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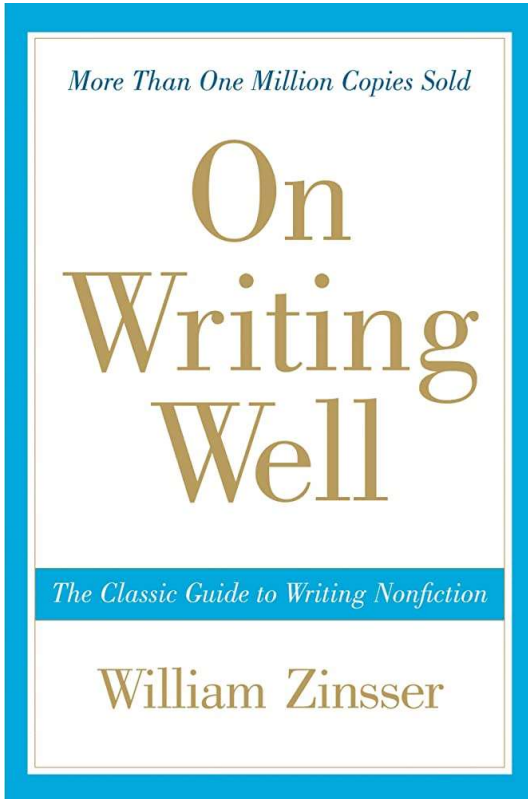
"Spring is the time of plans and projects." - Leo Tolstoy, *Anna Karenina*

**Read and Discuss *On Writing Well*
Tuesday, May 30, 4-6 pm Story & Song Bookstore Bistro**

We've enjoyed several types of casual spring and summer programs in the past, known as Summer Camp for Adults. We will gather at Story & Song, Tuesday, May 30, 4-6 pm to discuss our book choice on the craft of writing. *On Writing Well*, by William Zinsser, now in its 30th anniversary edition, is available at Story & Song. If you missed last summer's book, it was Stephen King's *On Writing*.

If you won't be in town, and wish to participate, send your book

comments to Donna: doveryly@outlook.com. Your comments will be shared with attendees.

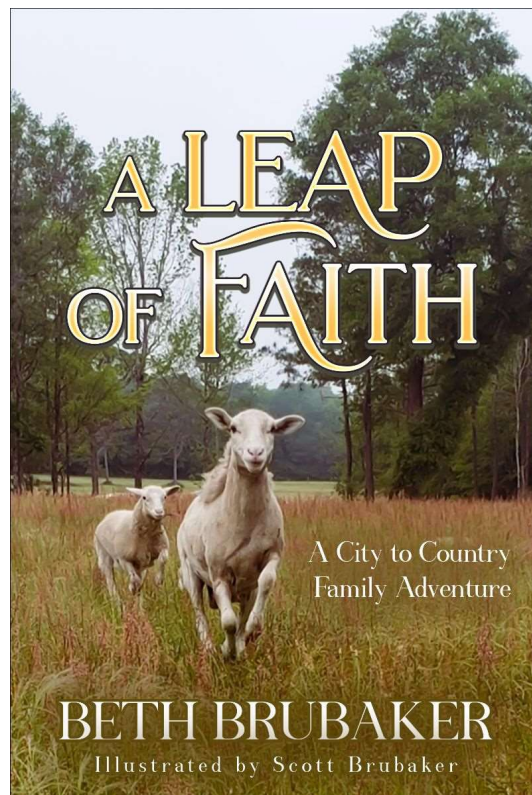


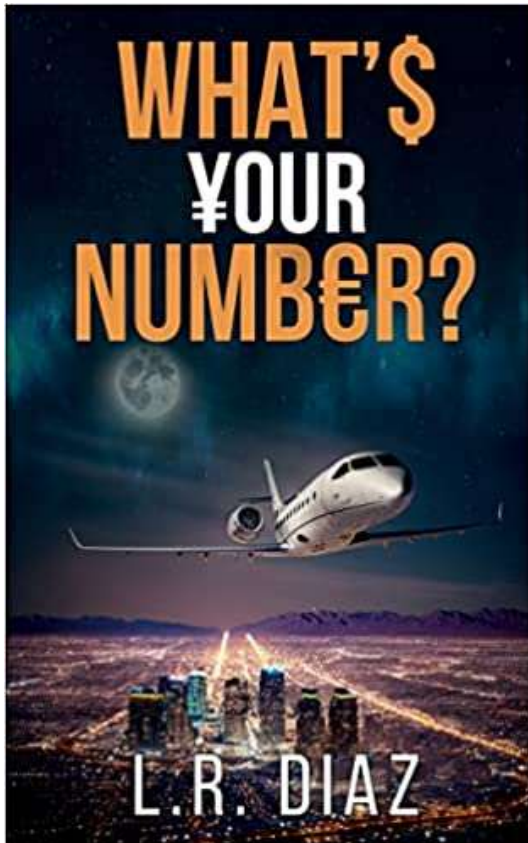
"Not since *The Elements of Style* has there been a guide to writing as well presented and readable as this one. A love and respect for the language is evident on every page." - *New York Times*

The 24 chapters are divided into four sections: Part I-Principles, Part II-Methods, Part III-Forms, Part IV-Attitudes.

