

Master Fiction Workshop with George Minot *Promotion for Coop Members*

Writing is a combination of discipline and freedom. The intimate workshop format gives each writer continuous direction, energy, attention and support. The craft of writing has many vital aspects. The most important is actually writing. This class will help you begin or deepen your commitment to this vital process and practice.

You will write daily. You will learn to relax into the process, and to persist. You will learn how to identify, discuss and develop elements that comprise good fiction – in your work and in the work of others – such as voice, vision, character, setting, detail, plot, tone, dialogue, word choice, sentence and paragraph formation, point of view, structure and pacing. You will learn which of these you're instinctively already good at, and which you might develop to expand as a writer.



In steady rotation we read and discuss one another's work. The ineffable bond and living alliance among writers that forms in a good workshop is exciting, energizing, invaluable. Writing is a long solo expedition. Countless exertions of will, little leaps of faith, of connection, in the dark. We need all the help, support, direction, we can get.

At least in this workshop, for these 40 hours of class, and the many more you will spend over this period of concentrated immersion in your work, your writing is paramount.



Cost: €1,200

Duration: 8 weeks:

2 classes per week x 2 1/2 hours per class =

40 class hours

When: Spring 1

15 March - 5 May

Tuesdays and Thursdays

6 - 8:30 pm

Spring 2

10 May - 30 June

Tuesdays and Thursdays

6 - 8:30 pm



*Also: Summer 1 - All summer – every Saturday morning
18 June - 20 August (10 weeks, each class 4 hours)
8 - 12 noon*

*Summer 2 - Evenings
5 July - 11 August (6 weeks, each class 3 hours)
Tuesdays and Thursdays
6 - 9 pm*

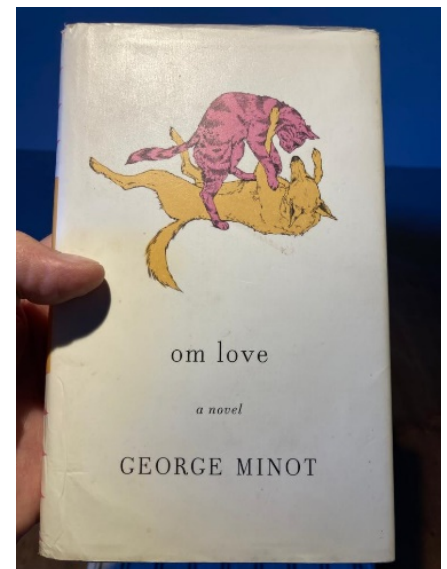
*Summer 3 - August Intensive – 4 mornings a week
1 - 25 August (4 weeks, each class 2 1/2 hours)
MTWTh
9:30 - 12 noon*



Note:

- The course cost is one fifth (20%) of the cost for the same course at the university where I have taught it for over ten years, at undergraduate and graduate levels. And this will be better: Mature minds.
- The course will be conducted over Zoom. In English. (Zoom can be a drag, I know - but it has its virtues; can help focus attention in a workshop. Possibly we can have some in-person meetings. Maybe by summer, all classes in person.) Next year, a course on Writing a Novel.
- Anyone anywhere can join this class. Join with a friend or rival from elsewhere, anywhere... Spread the word.

I am a novelist (*The Blue Bowl*; *Tom Love* - Knopf) and professor of creative writing at John Cabot University in Rome.



For more information and to register, please email fao-staff-coop@fao.org

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Join us. I look forward to seeing you and getting into this.

Thanks,

George Minot

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