

# WRITER'S INK

September 2006

The Writer's Workshop of Bloomington

## SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

All meetings are held at the Bloomington Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Bloomington, IL 61808, (630) 529-3120.

### SATURDAY MEETING

September 9, at 9 a.m., in lower level Meeting Room B— **TOPIC: What's the most peculiar gift you've ever received? Describe the scene when you opened it and your reaction.** Sign in and be ready to begin critique by 9:15 a.m. Everyone arriving after 9:15 a.m.—with something for critique—should sign in on the bottom of the sheet. Their pieces will be critiqued if time allows. Remember that manuscripts are limited to 2 pages. Format rules are minimum 11-pt. font and double-spaced with one-inch margins on top, bottom and sides.

### WEDNESDAY MEETING

**September 27, 7 p.m.** in lower level **Meeting Room B**. This meeting is less structured to facilitate critique of longer manuscripts than those covered at the Saturday meetings.

### **PROOFREADING**

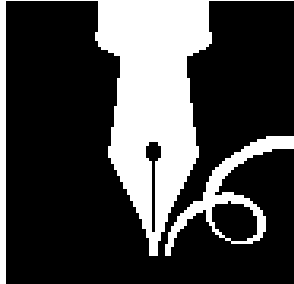
Proofreading is primarily about searching your own writing for errors, both grammatical and typographical, before submitting it for critique. The following is a resource to help you find and fix common errors.

[owl.english.purdue.edu/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/)

(Type "proofreading" in search box.)

If you have any questions about anything, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

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## COLUMN TWO

A portion of *Column Two* is reserved for brief announcements and special information members wish to share with others. E-mail either or both to Adeline at [akd2820@comcast.net](mailto:akd2820@comcast.net).

**Submission deadline for Calendar 2007 is nearing (September 15). Suzette will again be "covering" our work with her brilliant original art. If you have any questions please let us know!**

The **7th Annual *Writer's Digest* Short Short Story Competition** is accepting entries! Say they are looking for "fiction that's bold, brilliant but brief," 1,500 words or less. The deadline is December 1, 2006.

The Grand-Prize winner will receive \$3,000

**GO TO:**

<http://www.writersdigest.com/contests/shortshort/>

### **WRITERS' AFFIRMATIONS**

I am a talented writer.

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Creativity flows through me easily and effortlessly.

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Images and words come easily when I sit down to write.

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I don't wait for inspiration. Work inspires inspiration.

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Every day, in every way, I'm getting better and better.

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Damn, I'm good!