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Welcome to IWOOSC's first virtual “IWOOSC Reads Its Own”

**Sunday, August 9, 2020
2 - 4 pm**



“IWOOSC Reads Its Own” chair:

Ruth Frechman, author of *The Food Is My Friend Diet* and
The Food Is My Friend Diet Quick & Easy Cookbook

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IWOOSC:

Founded in 1982, Independent Writers of Southern California is one of LA's longest-running professional writers' organizations. IWOOSC welcomes people at any level of writing career, writing in any genre, to come learn about writing, hone writing skills, share writing knowledge, and more.

President: Gary Young

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Gerald Everett Jones has received four book awards in 2020: Independent Press Awards Distinguished Favorites in Mystery (*Preacher Finds a Corpse*) and Literary Fiction (*Clifford's Spiral*), as well as Eric Hoffer Finalist awards for *Preacher Finds a Corpse* and *How to Lie with Charts*. *Preacher Fakes a Miracle*, from which he reads today, is his tenth novel. He is the host of the *GetPublished!* Radio show and has been a member of IWOSC since 1985.

Pat Kramer is a communications writer who works mostly with companies and professional service providers. She founded Writer For Hire in 1990, working for PR and ad agencies while also freelance writing for many newspapers and magazines. Her company is a certified Small Business Enterprise and Woman owned Business Enterprise in the City of Los Angeles. When she's not working, Pat can be found walking her three dogs or working in her garden.

Tinker Lindsay is a novelist and screenwriter. She's co-author of the Rule of Ten detective series, featuring ex-monk and private investigator Tenzing Norbu, published by Hay House Visions. Screenwriting projects include 2016 feature *Hector and the Search for Happiness*, with Simon Pegg and Rosamund Pike; limited television series *The Mirror Thief* for Sonar and SKG, based on the novel by Martin Seay; and 2020 feature film *Security*, adapted from Stephen Amidon's novel, for Indiana Productions.

Betsy J. Green wrote about Santa Barbara's history, one year at a time, based on articles in the local newspapers. Her six books begin with *Way Back When: Santa Barbara in 1914*, and end with *1919*. She is currently working on books about silent movies filmed in Montecito and the Channel Islands. She also writes the *Great House Detective* column for the Santa Barbara Independent. Her website is www.betsyjgreen.com.

Peggy Miley is an actress (most recently *Stranger Things* Season 3, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *Suburbicon*) and a less experienced writer: her one-woman show, *Irish Bread and Tea* (performed in New York and LA) and a few unproduced short films and one feature film waiting for Meryl Streep and Tovah Feldshuh to star in. Today's reading will reflect her background: lifetime Irish Catholic Democrat New Yorker living in exile in LA.

Ron Vazzano – Writer/poet/actor (AEA) whose online “**MuseLetter**” containing his poems, essays, reviews, etc., is now in its 16th year www.ronvazzano7.wix.com & www.domenicapress.com. His poetry has appeared in several literary journals, and in his published collection, *Shots from a Passing Car*. Featured reader at the Poetry Festival on Governor's Island, B&N, LES Festival in NYC. Writer/performance groups participation: Artists Without Walls, Italian American Writers Association, Independent Writers of Southern California and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Theater Fellowship.

A.G. Billig is a published author of fiction and nonfiction books on a mission to empower and inspire people to live an authentic life built on love, self-actualization, freedom, and joy. A.G. guides people on this journey by helping them to overcome their fears and tap into love - their magic power. She is also the founder of the award-winning blog www.Self-Publishing Mastery, a workshop and webinar presenter and self-publishing coach. www.agbillig.com/

Joel Fleiss graduated UCLA with an Economics degree. He was the CEO of three software companies during his fifty-year career. His grew his first company from just himself to fifty software engineers. He founded the first US project management book club. Joel has four children, all college graduates; an intelligent, beautiful wife; and is a reasonably accomplished competitive tennis player. He has resided in Cheviot Hills for the last thirty years.

Ina Hillebrandt – After pivoting from Fortune 500 consultant to writer, editor, memoir/fiction coach, Ina wrote her first book, Amazon best seller *Pawprints*, sparking a literacy/kindness to animals program begun at the Jane Goodall Institute. *How To Write Your Memoirs* followed. IRWIN Award Winner *You Are Who You Eat* lives in OSU's Cartoon Library & Museum, and the UK's and USA's finest bathrooms. She's now escaping COVID nerves by patting her cat while writing *MiceCapades*, editing/coaching. www.InaTheMemoirCoach.com

Lisa Angle of Ninety Degrees Media is the right Angle to help you write and sell your story. Lisa does developmental editing on novels and memoirs, and helps authors market their books with websites and social media. She serves as the Chief Technology Officer for the Writers and Publishers Network and Marketing Director for the Ojai Film Festival. In her non-writing related life, she has volunteered as docent on whale watch boats.

David Harper is a Los Angeles-based writer and performer. He has written and produced several award-winning films and web series, and has performed original works in theatres from Los Angeles to New York. He enjoys sailing, hiking, and spending time with his beautiful wife and her cantankerous cat.

Flo Selfman is an in-demand copy editor-proofreader for books in many genres, scripts, business materials and websites, and conducts lively grammar/ punctuation review workshops for adults. She is a PR consultant for books, authors and arts events. A contributing author to *Media Magnetism* and *Office for One*, she is writing a memoir. President (pro bono) of IWOSC 2003-2016; writes the *Grammar for Grownups* column in the IWOSC newsletter. www.WordsalaMode.com

Dr. Honey Butler Bryant is a widow, mother and grandmother. She published her first book in 2012, *Wait! Your Father Knows Best*. This year she will release the sequel, *A Love worth the Wait: Love is Patient*, a story of a mature woman who married later in life, at age 65. Was it worth the wait? Absolutely! Waiting for the love of your life takes patience.

Gary Young's plays have been produced at the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, the White House, the Smithsonian, and venues throughout the US and Europe. His play, *Interruptions*, premiered at the Kennedy Center with a West Coast run at the Stella Adler Theatre in Hollywood. He co-coordinated the National Very Special Arts Festival at the Kennedy Center. Gary and Kathy Young co-authored *Loss and Found: Surviving the Loss of a Young Partner*. Gary is IWOSC president.