



# Central Coast Writers

*A Branch of the California Writers Club*



## How And Why To Write Your Memoir

Dr. Evelyn LaTorre

It might surprise you how beneficial thinking and writing about your life can be. This simple creative act tends to lead to insights into how your experiences fit together and explain who you are today. Writing about a positive or negative personal or family memory also has the potential to improve your physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

**Dr. Evelyn LaTorre** served in the Peace Corps in Peru and married a native from the Andes, which changed the trajectory of her life. Her first book, *Between Inca Walls*, won the 2021 Moritz Thomsen Peace Corps Experience Award and first place with Chanticleer Books. Her second book, *Love in Any Language*, received a Book Excellence Award and a five-star *Readers' Favorite* rating. She is a lifetime member of the National Association of Memoir Writers. For more information, visit [www.evelynlatorre.com](http://www.evelynlatorre.com).

### **Next Meeting - March 19th**

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Meeting starts at 6:15 pm

Center for Spiritual Awakening  
522 Central Avenue  
Pacific Grove

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### **NEW MEMBERS**

Susan Goldbeck -  
Pegatha Hughes - *Memoir*  
Robert Franklin - *Fiction*

### **MEMBER NEWS**

[Jane Edberg book to be published](#),  
March 24 - "The Art of Grieving"

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES**

3/19/2024 - Monthly Meeting  
3/30/2024 - Writer's Roundup  
3/31/2024 - *Easter Holiday*  
4/16/2024 - Monthly Meeting  
5/15/2024 - Monthly Meeting



#### **March is:**

#NationalReadingMonth  
#NationalSmallPressMonth - *created in 1996 by Small Press Center and the Publishers Marketing Association*

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# UPCOMING EVENT

## Tuesday, April 16th The Art Of Diction: Choosing Your Words

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### Roy Mash

How do words and expressions come to us? How do we come to phrase our thoughts in one way rather than another? In everyday speech our ideas seem to flow directly into words with no intervening conscious process.



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### **The annual Good Old Days Street Fair in Pacific Grove will be held on May 4th and May 5th (Sat/Sun).**

The weekend event always draws big crowds—mostly to the Central Coast Writers booth (see attached visual evidence), and it's an amazingly fun time where club members get to tell the public about who we are and what we do. Booth volunteers can also sell their books—we're talking about books you may have written—not the ones you bought when you were trying to impress a date at Barnes & Noble.. Every year, we succeed in recruiting new club members, and if you'd like to be a part of the action, please contact Scotty Cornfield who can sign you up for a two or three hour shift where you'll work alongside other volunteers.

Contact:  
Scotty Cornfield

For the best chance to work your preferred hours, don't delay and sign up today! Operators are standing by.

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**Inkspots**

March is Women's History Month, and by coincidence, my birth month. I'd like to share one of my favorite quotes;

*"Well-behaved women seldom make history."*

- Laurel Thatcher Ulrich

I encourage you to go out and 'misbehave'.

Jennifer Schmidt

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