

ONLINE The Ultimate Magic Trick: Writing Short Stories

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Tuesdays 7-9pm
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MEMBER PRICE: **\$255**
NON-MEMBER PRICE: **\$335**

Prerequisite: None.

Neil Gaiman writes that “a short story is the ultimate close-up magic trick – a couple of thousand words to take you around the universe or break your heart.”

In this course, we will look at how to take a reader on a journey, or break a heart or two with a few pages. We will look at what makes a short story a short story, as opposed to a condensed novel or part of a larger whole.

Looking at both published stories, and our own work, we will consider mood, character, conflict and other elements to improve our short stories.

This is a collaborative course that will consist primarily of discussions and writing exercises. You will also be asked to submit a story (this can be a complete draft or a work-in-progress) and to provide constructive criticism to help each other improve your stories.

This course is open to all levels of experience, and to writers of fiction (any genre) or creative non-fiction.

This course will run online, via Zoom. Participants need to have Zoom installed on their device, and have access to a working microphone and camera.

