

Write Fiction For *The "Friend"*



Do you dream of being a published author? Whether you're a complete beginner or already have some experience, you'll enjoy every minute of our hands-on story writing workshop.

So many people say they'd love to be a writer, but aren't sure how to get started. Now here's your chance to learn from the experts at our latest writing workshops in Newcastle, with guest author Kate Blackadder, and Southampton with guest author Alison Carter.

ALISON CARTER has been writing fiction for over ten years, since the "Friend" accepted her very first short story. She now writes long reads and serials for us, too. She's learned that it's about knowing your reader. It's also about practice (and more practice!) But most of all it's about enjoying a really good story.




SHIRLEY BLAIR is Fiction Editor of the "Friend" and is also a published author in her own right. She loves to help promising new writers develop their skills and can call on over forty years' experience in magazine fiction to help you achieve success.

KATE BLACKADDER remembers the thrill of her first "Friend" story being published in 2006. Her favourite part of the writing process is when she feels her characters coming to life and their story begins to take shape. Her top tip is to read your work aloud.



The People's Friend Story Writing Workshop
Please complete this coupon and send it to **The People's Friend Story Workshop, 80 Kingsway East, Dundee DD4 8SL.**

Event	Price	No	Total
Short story writing workshop, Newcastle: April 27	£85		
Short story writing workshop, Southampton: May 10	£85		
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Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. All attendees will be sent a letter confirming their booking.

The workshops will be held at Premier Inn Quayside, The Quayside, Lombard St, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 3AE, and Novotel Southampton, 1 West Quay Road, Southampton SO15 1RA.

Lunch is not included but both hotels are in the central area.

Tickets cost £85 per person. Tea/coffee included.

Your Day

10 a.m. Tea/coffee and introductions
 10.30 a.m. Talk: Shirley Blair on writing for the "Friend"
 11.30 a.m. Tea/coffee break
 11.45 a.m. Talk: guest author on where to find inspiration and how to develop ideas
 12.30 a.m. Exercise: themes

LUNCH BREAK 1 till 2.

2.00 p.m. Exercise: creating strong characters
 2.30 p.m. Talk: guest author on structuring your story
 3.15 p.m. Tea/coffee break
 3.30 p.m. Talk: nuts and bolts and practical tips
 4.15 p.m. Questions
 4.30 p.m. Finish