

Wonderful Wednesday for August 2021

Welcome Breezers!

This monthly newsletter is from SCBWI Southern Breeze, the region encompassing Alabama, Georgia, and the Florida Panhandle. As a member of SCBWI, you are automatically also a member of the region where you live.

The regional level runs on volunteers, including the editors of this newsletter. If you have questions, ideas, or would like to help, please email southern-breeze@scbwi.org.

August Monthly Meeting



What do films like Marvel's Spiderman and Legally Blonde have in common with novels like *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* (Grace Lin) and *Louisiana's Way Home* (Kate DiCamillo)? They're all structured as "the hero's journey."

This framework for storytelling goes back thousands of years, and our modern discussion of it is based on work Joseph Campbell did in exploring the archetypal hero found in world myths.

But did you know this ancient, yet effective storytelling structure can also help you shape your picture book?

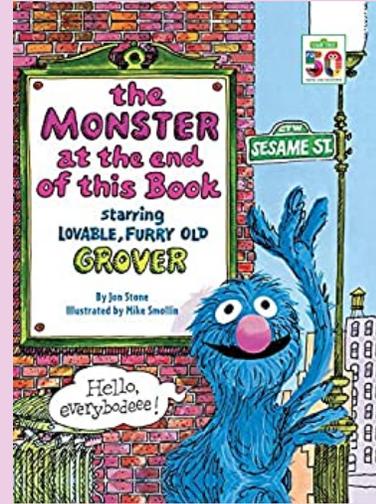
Join us on Tuesday, August 10 at 7:30 p.m. EDT / 6:30 CDT as author and **Southern Breezer Dori Kleber presents an hour-long workshop on using the hero's journey in picture books**. A short Q&A will follow, and then we'll break into small groups to continue the discussion.

To join us for this free meeting, visit the [Members Only page](#) via the green side menu on the Southern Breeze Website. You must be signed in to see the Zoom links. We can't wait to see you there!

Picture Book Breakdown

How often have you read a picture book and knew it was somehow greater than the merging of words and art? If only there were other picture book writers and illustrators to talk to . . . Well now there are.

Join other Southern Breeze writers, illustrators, and translators via Zoom for three Picture Book Breakdown sessions in September. You'll read picture books together and then really dig into the various aspects that make these books great. Facilitated by writer Taylor Girard, these sessions will be no-pressure, fun, and informative.



So whether you're new to picture books or an old pro, Picture Book Breakdown is for you. Each session can be attended as a standalone, or come for the whole series.

Picture Book Breakdown: September 14, 21, and 28, at 7:30 p.m. EDT / 6:30 CDT.

To join this free meeting click the link on the [Members Only page](#) on the Southern Breeze website (sign in to access).

Figure Drawing Sessions on Behance



Grab your sketchbooks and join us on Thursday Nights at 7pm EST on Behance for a Figure Drawing Session and live chat! Sessions are 1 hour. We'll go through a series of poses to practice drawing the human form.

Join the Behance Livestream on Thursdays at 7pm EDT:
<https://www.behance.net/temikagrooms>

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 10 at 7:30 p.m. EDT/ 6:30 p.m. CDT-- Monthly Meeting (link on the

Members Only page)

August 23 at 11 a.m. EDT/ 10 CDT-- PAL Chat

This month we'll discuss:

What are some children's books that move you to tears? What features made this happen?

Tools/resources/tricks that help when you are stuck.

If you're not already on PAL Coordinator Heather Montgomery's email list, drop her a note at sipsey21@hotmail.com to receive the link to this and future PAL Chat meetings.

August 16th at 7:30 p.m. EDT/ 6:30 p.m. CDT-- Online Critique Groups (all genres)

Link on the Members Only page

August 23rd at 7:30 p.m. EDT/ 6:30 p.m. CDT-- Online Critique Groups (all genres)

Link on the Members Only page

August 28th at 11 a.m. EDT/ 10 a.m. CDT-- Online Critique Groups (all genres) Link on the Members Only page

Pencil it In!



September (TBD) -- Monthly Meeting with Wendelin Van Draanen speaking on 20 years of insight

September 14 at 7:30 p.m. EDT/6:30 CDT -- Picture Book Breakdown, a discussion group

September 21st at 7:30 p.m. EDT/6:30 CDT- Picture Book Breakdown, a discussion group

September 23 at 2 p.m. EDT/1 CDT- PAL Chat
Topics include book trailers and how to ensure you continue to grow.

September 28th at 7:30 p.m. EDT/6:30 CDT- Picture Book Breakdown, a discussion group

Online Critique Groups for SCBWI members in the Southern Breeze region are held several times

The Southern Breeze region is

each month. See upcoming dates and access the Zoom links here. (*sign in to your SCBWI account for access*)

active on social media. Click the icons to join us!



Southern Breeze Illustrators

Be sure to check out our "[Illustrator's Lounge](#)" and join the Southern Breeze Illustrator [Facebook Group](#).

Also be sure to check out our [illustrator gallery](#)!



The SCBWI 50th Annual Summer Conference took place **July 30 – August 1, 2021.**

Great news! Anyone can view the portfolio showcase. Picture book writers can benefit from paying attention to the use of color, expressions, setting, emotions, motion, etc.

<https://www.scbwi.org/event-portfolio-showcase/>

The conference bookstore has lists of books by faculty, recommended by faculty, and searchable by type of book. A terrific opportunity to learn what's being published by some of the biggest names in the business, as well as seeing great examples of the short flap copy or "pitch" for each book.

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Online resources

SCBWI.org has a wealth of resources online including: THE BOOK (articles and lists for all things kid lit), podcasts, webinars, and international conference information. There are also archives of the Bulletin and INSIGHT, the SCBWI newsletters.

[Southern Breeze](#) also has a website, with local information, links to [online critique groups](#) (sign in to access), [information about upcoming events](#), and a terrific [new blog site](#).



Volunteers Run the Region

Southern Breeze's new Regional Equity and Inclusion Team has begun meeting. If you would like to join this group in developing inclusion initiatives to help Southern Breeze reach more of the children's creators in our diverse region, please let us know at southern-breeze@scbwi.org.

HELP WANTED:

Conference Coordinator for our annual in-person spring conference, set for the weekend of March 18 in Homewood, Alabama. [Click here for more details.](#)

For Published Members

Southern Breeze is a Bookshop.org affiliate! In this online era, Bookshop.org has provided a way for us to help each other promote our books, as well as provide sales to independent bookstores.

If you would like your book(s) included, follow the below instructions: Locate your book(s) on Bookshop.org.

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Did You Know?

While Southern Breeze hosts its annual conference in the spring, other chapters host theirs in the fall, and some chapters host webinars year-round!

To browse what's being offered, and take advantage of the discounted rate for SCBWI members, visit the [home pages for various chapters](#) and the [SCBWI page of regional chapter webinars](#) (not all chapters put their webinars on this page).

Email the links in the body of an email to southern-breeze@scbwi.org.

Put BOOKSHOP LINK in the memo line.

Please note that if your book is not available on Bookshop.org there is no way for Southern Breeze to manually add it to the site. We wish it could be otherwise, but the supply-line aspect of Bookshop.org is out of our control.



We'd love to see you on social media. In addition to our main accounts (click icons above), here are some other places you can find us:

- [Southern Breeze Blog](#)
- [Southern Breeze Illustrators Page Facebook](#)
- [Southern Breeze Illustrators Group Facebook](#)
- [Southern Breeze Bookshop.org Page](#)
- [SCBWI Blog](#)

All the best in your creative endeavors!

Your regional team,

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TeMika Grooms, Illustrator Coordinator

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