
Next Program and Events Calendar

Saturday, April 11, 2015

Program: Register online (see cost below) [Buy Now](#)

How To Hook Them From the First Page

Eric Elfman



[Eric Elfman](#), prolific author of works published by Disney-Hyperion and Random House, screenwriter, and writing coach, will discuss how to:

- introduce your main character in action
- begin with conflict and tension
- craft a dynamic and intriguing opening line
- use an active voice from the start
- create a sense of mystery
- hint at where the story is going, and, most important of all,
- make the reader want to turn the page

Elfman co-authored *Tesla's Attic* and *Edison's Alley*, published by Disney-Hyperion Books, as well as writing twelve other books for kids and young adults, including *Almanac of the Gross and Disgusting & Totally Repulsive*, which were published by Random House. The latter was an ALA Recommended Book for Reluctant Readers. He has also written two books of scary short stories and three novels based on *The X-Files*, sold four screenplays to Hollywood studios, including *Class Act* (co-author), which was set up at DreamWorks where Halle Berry was expected to star. For the past ten years, [Elfman](#) has been on the faculty of the Big Sur Writing Workshop and is also a private writing coach with a number of award-winning and *New York Times* best-selling authors among his clients.

Registration Details: Make life easy. Register *before* you arrive: [Buy Now](#)

- Sign-in: 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon
- Lunch: 12 noon – 1:00 p.m., including short business meeting
- **Program and speaker: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
- Zio Fraedo's Restaurant, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA
- **Cost:** cash and check on site Members \$20/Guests \$25; PayPal (click "buy now") \$22/\$27. **NOTE:** Due to Internet access problems, credit card transactions at the sign-in table are currently not possible.
- **To attend:** contact Barbara Bentley at barbara (at) barbarabentley (dot) net, phone 925-212-4727, or click "buy now" for reservations. **Reservation deadline:** Wed., April 8, 2015 at noon.*
- *In accordance with our contractual agreement with Zio Fraedo's Restaurant, the club is charged for every reservation confirmed on the day before the meeting. *If you are not able to attend this meeting and do not cancel your reservation prior to noon on the Friday before the meeting, you will be asked to remit the relevant fee as a no-show payment for the event.*

Events Calendar for the rest of our season

Apr. 11: Eric Elfman, **How to Hook them from the First Page**

May 9: Young Writers Contest; Marissa Moss, publisher of Creston Books, **Editing/Revision**

June 13: Joshua Mohr, **Plaracterization: Merging Character and Plot**

Events Calendar for Next Season

Sept. 12: Grant Faulkner for National Novel Writing Month, **The Power of Writing with Abandon**

Oct. 10: Amanda McTigue on Craft



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