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MARTHA ENGBER — GREAT CHARACTERS FROM THE GROUND UP



Join the Mount Diablo Branch of the California Writers Club on Saturday, **June 14**, at the Hungry Hunter Restaurant in Lafayette. Martha Engber will present her workshop: **"Pyramid Tipping - How to Build Great Characters from the Top Down."** Ms. Engber says she loves to talk about writing, which is the reason she wrote *Growing Great Characters from the Ground Up*.

While it makes perfect sense to develop in-depth main characters by laying a broad foundation of their likes, dislikes, physical attributes and family history before beginning to write, such a heavy base can wind up crushing our characters by burying their most important qualities and introducing inconsistencies. To avoid the mistake of over-burdening your characters with too much baggage, this presentation will show you how to tip the information pyramid over.

Instead of starting from a broad layer of general facts, you'll learn how to find and isolate that one telling detail upon which your entire character will be based. Such a key detail will not only clearly define your character, but also ensure consistency by serving as true north if you find yourself lost and confused about how your character should act when facing the challenges you create. Visit Martha Engber on the web at <http://www.marthaengber.com/>

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