



2023 Writing Retreats

Tutor-led novel writing weekends with Alison May and Janet Gover

Spring Novel Writing Retreat: 17th to 19th March 2023

Autumn Novel Writing Retreat: 6th to 8th October 2023

Starting a new book, editing a finished one or stuck somewhere in the middle? Take your writing to a new level with a weekend dedicated entirely to writing, under the guidance of two highly regarded tutors – both multi-published award-winning authors.

Arrive on Friday to meet the tutors and your fellow authors. There's time to ask questions and share experiences in a welcoming and friendly environment. Saturday and Sunday feature workshops and tutorials on important writing topics, with plenty of time to spend on your own writing. Each attendee will be invited to submit a sample of work for a detailed analysis and one-one discussion with our tutors to help you find your unique voice.

We'll share our top tips for writing, editing and selling your work. Tell us what you want to know. Workshops will be tailored to the attendees needs. Details of workshops will be provided closer to the date, but they will include important topics such as pace and plot, characterisation and writing that dreaded synopsis.

Our retreats are all-inclusive allowing you to focus on your writing. Emerge inspired and renewed with fresh insights into the writing process and your writing career.

Your tutors:



Alison May writes romantic comedies, book club fiction and award-winning short stories. She has a BA in Creative Writing and has taught for colleges and universities, writing conferences and literary festivals. She is former Chair of the Romantic Novelists' Association. Alison also writes as Ally Sinclair. www.alison-may.co.uk www.allysinclair.com

Television journalist turned novelist, Janet Gover, writes women's fiction, romance and short stories. She has won or been shortlisted for multiple awards in the UK, USA and Australia. A former university tutor and IT trainer, Janet has taught at writing conferences around the world. www.janetgover.com



Alison and Janet also write collaboratively as Juliet Bell.

The Retreat:

Arrive late afternoon on Friday for a welcome dinner and a chance to meet everyone. Saturday and Sunday morning will be a mix of tutored workshops, one-on-one meetings with tutors and free time to concentrate on your writing. The retreat ends on Sunday afternoon with a session to help you take the lessons, energy and inspiration with you when you return home.

Bring your laptop (or whatever you write on) and your work in progress. Also bring your questions and problems. There's much work to do and much fun to be had as well. Dress however you wish and join the group in the evenings for informal discussions on the writing life.

The Venue:

Set in Tudor-style farmhouse built in the 1500s, Kings Court Hotel is in the heart of Shakespeare country, in the village of Kings Coughton, seven miles outside Stratford-upon-Avon. It features large en-suite rooms, and a bright airy conference centre, with plenty of places to sit and write and plenty of parking. Free wireless internet is available. Wheelchair accessible rooms are available.

The nearest train station is Stratford-Upon-Avon and there is easy road access from the M40. Find out more at: <http://www.kingscourthotel.co.uk/>

The Cost:

The full price for each retreat is £390. If you book either before the end of January 2023, you'll receive a 5% discount off each retreat booked. A deposit of £80 per retreat is to be paid at the time of booking. The balance is to be paid 6 weeks prior to the date of the retreat. Bookings close 6 weeks prior to the date of the retreat.

Attendees cancelling more than 8 weeks in advance will receive a full refund of all money paid. There can be no refund if an attendee cancels less than 8 weeks before the retreat, unless the organisers are able to fill the place. If a course is cancelled, all money will be refunded.

What people said last time:

'Loved it! Haven't felt so inspired in a long time. Yay!'

'The one to one was priceless.'

'Not only very useful, but the tutors made it entertaining and fun.'

To Book:

Go to <https://alison-may.co.uk/for-writers/virtual-courses-and-retreats/course-retreat-booking/>

If you have any problems with the booking form, contact Alison on alison@alison-may.co.uk

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