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*Friends and Writing Sisters,*

*Story Circle Network offers the latest techniques for success in all your writing endeavors, and we do our best to cover the most current opportunities in each edition of this newsletter. For even more information about our great programs, explore [our home page](#) or [join SCN](#) and check out our quarterly Journal—a publication packed with interviews and stories about and by writers like you along with current program details.*

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## WRITE & LEARN

### From Good to Great: Sharpening Your Writing Craft

#### A Story Circle Network In-Person Writing Retreat

The Atrium Hotel and Suites - Dallas, Texas

March 21 - 23, 2025

Details: [storycircle.org/2025-spring-writing-retreat/](https://storycircle.org/2025-spring-writing-retreat/)



Join us for an in-person weekend of inspiration and growth at the [SCN Writing Craft Retreat](#), **March 21–23, 2025, in Dallas, Texas** at the Atrium Hotel & Suites (shuttle service available to/from DFW Airport). Led by award-winning author Len Leatherwood, this hands-on retreat will sharpen your writing skills through workshops on dialogue, character development, and creating memorable scenes. The opening session begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, and we will wrap up by noon on Sunday. **Register Now . . .** space is limited!

# SCN International Presents: Tapas, Traditions & Timeless Beauty

OCTOBER 2025: SIGHT-SEEING TOUR & WRITING WORKSHOP

9-DAY TRIP

*Make Spain Your Next Story!*

Story Circle Network is thrilled to announce “**The Magic of Spain,**” its **fourth international trip/writing workshop** led by travel host/workshop leader Len Leatherwood. This time, we’ll journey to Spain (October 20–28, 2025), immersing ourselves in vibrant cities and picturesque towns like Madrid, Toledo, Segovia, Ávila, Barcelona, Girona, and Figueres. Together, we’ll delve into the rich culture and history of these remarkable places while gathering for an all-women’s writing workshop designed to spark your creativity. Let the sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and magic of Spain inspire your storytelling. Len is looking forward to sharing this experience with you. Click [here](#) for more details.

Our organization strives to provide its members with quality instruction in all types of writing so women may gain the skills and confidence they need to share their stories with one another and the world. **Online Course offerings [may be accessed here](#).**

## A WEBINAR PRESENTED BY STORY CIRCLE NETWORK

### We Can Write About Hard Things

*Glennon Doyle has told us we can “do hard things” but writing about them can help us make meaning from them. Challenges often strike out of the blue and we do our best to meet them. But what of afterwards? This interactive workshop invites writers to reflect on personal hardships and explore their unique journeys through difficult times. Participants will have time for personal writing as well as opportunities for meaningful discussion.*

Wednesday, February 19, 2025  
6pm CT / 4pm PT  
Cost: \$25



WITH CINDY EASTMAN

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR. CREATOR OF “DAY  
OF HER OWN” WOMEN’S WRITING RETREAT.  
EDUCATOR. WORKSHOP FACILITATOR.



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## Digging up the Dirt

*Good writing requires research. In this workshop, participants will uncover familiar research sources they may not realize they already know. We'll go beyond Google, exploring additional resources while considering the benefits and limitations of using Google alone. Participants will have time to create their personal lists of places to seek out information that will make their writing projects sparkle with fascinating facts and details. We'll also exchange practical tips for managing data effectively.*

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WITH KATHRYN HAUENSEN

HISTORICAL FICTION & NONFICTION AUTHOR.  
RESEARCHER. JOURNALIST. TEACHER. SPEAKER.  
WORKSHOP LEADER.



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Watch for upcoming webinar information and registration links (as well as links to past webinars you may have missed) [on this page](#).

Focus a bit more on your writing and learn from others' experiences by checking out SCN's [Writers' Roundtables](#) (online writing support groups).

## SHARE YOUR WRITING

**The Judy Alter Online Writing Competition** remains open for submissions until February 22. Eligible: Posts to a blog (your own or another) or on Substack, Medium, or other online writing platform, published between March 1, 2024, and February 22, 2025. Topic: "**Starting Over**." [Contest details here](#). Open exclusively to SCN members. To join us, [go here](#).

