

JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF WRITING INSTRUCTION AND DISCUSSION

## The TEXAS WRITES Program at the Carl & Mary Welhausen Library 10AM | SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018 | 810 FRONT STREET | YOAKUM, TX | 77995

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### Unforgettable Settings: Creating New Worlds from Familiar Places

Is there a place you've seen that has stayed with you your whole life? Or one you've imagined, a secret Narnia or Terabithia of your own? Whether you craft fiction or nonfiction, creating a vibrant setting is a vital skill for any writer. In this workshop, Nikki Loftin will lead participants to explore the emotional power of remembered places, and show how these settings can bring their writing to life.

**Nikki Loftin** is the author of three novels for young readers: *Wish Girl*, which the New York Times called "a quietly poetic story about psychological truths," and which was selected as the "Great Read of Texas" for the National Book Festival by the Texas Center for the Book; *Nightingale's Nest*, named as "the next great book" by the Children's Literacy Foundation in 2014, and awarded the best children's book of 2014 by the Texas Institute of Letters; and *The Sinister Sweetness of Splendid Academy*, winner of the Writers' League of Texas Book Award 2013.



### Mining Fact for Fiction

When writers create characters, plot, and angst in their books, it's fiction. Right? How else could they write murderers or vampires? Yet when asked about their inspirations, authors are quoted using expressions such as, grist for the mill, tapping into a vein, or exploring their dark sides. How much of story is born from a spark of creativity and how much is borrowed from their own life? During this presentation, learn about the art of creating and how fiction meshes with an author's truth.

**Christie Craig**, aka C.C. Hunter, is a *NY Times Bestseller*, a multi-published writer, motivational speaker, and writing teacher. Author of thirty-five books, she brings humor and heart to all her works. Her novels are sold in seven countries, and she recently sold film rights to her series. She currently lives in Texas and writes the best-selling young adult paranormal romance series, *Shadow Falls*. When she's not writing young adult novels, she's working on her humorous romantic suspense novels under her real name.



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