



Laura Pritchett

(Keynote Speaker)

Laura Pritchett's latest novel, *Stars Go Blue*, about a ranching family in Colorado, is remarked as "a brilliant novel, filled with heartache and humor" by Library Journal. Pritchett is the winner of the PEN USA Award for Fiction, the Colorado Book Award, the Milkweed National Fiction Prize, and has published over 100 essays and short stories. She holds a PhD from Purdue University and teaches around the country. She lives in Northern Colorado.



Hilari Bell

Hilari Bell, a former reference librarian, turned to full-time writing in 2005. Bell has written science fiction and fantasy novels for every age from middle grade through adult. She has hung around enough picture book writers to know what works in that market as well.

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Terri Clark

Terri Clark feels blessed to demonstrate her passion for young adult fiction as both a teen librarian and author in Colorado. Since she was a little girl she's been fascinated with the paranormal, so it's little wonder her stories dabble in the dark and different. You can read about Terri's books at



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Amy Denim

Amy writes contemporary romance and loves hot heroes (like chefs and cowboys) and curvy intelligent heroines (like chefs and cowgirls.) She started out her writer's life scared out of her wits because she hadn't yet created an online platform, wasn't on Twitter, didn't have a Facebook fanpage and had never even heard of Goodreads. She spent a year becoming a social media fiend and now does consulting for creatives on how to use social media effectively. She started Coffee Break Social Media to help writers and artists learn to use SM platforms effectively (without the scare tactics) with time to create. She believes social media can be every writer's friend, with a little intro.

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"Whether or not you write well, write bravely."

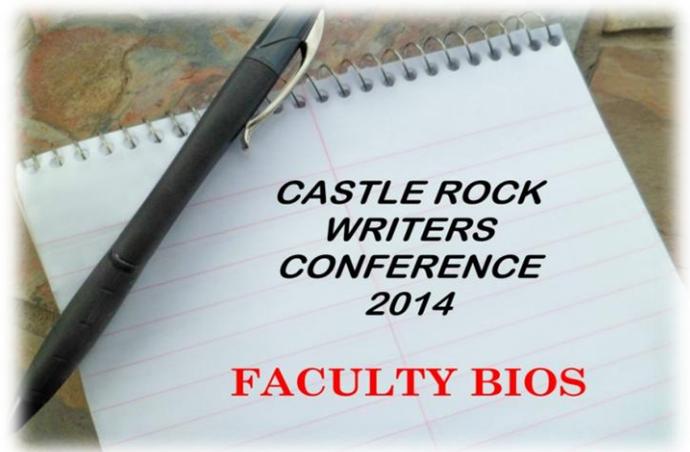
~Bill Stout

Believe in your writing!



Angie Hodapp

Angie Hodapp holds an MA in English and is a graduate of DU's Publishing Institute. She has taught at Writer's Digest University and the Colorado Gold Conference. She works at Nelson Literary Agency and writes romance as Holly Anders. She and her husband, novelist Warren Hammond, live in Denver, Colorado.



Denise Miller Holmes

Denise Miller Holmes, known as the "Witty Wise Woman," is a writer/speaker and the director of *Words for the Journey Christian Writers Guild* in Lone Tree, Colorado. She writes two blogs--an author blog, www.denisemillerholmes.blogspot.com (fun!), and a writing tips blog, www.redhotwritingtips.wordpress.com. She has a degree in journalism from University of Southern California, and a masters in counseling psychology.



DeAnna Knippling

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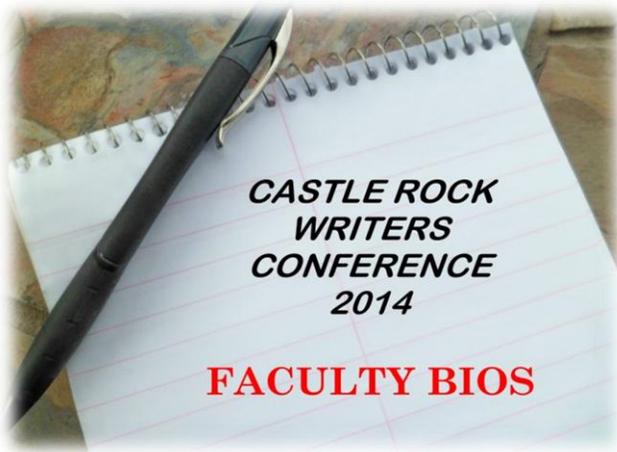
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"Good writing is supposed to evoke sensation in the reader-not the fact that it is raining, but the feeling of being rained upon."

~E.L. Doctorow





Chris Mandeville

Chris Mandeville is a University of California, Berkeley graduate, an Air Force wife, and mom. She is the author of *52 Ways to Get Unstuck: Exercises to Break Through Writer's Block*. She also writes new adult fantasy and science fiction, and serves as the president of Delve Writing. Learn more at www.delvewriting.com and www.chrismandeville.com



Anne Randolph

Anne, founder of **Kitchen Table Writing**, inspires authors to find their authentic creative voice. She is delighted to return to the CRW Conference. She often offers workshops in Denver and other conferences. She has an MA and MFA in Literature and Theatre, worked as director for two opera companies and Colorado Symphony. She has received awards from the National Endowment for the Arts and has worked at the English National Opera, New York City Opera, Opera Colorado, as well as in Europe. She is published by Red Hen Press. Anne's "fresh writing" workbook, *Write Naked! with Kitchen Table Writing* and *Stories Gathered at the Kitchen Table: A Collection of Women's Memoirs* is available at www.KitchenTableWriting.com.



Claudia Cangilla McAdam

Douglas County resident Claudia Cangilla McAdam has been a published writer for over 30 years. She has authored fourteen books (with two more on the way) geared to children, middle graders, and young adults. She has also written scores of magazine and newspaper articles and well over 200 reading assessment passages. Her writing has won awards on both the local and national levels. www.ClaudiaMcAdam.com



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"I'm not a good writer, but I'm an excellent rewriter."

~James Michener

Aaron Michael Ritchey

Aaron Michael Ritchey has two published novels and is contracted for a third. His latest work won a glowing Kirkus review. His steampunk story, "The Dirges of Percival Lewand", has been submitted for a Hugo. He lives in Colorado with his wife and two daughters. He writes daily.

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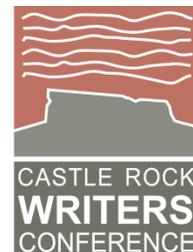
Award-winning writer Mary Taylor Young is author of 15 books, including *Land of Grass and Sky: A Naturalist's Prairie Journey*, and just out in 2014, *Rocky Mountain National Park: The First 100 Years*. She has written professionally about the landscape and heritage of the West and taught writing to adults and children since 1987. In 2012, she was a National Park Service Artist in Residence in creative writing at Rocky Mountain National Park.

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