Submit your "**True Words**" to the Journal. We welcome your fiction, nonfiction, or poetry on any topic, but the theme suggested for the June issue will be "My Earliest Memory" for those who'd like a prompt. Deadline April 15. [Members submit here](#) (There's also a link on your membership page.)

Members are also invited to blog with us on our brand-new **Substack** page. **True Words from Real Women** (formerly One Woman's Day) welcomes stories about a day in your life. **StoryCraft: Writers Write About Writing** seeks posts by authors and teachers about writing strategies. Reprinted posts from your own blogs are accepted by both venues. [Submit here](#).

**Bragging rights alert!** Share your latest literary triumphs, from finishing a draft to publication or a guest spot. Submit your news for a celebratory shout-out in [Members in the News](#). It's **free** and a fantastic way to spread the word about your achievements.

Our Virtual Member Library is a vibrant [smorgasbord for book lovers](#), and your work could be the next delectable treat they discover! List your book for a year for \$45 and tempt readers with your story. SCN members only. [Join here](#).

[Let's Celebrate Together!](#) We're a supportive community that thrives on celebrating each other's successes. Have you published something? Spoken at a conference? Placed in a writing contest? [Share your news on our website!](#) It's a free way to connect with fellow members and promote your work. Members only. [Join here](#).

## GREAT READS

Champion Diverse Voices: Join our book review team to help us celebrate the works of women writers and independent presses! [Discover new authors](#), support women in publishing,, and amplify female voices. We provide *free* review copies and guidance for new reviewers. Nonmembers welcome. Email [storycircle@storycircle.com](mailto:storycircle@storycircle.com) for info.

*Coming Soon!* The shortlist for SCN's 2024 Sarton & Gilda Women's Book Awards will be announced very soon. Keep an eye on your inbox for the big reveal!

Enjoy two December 2024 Journal feature articles free of charge for a limited time: "[SCN Announces Its New Substack Newsletter](#)" and "[Donating Your Family's Papers](#)" (an opportunity to learn more about the process of donating historically significant family documents for archival conservation). Members exclusively may access the complete December 2024 Journal [here](#).

SCN publishes engaging and meaningful books, and we all know that a new read is a great way to start a new year! We have a dozen titles available on Amazon via links on our [Books](#) page. Want to know more? See the "Ready to Read" feature in our quarterly Journal (archived [here](#)) for reviews and more information about individual volumes.

Check out our social media pages for weekly updates, literary news, and creative inspiration: [SCN on Facebook](#), [SCN on Twitter](#), [SCN on LinkedIn](#), [SCN on Threads](#), [SCN on Instagram](#), plus our [YouTube channel](#). You'll also find us on **Substack** ([Her Stories: Writing Craft & Community](#)), where you'll be treated to book reviews, writing inspiration and guidance, and a variety of short works written by SCN members.

Our quarterly [Story Circle Journal](#) is packed with interviews with writers like you, stories by SCN writers, program details, and the information our members need to make the most of their memberships. Members are invited to log in to read past or present issues. Not yet a member or need to renew? Easy registration [here](#).

## SHARE YOUR SKILLS

**Help!** We need somebody. Help! Not just anybody... We need **YOU!** Story Circle Network offers a plethora of programs, publications, and resources, but we're a small organization. That means we rely on volunteers. There's a place for you in the Circle, whatever your interest and however limited your time. [Find out more here](#) or email [storycircle@storycircle.org](mailto:storycircle@storycircle.org) and please, please help us... we do appreciate you bein' 'round! You can also help by selecting Story Circle Network as your charity of choice at many businesses.

