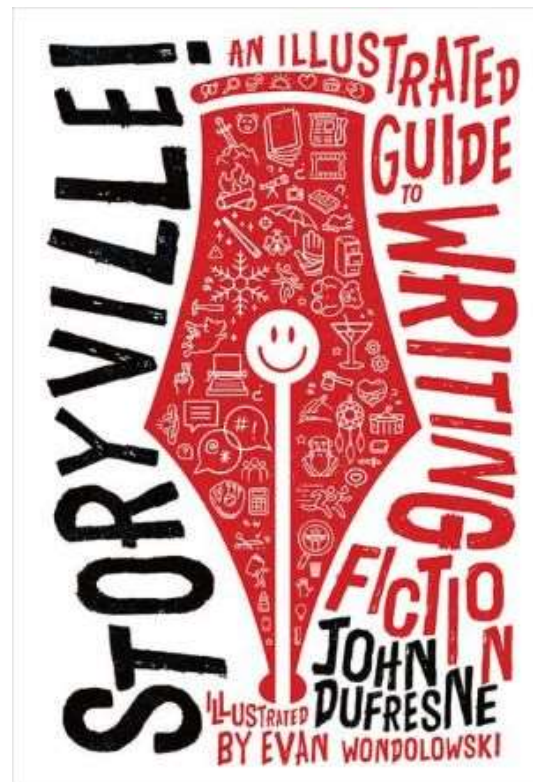




## **Amelia Island Writers**

June arrives with the first of several A.I.W. Summer Camp for Adults programs. We resume our fourth Tuesday meetings, although not at our usual 4 pm time and not in person. This unique online author event is Tuesday, June 23, 5 pm. John Dufresne and his team will present the secrets of writing a suspenseful plot in celebration of his 12th book launch. Exciting details further down in the newsletter.





**Good news to share from the COVID-19 shut down period:**

**Several authors have finished manuscripts, are in the editing process now and on their way to publishing.**

**Members of the Am. Is. Writers Memoirs focus group rotated *Coronation Diaries*. From different backgrounds and experiences, numerous common threads were found through exploration of timeless and timely topics.**

**It's never too late. Dee Dee Bartels, accomplished artist and writer, has published a collection of her work titled "Aging, Dreams: Ideals & Idiocy." Dee Dee, age 96, still teaches art. 72 works of prose and rhymed poems will have you**

pondering all things animal, vegetable, mineral, and more. Orders for the locally printed, autographed book are taken by Marla at: [divinemissmm@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemissmm@yahoo.com) or 904-335-0335. Priced at \$18.00, you won't be disappointed in this sparkling journey through life's ups and downs.

Tom Hitchcock's newly released "Foreign Exchange" is the awaited sequel to "Girl in the Painting." International and domestic intrigue are yours through the adventures of Colleen Grey. One of the scenes takes place at Dee Dee Bartel's Boat Ramp, Nature Center and Pier on North 14th Street. <http://www.tomhitchcockwrites.com>

The return to book signings. Local author Kay Dew Shostak, author of the Chancey series is out with the first of a new series, "The Manatee Did It." Kay is at The Book Loft, Saturday, June 27 1-4 pm. <http://www.kaydewshostak.com>

Poetry for Grown-Ups is led by Ron Kurtz, local theatre actor and co-creator of the Arfie books, Arfie being a legendary local dog. Poetry is located at Story and Song Bookstore Bistro Facebook page, Wednesdays at 3 pm. Short Stories, Essays, and Literary Meditations for Grown-Ups with Ron is Fridays at 3 pm. Previous programs available via Story and Song's You Tube channel.

Join Deb Boelkes, Business World Rising, for her first ever Mentoring Moment Monday, June 25, 4- 5pm. Virtual meetings are planned for fourth Monday's going forward. Information about her award winning books and new endeavor (Resources tab) here: <http://www.bwrising.com>

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Our June 23 program with John Dufresne is in partnership with Story and Song Bookstore Bistro, and is free of charge. Please purchase your autographed copy of John's latest book, "Storyville" through this link:

<http://www.storyandsongbookstore.indielite.org/book/9780393608403>

We will enter John's comfortingly chaotic mind for new

dimensions in how stories get made. He's built a reputation as one of the country's most engaging writing teachers, inspiring thousands of authors.

**Program highlights include:**

- practical insights into the building blocks of plot and where to find intriguing central characters.
- a guided tour inside John's current writing notebook and meet Evan Wondoloski, illustrator of "Storyville."
- Evan will build a detailed infographic in real time, consisting of notes from John's remarks.
- audience Q&A.

**How to participate in the Zoom format:**

Reservation required so the team can send access to you for this online meeting. Send reservation by email to Marla at: [divinemissmm@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemissmm@yahoo.com). Call with any questions, 904-335-0335. Reservations taken now through June 21.

Visit John's website to learn more about his fascinating life of writing and teaching in the sunshine state.

<http://www.johndufresne.com>

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Send your good news, book launch/signing, awards so that we may share it here. Send care of Michael:

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Am. Is. Writers focus group meetings are decided by the facilitators and participants as to whether they will meet in person or not during June. Writing for Stage and Screen contact is Doug: [dwmcdowell@bellsouth.net](mailto:dwmcdowell@bellsouth.net). Writing Memoirs/Biography contact is Lee Ann: [jimlee.shobe@gmail.com](mailto:jimlee.shobe@gmail.com), Eclectic Critique contact is Carma: [carma.rollerson@gmail.com](mailto:carma.rollerson@gmail.com). Ideas for additional focus groups welcomed.

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