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2010 CONFERENCE NEWS

More resources for YA fiction writers

Writers of Young Adult fiction will have two sources of help at this year's conference. **Malin Alegria**, author of the hilarious and moving *Estrella's Quinceñera*, will lead a three-morning workshop for writers of both adult and YA novels. Malin will be available for one-on-one consultations.

Ginny Rorby is also offering one-on-one consultations for YA writers. Her book *Hurt Go Happy* continues to garner awards. Announced this month are the 2010-2011 Isinglass Teen Reads Award List in New Hampshire and the finalist list for the 2010-2011 Land of Enchantment Reading Award in New Mexico. Ginny's latest YA novel, *The Outside of Horse*, is due out on this month. This one is about an Iraq war vet who comes home from the war with PTSD and missing part of one leg. Through their mutual love of horses, his daughter struggles to bring him back from the edge.

Deadlines draw near

May 31: MCWC writing contest submission deadline. Prizes include full conference fellowships. You must be registered for the 2010 conference to enter. Details at http://www.mcwc.org/mcwc_cont.html.

June 15: Last day to register for the 2010 conference at the regular rate. After June 15, a late fee of \$45 will be charged. Conference dates are July 29-31.

MENDOCINO COAST LITERARY EVENT

Sunday, May 16, 3 p.m. The Little River Inn and Gallery Bookshop sponsor a book party and reading for Ginny Rorby's new YA novel, *The Outside of Horse*. The event will take place in the Little River Inn's Abalone Room. There will be a sign language interpreter, so if you know someone who is deaf please encourage him/her to come, too.

MORE MCWC COMMUNITY NEWS.

Faculty member **Ellen Sussman** has just returned from a month in Bali where she immersed herself in research and interviews for her latest novel (as yet untitled.) In her blog, Ellen notes: "The research took a somber turn here. I knew I needed to stay near the southern beaches to learn more about the bombing in 2002, which is an important part of my novel." At MCWC this summer, Ellen's workshop "The Craft of Fiction" will focus on plot, character development, and point of view.

Jeanette Boyer (2008 Paths to Publishing panel) is happy to announce that her novel, *Junkyard Dreams*, received the 2010 Zia Award for best fiction published in 2007-2009 by a woman living in or affiliated with New Mexico.

The novel **Linda Lambert** worked on at the 2009 conference is published. Its title is *Cairo Diary: An Egyptian Fable* (Authorhouse, 2010).

MCWC 2004 participant **Sue Owens Wright's** first novel in the Beanie and Cruiser Mystery Series, *Howling Bloody Murder*, was recently released in mass market paperback by Harlequin Worldwide Mystery.