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Story Circle Network supports women around the world who want to tell their important stories. We value connections and love to hear from friends and members; see contact information below. Stay safe and well, and continue to help us build the network.—*SCN Board of Directors*

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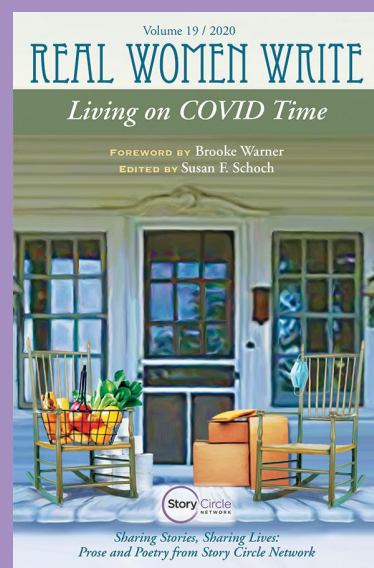
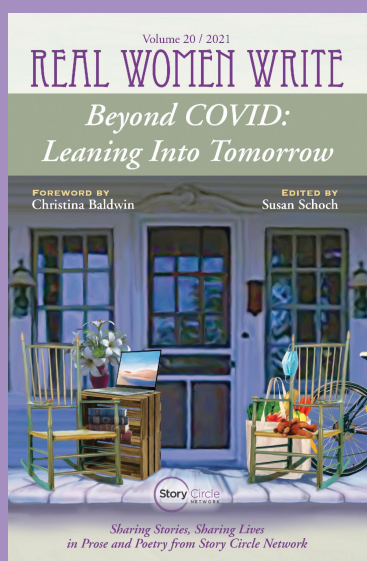
