www.centralhoustoniwa.com/)  or scroll down

for information and registration form scroll down



INSPIRATIONAL WRITERS ALIVE! OPEN COMPETITION 2017



Inspirational Writers Alive! Open Competition 2017 Information

Postmark deadline for entries: May 15, 2017 Maximum of two entries in each category.

Category 1 Short Story--Fiction: Adult/young adult (15 to early twenties) themes; 700-2500 words

Category 2 Short Story—Fiction: Children/teens (to age 14); 750-1000 words

Category 3 Article: Nonfiction 500-1500 words

Category 4 Poetry: Rhymed/unrhymed 48 lines or fewer

Category 5 Devotional: 300 words or fewer, including scripture and prayer thought on the order of Secret Place, Come Ye Apart, Upper Room

Category 6 Book Proposal: Nonfiction: A. Adult/teen B. Children to age 11 Fiction: A. Adult/young adult/teen B. Children to age 12 Open only to unpublished writers or unpublished in last 3 years in genre. For adult fiction or nonfiction, submit 20 pages or fewer, plus a two-page single-spaced synopsis. For children's fiction or nonfiction, submit 20 pages or fewer, plus a one-page synopsis. For a child's picture book, submit the entire manuscript or a layout of the book (no illustrations).

Category 7 Drama: A. One-act play or monodrama; B. Full-length stage play or screenplay, 2 acts or more (Submit only the first 20 pages).



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General Guidelines for 2017 Open Competition

- >Entries must be unpublished and have inspiring appeal.
- >Submit two SASE, one 10x12 for return of manuscripts and one legal for notification of winning entries.
- >First-place winners may not enter the same category for two years.
- >Submit two copies of each entry.
- >The cover page for each entry must include your name, address, phone number, email, title, word count, and category.
- >Do not put your name anywhere on your manuscript.
- >On page 1, type the title and begin your story.
- >On page 2 and following pages, put the entry title in the upper left corner and the page number in the upper right corner.
- >All entries must be typed in correct manuscript style: double spaced, 12-point Times New Roman or Courier New.
- >Please do not use fancy fonts.

Entry fees: Book proposals \$7 for current members and \$15 for non-members. All other entries \$5 for current members and \$10 for non-members. Send the registration form with your entries and payment. Prizes: \$30 for first place, \$20 for second place, and \$15 for third place.

Registration



SCROLL DOWN FOR FORM



Registration Form for IWA! 2017 Writing Competition

Postmark Deadline May 15, 2017.

Name _____

Street address _____

_____ City _____

_____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____ IWA! Chapter _____ Non-member _____

Contest fees: Book proposals, members \$7, non-members \$15; all other contests, members \$5, nonmembers \$10.

Circle # of entries and enter Category Entry fee(s)

1 2. 1. Adult short story/stories _____ \$ _____

1 2. 2. Children's/teen's short story/stories _____ \$ _____

1 2. 3. Article(s) _____ \$ _____

1 2. 4. Poetry _____ \$ _____

1 2. 5. Devotional(s) _____ \$ _____

1 2. 6. Book proposal(s) _____ - _____ \$ _____

1 2. 7. Drama _____ .

Total fees \$ _____ \$ _____

Please make checks or money orders payable to IWA! Amount remitted

_____ Check _____ Money order _____

Note: If any category fails to have enough qualified entries, you may opt to have your money returned or to have your manuscript evaluated by a professional. _____

Please return my entry fee. _____ I would like to have a professional evaluation _____

Mail all entries with this form to the following address: IWA! Entries/ Patricia Vance
1108sValerie Avenue Pasadena, Texas 77502-3824

Check list for entries: _____ Correct manuscript form _____ Check or MO for the correct amount _____ Cover sheet with complete information _____ Two copies of each manuscript _____ 2 SASE (One 10x12 for manuscript return, one legal size for notification letter).

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