Local Author Book Launches and Signings

Congratulations to Beth Brubaker on the publishing of her memoir. Beth's family blazed a trail from city to country life. They met new neighbors and adjusted to a completely different lifestyle. Pets and livestock to care for, learning about gardening, and a dilapidated house made for full but rewarding days. They made wonderful memories while improving a property in need of loving care. And they persevered to success. Now they live right here!





You are invited to a book launch and reception with local author Luis Diaz, Wednesday, May 10, 4 pm at Story & Song.

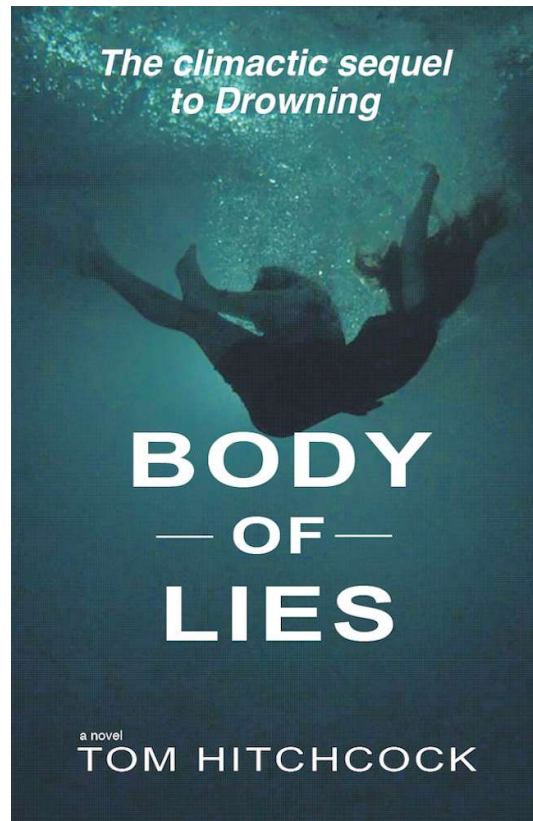
Most people claim that money would never change them, but most people never hit a 684 million dollar jackpot. .

The lives of a happy upper middle class family are turned upside down with challenges and temptations from their enormous new wealth. Extreme highs and lows are all packed into *What's Your Number?*

<http://www.lrdiaz.com>

Tom Hitchcock introduces his most recent novel, *Body of Lies*, at a Sip & Sign event hosted by The Book Loft, Thursday, May 18, from 5-6 p.m.

He had no notion of an earlier novel, *Drowning*, as source material for a sequel until reader reactions turned into an object lesson on the nuances of plot-driven fiction versus character-driven. The ending to *Drowning* left some readers wanting to know more about how the story of *Drowning's* anti-hero protagonist might play out. All of which left the door open to a sequel and, in time, *Body of Lies*.



Body of Lies rejoins the tormented voyages of Lauren Jameson, the warped, adulterous protagonist of *Drowning*. <http://www.tomhitchcockwrites.com>

Blog Spotlight

The beaches of Florida and the mountains of Colorado are captured in Jean Goulden's blog, *Salt Spray and Aspens*. Jean and Chris have the best of both worlds. Of all the places they could choose for their Florida home, they decided on Amelia Island. Congratulations to Jean, who has just signed a contract with Vanguard Press for her forthcoming novel, *A Glass Darkly*. <http://www.jeangoulden.com>



Programs and Member Information

Welcome new members. We intend to send a survey to our diverse group soon to gather your thoughts on programming ideas and what you may have experienced in other writing groups. This writing group supports individual writing goals and promotes the work of local authors. Below are some highlights of AIW programs and rotating events.

Every other year or so, we've gathered for what is called The Irish Open-St. Pat's Day readings. We've also enjoyed a couple of Halloween costume parties with stories, and Your Favorite Holiday stories. During the holidays, we've met to chat about What Writers are Reading-a book or two or three that held special meaning for us during the year.

One or two special events are planned. This year we honor our local military veterans who are published authors. The first of two veteran author events was held on March 31, and broke an attendance record. New friends and connections were made, so you don't want to miss the fall event, Sept. 26.

Our annual Florida Focus Literary Luncheon kicks off the new year and is

held at Story & Song in January. We've offered workshops and programs on various topics of interest to writers. Your attendance and participation keeps the group vibrant and moving forward.



**Are you confused with your writing and manuscript? Works in Progress, a critique group, meets on Thursdays. We help one another to improve our work. Email Linda or Marla for guidelines and information. Linda: linda.sexton@aol.com
Marla: divinemissmm@yahoo.com**

Works in Progress member, Rachel Glover, has been chosen for publication of her story in *F(r)iction Literary Magazine*. It's hot off the presses, published today.

<https://frictionlit.org/with-resignation/>

Rachel's website transports you to another world:

<http://www.4pocalypsearts.com>

Do you know about The Literary Journal for Readers, Writers, and Book Lovers Everywhere? It's *Well Read Magazine*, created and published by author Mandy Haynes. Although Mandy has moved away from Amelia Island, she is always welcome back for visits. Mandy is an award-winning author, as you will see on her website: <http://www.mandyhaynes.com>
A link to *Well Read Magazine* is on her website.

Have current news to share, a book launch, an award, progress toward a goal? Send it care of Donna, and it will be published right here, space allowing:
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