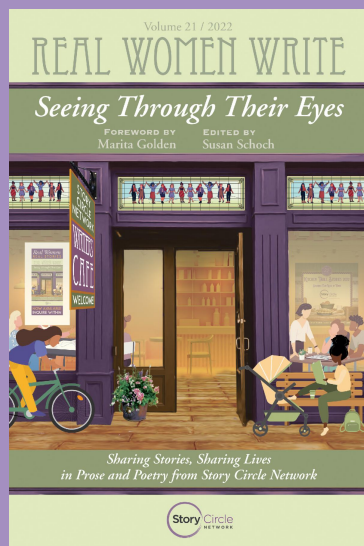
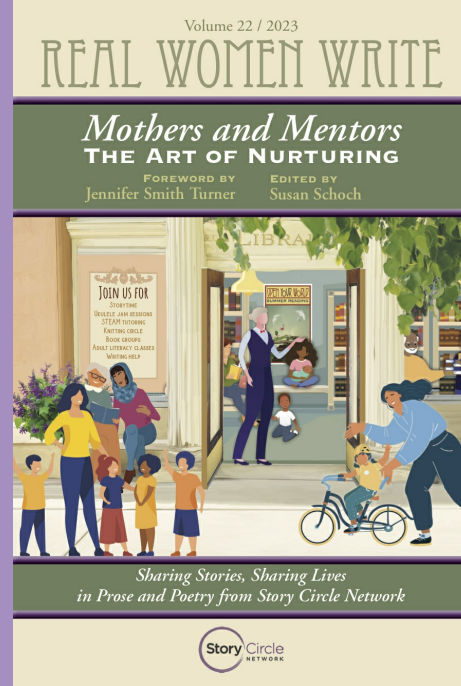
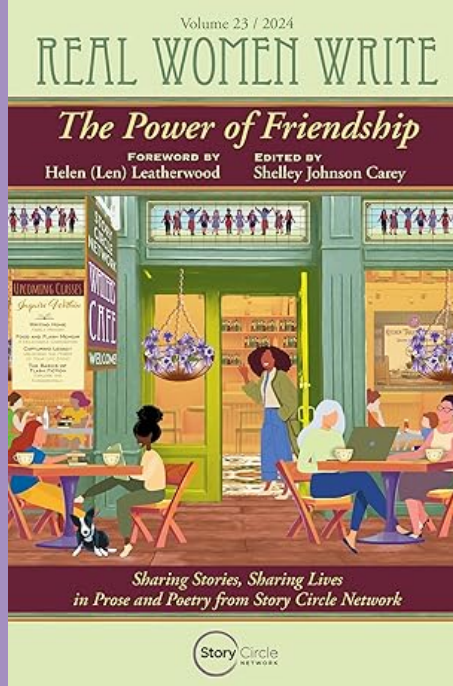
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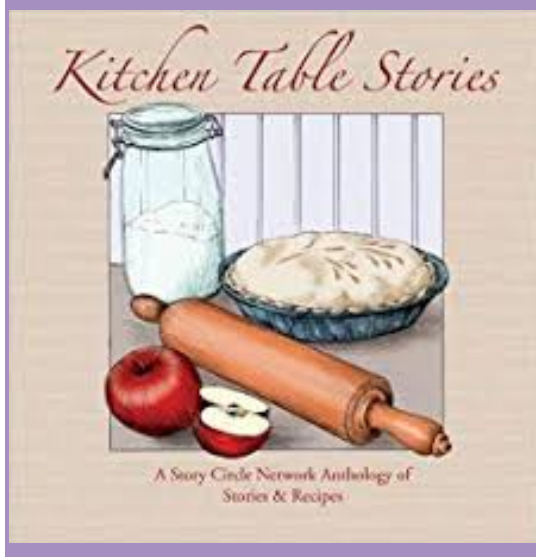
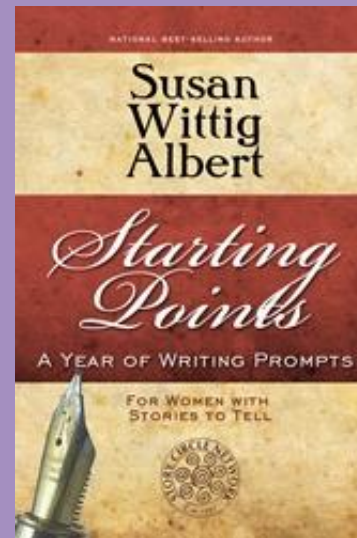
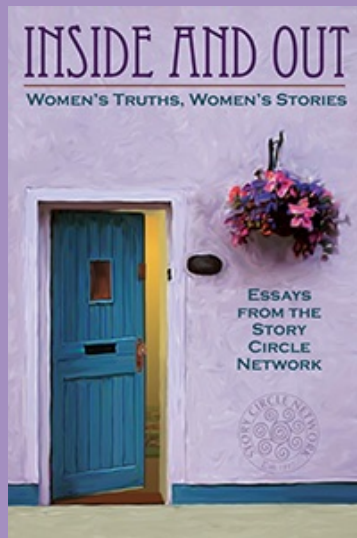
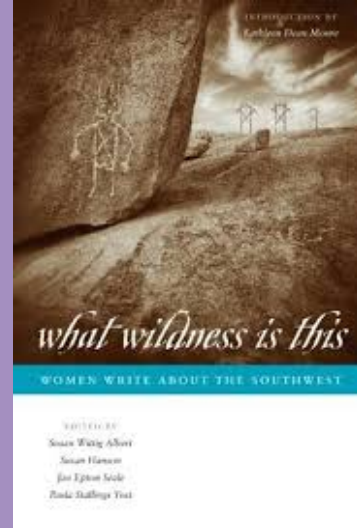
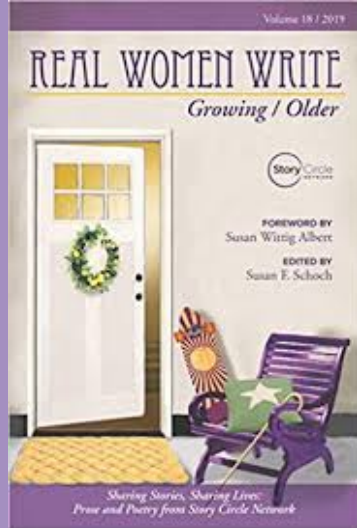
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