Writers in Florence: Fiction (Workshop)
Monday / Wednesday, 3.00pm – 5.30pm
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Course Overview

In this creative writing workshop, we will discuss the work of writing—the emotional and practical demands of getting words down on paper, the contract you uphold with your reader—all of the trust, generosity, and anxiety involved. We will focus on the sentence level and examine effective ways of breaking the rules. We will give criticism which has substance and collaborate in making this workshop a safe space. While we will do our best to be rigorous, this will be a class in which you are expected to approach the work of your peers with an open mind and heart. Write freely and honestly. Maybe you’ll use this time to try out something new. Maybe you want feedback on a project you’ve been working on for a while. All genres welcome.

Requirements

Students workshopping on Mondays should submit Wednesdays, and students workshopping on Wednesdays should submit Mondays. It is crucial you submit on time so your peers have time to read. On Being Workshopped---It’s hard to be in the hot seat! Your peers are trusting you with their work. Be open, encouraging, and constructive. If anything comes up that makes you uncomfortable, please reach out to me. Submit either a short story or a novel excerpt between 5 - 10 pages in length. Format Times New Roman, double spaced. You will be required to write feedback letters and line edit your classmates’ submissions. Be on time and be prepared to engage with the work!