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PWC Monthly Meetings

Phoenix Writers Club meets every 3rd Saturday of the month.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, March 19 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. via Zoom.

Members: No fee. Guests: Two meetings free, then membership required for further attendance.

RSVP to Navissa Kaiser at navissak@hotmail.com, call or text (480) 200-5191.

March Speaker

In March, we welcome Brian Freeman !

Brian Freeman is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of more than two dozen psychological thrillers, including the Jonathan Stride series and multiple popular stand-alone novels. He was also selected by the Robert Ludlum estate to take over Ludlum's iconic Jason Bourne series.

Since 2005, Freeman has sold books in 46 countries and 24 languages. He was an Edgar Award finalist in 2021 for his novel *THE DEEP*, *DEEP SNOW*, and his novel *SPILLED BLOOD* won the award for Best Hardcover Novel in the ITW Thriller Awards. Kirkus Reviews names his novels among their Best Mysteries and Thrillers of the year in both 2020 and 2021 (for *THE BOURNE EVOLUTION* and *INFINITE*). He is a two-time winner of the Minnesota Book Award.

All of his books are available in audio editions. His novels *THE BONE HOUSE* and *SEASON OF FEAR* were both named finalists for the Audie Award for Best Audiobook in Thriller/Suspense.

Freeman's writing has been praised by critics and bestselling authors alike, including Michael Connelly, Nelson DeMille, Jeffery Denver, and Lisa Gardner. "A master of psychological suspense," Gardner said of Freeman. London's *Daily Mail* called Freeman, "up there with Harlan Coben in the psychological crime stratosphere."





Freeman has lived in Minnesota with his wife, Marcia, for more than 35 years.

Website: bfreemanbooks.com

Facebook: facebook.com/bfreemanfans

A Note from the PWC President

What a delight it has been to read the stories, essays, poems and even a folk opera that you are sending to share with PWC members. I will continue to send them out in order received in a timely manner. Keep 'em coming!

Here in Phoenix, we barely notice the start of spring. But when purple flowers appear in my backyard, I see the new season begin. Wishing you a springtime of poetic words, rejuvenating reflections and reading and writing in the sunshine. And a bit of Emily Dickinson.



We Like March, His Shoes Are Purple
by Emily Dickinson



We like March - his shoes are purple.
He is new and high -
Makes he mud for dog and peddler -
Makes he forest dry -
Knows the adder's tongue his coming,
And begets her spot -

Stands the sun so close and mighty -
That our minds are hot.

News is he of all the others -
Bold it were to die
With the blue birds buccaneering
On his British sky.

Write on,
Cindi Reiss



Miss Out? February 2022 Meeting Minutes

By Bernadette Inlan

Meeting

President Cindi Reiss called the Zoom meeting to order at 12:36 pm. Twenty-five participants attended.

- One new member was introduced, Steve Young (link takes you to his book—[The Studio City Life Coach's Holiday Survival Guide: Young, Steve Brett: 9781973568773: Amazon.com: Books](#)).
- Our welcomed guests were Betty Webb, Judith Clayton Van and Eden Barnett.
- Cindi suggested that upon introducing yourself, say something you're doing for creativity. From writing books to organizing seemed to start the creative process for the new year that included arranging computer files and home décor, subscribing to the [Poet's & Writer's](#) magazine, joining the ASU writer's club, taking the secretary position with the AZ Poetry Society. Members are constantly inspired by keeping up with blog posts, outlining a new book, checking out Elmore Leonard's books for inspiration, while another member chose Jenny Nash's books. A member mentioned doing a family history book, another keeps writing condolence, encouragement, and greeting letters. Then there are those who just need a hiatus.
- Cindi also reminded the group to send her a story, a blog post, or a poem to share with PWC members. The writing does not have to be published.
- Each month, our Newsletter Editor, D'Anne Pientka, accepts member's bio and picture for the Member's Spotlight section. Send to Azdanne@gmail.com.
- For a page on our website, contact Ilsa Manning, our Website/Social Media editor, at ilsamanningwrites@gmail.com

Member News (please send your news to azdanne@gmail.com for inclusion in the newsletter)

Mark Walker is the author of *The Saddest Pleasure*, a journey of two writers released this month by Writer's Press/London. Mark will perform a reading of his recently published article at The Carefree Pavilion on March 27th at 3 pm at this in-person event.



Guest Speaker

Susanne Brent introduced our speaker, Melissa Pritchard. She spoke about the aspects of writing and asked the group to list the impactful five books each attendee remembered. What made these books special? What was the common thread in those five books? What moved you? She then said to eliminate all but one book. She asked if you only had one year left to live and only one book to write, what would it be?

Melissa said that the biggest obstacle to writing is procrastination. Writers have a fear of failure, so we allow things to pile up. Recognize when you're stalling.

Her remedies for procrastination include the following:

- Show Up! Find that hour in the day and write.
- Don't talk about what you're writing until you can show the finished product.
- Maintain a physical space and choose the time to write, morning, afternoon, or evening.
- Limit your participation in the Writing Industry. Ask yourself if you really need to study under one more teacher.
- For inspiration read great stuff. Study the author and take apart the writing and learn from that.
- Read poetry, the classics, avant-garde, plays. Did they win prizes and what kind?

Melissa also said that the writer is the Truth teller and High Priest(ess). Allow yourself to be vulnerable. Ask yourself, what secrets are you keeping from yourself and feel the answer. After questions to the speaker, the meeting closed at 2:13 p.m.

The WOW group followed with eight participants.

Write On Writers (WOW) News

You are always welcome to join us at our Write on Writers (WOW) group after the general meeting. This is a fun general meeting to ask questions about printing, finding an agent, and other questions that often arise with writers. Email Cindi Reiss at writeoncindi@gmail.com for more info.

PWC Critique Writing Group

Our critique workshop meets via Zoom every other Friday. The workshop has grown to 11—12 members, so there is talk to divide the group into two separate workshops that run concurrently. That is a sign of the success we're enjoyed in the workshops. The March workshops will be on March 11, 6-8 p.m. and March 25, 6-8 p.m. Email Bernadette Inlan at bsbincoin@aol.com for more information.

Call for new Board Officer

We have a need for a new Vice President board officer. If you or anyone you know might want to take on this role, please contact Cindi.



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Local Writing Activities

MOTHERS WHO WRITE, Motherhood is the only experience necessary in this workshop for writers of all ages and levels of experience. At Changing Hands, 7-9PM THURSDAYS
10 SESSIONS: MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, AND 31 | APRIL 7, 14, 21, AND 28 | MAY 5

Central Phoenix Writing Workshop – check their website—they have several workshops scheduled
https://www.meetup.com/CentralPhoenixWritingWorkshop/?_cookie-check=mzccOalgDI-tuB9n

Tucson Festival of Books, March 12-13, 2022. 9:30—5:30, University of AZ campus.
<https://tucsonfestivalofbooks.org/>

"**Book Pre-launch Success Masterclass**" - How to Make Your Book A Big Success Even Before It Is Published" **free** Workshop by Sush and Ash —Sat, March 5, 2022, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM MST
Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/book-pre-launch-success-masterclass-get-paid-to-publish-phoenix-tickets-271223355357?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

5 Costly Mistakes First-Time Authors Make For Book Publishing—Learn The 5 Costly Mistakes First-Time Authors Make For Publishing Their Book (and How to Avoid Them). **Free**—March 14, 5:00 - 7:30. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/5-costly-mistakes-first-time-authors-make-for-book-publishing-deer-valley-tickets-279627813317?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>