

**LEARN,  
CREATE,  
WRITE,  
REVISE...**

**...TAKE YOUR NOVEL TO THE NEXT LEVEL**



**COME TO THE  
RMC-SCBWI SUMMER RETREAT  
WITH AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR RANDY POWELL**

June 23-25, 2006  
at the Franciscan Center in Colorado Springs, CO  
4:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday around 1:30

Presented by the Rocky Mountain Chapter  
Of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI)



For more information visit [www.rmcsbwi.org](http://www.rmcsbwi.org)  
Or contact Ceil Boyles, Retreat Coordinator at [ceilboyles@aol.com](mailto:ceilboyles@aol.com)

## **THE RETREAT**

The emphasis is on moving forward with your middle-grade or young adult novel. Bring what you have, even if it's only an idea trying to become an award-winning novel.

Over the course of the weekend, you will hear presentations from author Randy Powell on structure, plotting, characterization, revising your work, and much more to help you make your story come alive. In small groups, you'll be able to brainstorm with your peers. In the inspiring setting, your creative juices will overflow as you assimilate the information to move your story closer to publication.

On Friday night, we will start with an opening lecture from Randy and lay out the detailed schedule for the rest of the weekend. On Saturday, Randy will share more on the art of writing and revising. In addition, small groups will review each person's novel or idea and offer suggestions. Designated creative writing times will allow participants to work on their novel incorporating what they have learned.

Randy will give another lecture on Sunday, and the groups will meet to review steps taken during the retreat, react to each person's progress in the writing of their manuscripts, and offer ideas and encouragement to take away from a weekend full of learning and creating. By the time you leave the retreat, you'll be that much closer to a finished, polished novel ready to submit to an agent or editor.

### **Manuscript Critiques:**

Individual manuscript critiques by Randy Powell will be offered on a first come/first serve basis at a cost of \$100. He will review the submissions before the retreat, then provide one-on-one critiques during the retreat. If you are interested in having Randy Powell critique a portion of your manuscript, prepare between 25 and 30 pages and submit them according to the following instructions. Manuscripts must be received by May 5, 2006 (see "Instructions for Submission" on the following page).

#### Use Standard Manuscript Style:

Use 1" margins, double-spaced lines, and 12-point font (preferably Courier or Courier New but Times New Roman also accepted). For purposes of this critique, the first page of your manuscript may begin at the top of the first page, rather than partway down as in standard submission style. Include a header with the title, your name and the page number.

### Instructions for Submission:

E-mail your manuscript to Ceil Boyles, either in PDF or WORD format, at [ceilboyles@aol.com](mailto:ceilboyles@aol.com). If your manuscript is selected for review, Ceil will contact you and request a check in the amount of \$100, and forward your manuscript to Randy Powell. Your critiqued manuscript will be returned to you at the retreat. Submissions must adhere to the 25-30 page length and must be prepared according to the above guidelines for manuscript style to be eligible for critique. If you are unable to e-mail your manuscript, contact Ceil Boyles at the phone number below to make special arrangements.

### **What to wear, what to bring:**

- Dress casually and for comfort. There are nearby trails for walking and jogging, so bring your exercise shoes. Consider a jacket or sweater for those cool Colorado evenings.
- Bring work in progress or ideas you want to discuss in small groups
- We will supply notebooks and pens, but if there is something special you prefer to write with or on, please bring it along.
- Feel free to bring snacks to share during breaks. Coffee and cold drinks will be provided.

### **Cancellation Policy:**

You must cancel by May 15 to receive a full refund. After May 15, due to the limited number of participants, you will be refunded only if there is someone to take your place.

### **Registration Fees**

SCBWI member registering on or before 5/5	\$250
SCBWI member registering after 5/5	\$275
non-SCBWI member registering on or before 5/5	\$290
non-SCBWI member registering after 5/5	\$315

For online registration, go to:

<http://www.rmcsbwi.org/conferences/summer2006/registration.php>

For more information on the Franciscan Center, see:

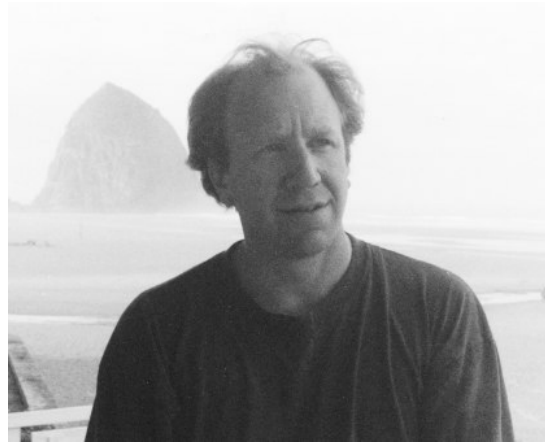
[www.franciscanretreatcenter.org](http://www.franciscanretreatcenter.org).

If you still have questions, Contact Ceil Boyles, Retreat Coordinator, 303-841-8139

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## ABOUT RANDY POWELL

Randy Powell has written seven novels for young adults, all published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux. Many of his novels have been translated in other languages and have been selected for ALA Best Books and other national and state best-book lists. His novel, *Is Kissing A Girl Who Smokes Like Licking An Ashtray?* was the winner of the 1992 PEN/West award for Children's Literature.



Randy currently has two new books under contract; his eighth novel, *The Fish Intern*, is coming out in the fall of 2006. Randy is a former faculty member of the MFA in Writing for Children program at Vermont College, and has taught at the Whidbey Island Writers Association MFA program and the BYU Writing for Young Readers Workshop.

Other popular books by Randy include:

*Three Clams and an Oyster*, 2002

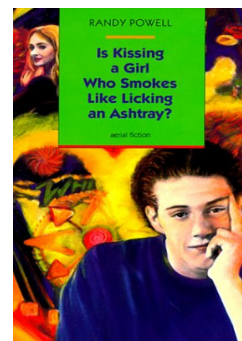
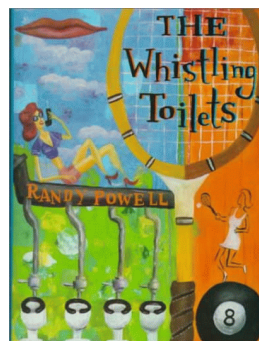
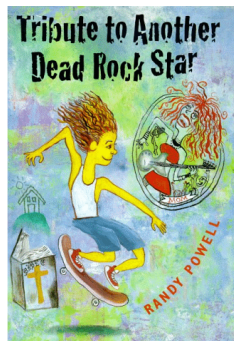
*Run if you Dare*, 2001

*Tribute to Another Dead Rock Star*, 1999

*The Whistling Toilets*, 1996

*Dean Duffy*, 1995

Randy receives rave reviews from students and past workshop participants. We are extremely excited to welcome him to Colorado for our 2006 Summer Workshop Retreat!



## Directions to the Franciscan Center

We will begin to gather informally around 4:30 on Friday. Meet Randy, purchase his books and have them signed, and greet old friends and make new ones. Dinner will be served at 6:00 and we will begin our program around 7:30.

Feel free to bring snacks or drinks to share!

