



# 2024 Writing Retreat

A tutor-led novel writing weekend with  
Alison May and Janet Gover

**Autumn Novel Writing Retreat: 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**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](http://www.alison-may.co.uk) [www.allysinclair.com](http://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](http://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 fee for the retreat is £410. There is an early booking discount for bookings received before 1st April 2024 - the early booking price is £389.50. A deposit of £85 is required at the time of booking to confirm your place.

The full balance of the course fee will be due 8 weeks before the retreat date. Bookings can be cancelled up to 16 weeks before the retreat for a full refund. Bookings between 8 and 16 weeks before the retreat start date will forfeit the deposit, unless the organisers are able to resell the place. Bookings cancelled less than 8 weeks prior to the retreat start date will not be refunded unless the organisers are able to resell the place. If the retreat is cancelled by the organisers full refunds will be given.

## 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 [Autumn Novel Writing Retreat 2024](#) If you have any problems with the booking form, contact Alison on [alison@alison-may.co.uk](mailto:alison@alison-may.co.uk)

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