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Saturday, January 12, 2012

Constance Hale

Creative Use of Language in Fiction and Non-Fiction



Connie Hale started as a journalist, and is currently a free-lance writer and writing teacher. She has published three books on the use of language. She claims that her books ***Wired Style, Sin and Syntax***, and ***Vex, Hex, Smash, Smooch***, “spring from a curiosity about English and a desire to understand how writing makes us laugh, well up with tears, or just say ‘ahhhh’.”

What You Will Learn

- How Constance views writing style, and what “sin and syntax” means
- How to approach grammar with confidence and minimal editing
- How important it is to know the rules in order to break them
- Ideas in “Vex, Hex...”
- How to write with dialect so that it works

Bring your writing tools for a few writing exercises—nouns, adjectives, verbs; exercises from *Vex, Hex...*

Registration Details:

- Sign-in: 8:30-9:00 a.m.; Breakfast, 9:00-9:30 a.m.; Workshop, 9:30-12:30 p.m.
- Zio Fraedo’s Restaurant, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA.
- Members: \$35; Non-members: \$40
- To attend, contact Jean Georgakopoulos at [jeaniegpops \(at\) comcast \(dot\) net](mailto:jeaniegpops@comcast.net), or phone 925-934-5677 for reservations. Reservation deadline: Wed., Jan. 9.

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