

Nurturing Writers of All Ages...Since 2001

Ask Melissa Greene why she teaches creative writing and she'll tell you, thoughtfully, "because writing touches the soul." Melissa, a 14-year resident of Lancaster County, is a professional fiction writer, poet and writing coach, and the founder of Write From The Heart Creative Writing Workshops for adults, children and teens.

"Her class is a totally warm, whimsical, one-of-a-kind experience—not at all like that writing class you hated in school," says an adult student. "It's about finding a way into your creative self."

"My creativity and I grew up there. It's my writing home," says a teen who has been taking classes regularly for nine years.

Fascinated with writing as a therapeutic tool, Melissa began leading workshops during the 1980s. After 9/11, she created Write From The Heart to share her belief that writing has the power to console, illuminate and heal.

She's been coaching writers to "find themselves as writers and people," full-time, ever since. There are no grades, tests, cell phones or judgment, providing a retreat where even the most timid writer can relax.

"My mission is to launch writers by inspiring the courage, passion and confidence to create. My classes are meant to be a safe, gentle place where people can be themselves. Writing from the heart isn't about speed, pressure or getting published. It's about taking a deep breath, harnessing what we feel, and writing without fear. Creating should be fun—a comfort—especially in today's complicated world. The process begins with slowing down, unplugging our technology and getting back in touch with our senses." She laughs. "That, alone, can lead to a happier life!"

Melissa holds classes in her serene, urban-style loft in Lan-

caster County. She offers year-round workshops for men, women, children and teens—summer camps for children and teens—and coaches all ages, privately. Her work also includes essay-writing support for high-schoolers and college applicants (with emphasis on the enjoyment of the process!). She also leads workshops supporting cancer patients and caregivers at the Lancaster General Health Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute and the Penn State Cancer Institute, Hershey, Pa.

"Writing from the heart isn't about grammar, spelling or punctuation, but what we long to write, deep down. It's a return to our feelings—serious, funny, whatever appears on the horizon. Writing is freedom. A relief from pain. Our inner lives matter—especially today—they calm and replenish us."



Write from the Heart

Workshops for Adults, Children & Teens
Inspiring and Supporting the Creative Spirit

Gentle, fun, non-intimidating workshops held in an atmosphere of warmth and trust. Sharing optional. Mischief a must! No grades, grammar, spelling or red pen. A safe haven for the soul.

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