



# your story



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*"...a brilliant course. It was great to meet other writers and to learn practical writing tips and strategies." - Esther*





## YOUR STORY

This course is designed to support you as you write your memoir. Whether you're at the initial ideas stage, or you already have a manuscript draft underway, regular workshops on craft, quality critique, weekly deadlines and the support of your fellow writers are here to help keep you on track.

Unlike many other writing courses, WriteClub offers real-time online sessions where you will feel part of a team, working towards a common goal.

The course runs for twelve weeks and, as well as weekly workshops, offers writing sprints and 1-1 coaching.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Weekly Friday morning meetings on Zoom 10-11:30am
- Weekly Sunday midnight deadlines
- 9 x 90 min **Under the Bonnet** workshops on writer's craft
- 2 x 90 min live writing sprints with space to read
- 1 x 90 min celebration of work
- 1 x 30 minute 1-1 mentoring session
- Access to the New Year's Writing Bootcamp sessions
- **25% off** further 1-1 mentoring

### WORKSHOP TOPICS

**Week 1** - What is it that you really want to say?

**Week 2** - The writer's mindset - dealing with the inner critic

**Week 3** - Setting the scene

**Week 4** - Writing sprint - dedicated time to write together

**Week 5** - Emotional truth

**Week 6** - Experiments with form and structure

**Week 7** - Story shape and plot

**Week 8** - Writing sprint - dedicated time to write together

**Week 9** - Bringing in the conflict

**Week 10** - Using dialogue

**Week 11** - Editing, redrafting and setting your work free

**Week 12** - Celebrate your work - space to read and share

### ONLINE FORUM

As part of this course, you will gain access to a lively online community platform where you will be able to share ideas and find out about upcoming opportunities for writers.

### 1-1 MENTORING

For your mentoring session you can send either an extract of up to 1500 words or an outline of your project for us to discuss.

*"This course has given me the essential guidance, inspiration and structure I need to pursue writing my memoirs." - Emma*





## DATES & TIMES

Starts: Friday 6th Jan  
Ends: Friday 24th March

Sessions start at 10am and finish at 11:30am

1-1 mentoring sessions by arrangement

This is an online course delivered using Zoom, Google folders and Slack. You will need access to a steady internet connection.

## WHAT TO DO NEXT

Apply for a place on this course by sending a 500 word writing sample plus an outline of your project to [hellowriteclub@gmail.com](mailto:hellowriteclub@gmail.com)

Include your full name and contact details, and explain what you hope to gain from the course.

You will receive a response within a week.

## ABOUT ALISON POWELL

Alison set up WriteClub in 2016 after completing a one month residential writing programme at the Esalen Institute in California and the MA in Creative Writing at Bath Spa University.

Since then she has run hundreds of face-to-face and online writing workshops, inspiring creativity in people from around the world. Previous participants of her courses include novelists Jay Giebus, Tamsin Mori and Susie Nott-Bower, all of whom have recently published novels developed with WriteClub.

Her own work is published in various flash fiction anthologies and magazines and her writing has been highly commended by the Bath Flash Fiction Award, TSS, Mslexia and the Bridport Prize for First Novels. She is a producer for Paper Nations and one of 20 Writers at Work at the Hay Festival.



*"This course exceeded my expectation by miles. Al is a wonderful tutor - full of energy and inspiration, with a deep understanding of people, writing and creativity." - Sue*

## FEES

Full course fee £395 payable by bank transfer

Discounts and instalment options available for those on low income.

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