

Children's Writer Summer Retreat July 10-12, 2009



- Work with former G.P. Putnam's Sons managing editor and senior editor for children's books Nora Cohen.
- Get the feedback you need to make your work slush-pile resistant.
- Find your focus and rejuvenate your spirit in a peaceful Colorado foothills location near Colorado Springs.
- Learn and be inspired in a series of writing craft sessions with Nora Cohen.
- Network with your peers. Find out what works for them.



Important Deadlines and Dates

Optional
Manuscript
Submission
Deadline:
April 24, 2009

Early
Registration
Discount
Deadline:
April 24, 2009

Workshop
Arrival Time:
4 pm
Jul 10, 2009

Departure:
1 pm July 12,
2009

Information:
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gmail.com

Rocky Mountain
Chapter
www.rmcsbwi.org



Do you field test your books?
Nora Cohen (right) does.
This child obviously gets it!

NORA COHEN will facilitate the Rocky Mountain
SCBWI Summer Retreat, July 10-12,2009

NORA COHEN is the owner of ChildrensBookEditing.com , a web-business in which she edits, evaluates, and polishes manuscripts for writers before their submission to literary agencies and the publishing world. She also edits for children's book publishers and book packagers. Nora is a former Senior Editor and Managing Editor of children's books at G.P. Putnam's Sons in New York. She has taught children's book writing and publishing courses and workshops, and is the author of *An Easter Alphabet* (Putnam, under the pseudonym Nora Tarlow) and *From Apple to Zipper* (Simon & Schuster). At Putnam she worked with such authors and illustrators as Tomie dePaola, Eric Hill, Rachel Isadora, and Catherine Stock.

Nora edits all children's book genres: picture books, beginning readers, middle grade chapter books, and young adult novels. In addition to manuscript editing, she provides manuscript evaluations for those who desire a reader's report/critique rather than line-by-line editing.

Nora also provides Q&A Publishing Advice to answer writers' questions about the publishing world and the submission process. She offers Children's Book Informational Handouts that answer writers' questions about such topics as the Submission Process to Literary Agencies & Publishers; Children's Book Genres; Contract Terms, Advances, Royalties, Literary Agencies & Addresses; and how to interpret standard Publisher Responses/Reactions to submissions.

<http://www.childrensbookediting.com>



Location: Franciscan Retreat Center, 7740 Deer Hill Grove,
Colorado Springs, CO 80919
(719) 955-7025 www.franciscanretreatcenter.org

Retreat Schedule

Friday July 10

4:00 pm Registration

5:00 – Welcome, intros, small group set-up

6:00 - Dinner

7:30 – 8:30 Children's Book Writing Overview–Nora Cohen

8:30 – 10:00 Free time

Saturday July 11

8:00 – Breakfast

9:30 – 10:30 Writing session - Nora Cohen: Inspiration through Writing a Letter

10:30 – 12:00 Small groups

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 Reviewing your work with an Editor's Eye - Nora Cohen

2:00 – 4:00 Free writing/free time

4:00 – 5:00 Small groups

5:00 – 6:00 Common Mistakes in Manuscripts and How to Overcome Them - Nora Cohen

6:00 Dinner

7:00 – 8:00 Q&A session: In this Q&A session Nora Cohen: will answer pre-written questions from index cards

Sunday July 12

8:00 Breakfast

9:15- 10:15 Writing session: Writing from a Chosen Image or Object

10:15 – 11:00 – small groups

11:00 – 12:00 Children's Book Literary Agencies + Q &A - Nora Cohen

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 Farewell

Information: WallyClark4@gmail.com
303-440-0328

Nora Cohen's Manuscript Submission Instructions for the RMC-SCBWI 2009 Children's Writer Retreat

An exciting option available at this retreat is the opportunity to work with Nora Cohen on **five pages** (or five illustrations) of your own work. To participate, **your work needs to arrive by April 24** with your completed registration at Wally Clark's (see registration form), who will send them on to Nora Cohen. Nora will edit and annotate the manuscripts and return them to you at the retreat. All submitters will get this written critique, but for **the first 16** works received an approximately 10-minute personal consultation with Nora at the retreat is included at no additional cost. The following two paragraphs specify the required submission format. Manuscripts in **other formats will be returned unedited** to the author.

Format:

Use **double-spacing** throughout, with **Verdana 16 point** (font & size) type, **1.25-inch margins** all around, and **standard paragraph-indents** throughout.

For **Rhyming Manuscripts** use standard extra double-space between double-spaced rhyming-stanzas.

To take advantage of this opportunity, **enclose your submitted pages with your registration** and add the appropriate fee (listed below) to your registration payment **as indicated on the registration form** . For attendees of this retreat, Nora has generously discounted her usual manuscript review rates:

Picture Books: 5 Pages = \$26

Middle Grade/Young Adult: 5 Pages = \$26

Illustrator: (no larger than 8.5 x 11 each) 5 Illustrations = \$26

(Note that \$1 is included in each of these fees to cover RMC-SCBWI postage expenses.)

Send both the completed registration and submitted work with your check to Wally Clark as specified on the registration page.

Questions: WallyClark4@gmail.com or 303-440-0328.

REGISTRATION FORM for RMC-SCBWI Summer Retreat, July 10-12, 2009

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Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-mail address _____
Phone, home (_____) _____ work (_____) _____

- I am an: Author Illustrator Author/Illustrator
 Other (please specify—editor, librarian, bookseller, etc.) _____
I am: an SCBWI member not an SCBWI member.
 I'd like confirmation of my registration via e-mail and have included an e-mail address above.
 I've enclosed a self-addressed, stamped postcard for registration confirmation.

Please check the one that applies (*includes meals for Friday night, all meals Saturday, and Sunday breakfast and lunch. Only a certain number of singles, doubles, and triples are available*):

Retreat Fee if Registration Received After May 6:
Room: SCBWI member: non-SCBWI member:
Single \$375 \$400
No lodging \$260 \$285

If a roommate(s) become available I would like to switch to:
Triple \$290 \$315
Double \$335 \$360

Early registration deadline: May 6
Final registration deadline: Jun 6
Retreat limited to 30 participants. We will do our best to accommodate the type of room you request, but availability is limited. After May 6 registration is on a Space Available basis.

- My roommate/roommates will be _____
 Please assign me a roommate/roommates

 I need a room on the ground floor.

All meals will be provided by the Franciscan Retreat Center (Dinner Friday through Lunch Sunday)

Deadline (April 24) has passed for optional submission of manuscript pages or illustrations.

TOTAL REGISTRATION PAYMENT (Retreat): \$ _____

Please make your check **payable to RMC SCBWI** (sorry, no credit cards), and send with this form to

Wally Clark, RMC-SCBWI Retreat Chairman,
6967 Fairways Drive, Longmont, CO 80503

Cancellation Policy: Contractual obligations to the retreat center and facilitator require the following refund policy:
Through April 24, Full Refund **After April 24, Refund only if applicant finds a replacement attendee**

Questions? Contact Wally Clark, 2009 Summer Retreat Chairman, 303-440-0328, WallyClark4@gmail.com