

JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF WRITING INSTRUCTION AND DISCUSSION

The TEXAS WRITES Program at the Lake Dallas Public Library

10AM | SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019 | 302 S. SHADY SHORES RD | LAKE DALLAS, TX | 75065

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Dismantling Doubt: A Few Tools and Writing Exercises

Everyone—from the beginning writer to the most established writer—has to deal with doubt at some time or another. Whether it has to do with rejections, finding the time and energy to do our writing, or fearing that our current project is beyond our ability, doubt can easily keep us from seeking publication or doing our work. In this short session, we'll discuss some approaches to getting over, under, around, and/or through doubt.

ire'ne lara silva is the award-winning author of two poetry collections, *furia* and *Blood Sugar Canto*, an e-chapbook, *Enduring Azucares*, as well as a short story collection, *flesh to bone*, which won the Premio Aztlán. She and poet Dan Vera are also the co-editors of *Imaniman: Poets Writing in the Anzaldúan Borderlands*, a collection of poetry and essays. ire'ne is currently working on her first novel, *Naci*. Her new collection of poetry, *CUICACALLI/House of Song*, is forthcoming from Saddle Road Press in April 2019.

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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.



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