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WHAT IS THE STORY YOU ARE MEANT TO TELL?

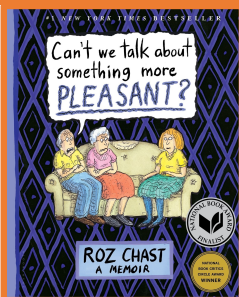
A workshop with: BARBARA DEMARCO-BARRETT

We all have stories. Finding the story that is yours alone is the key to writing a unique essay or memoir. This workshop is a combination lecture, discussion, and exercise, all aimed at helping you find the story that is yours alone.

Barbara DeMarco-Barrett's first book, *Pen on Fire: A Busy Woman's Guide to Igniting the Writer Within*, made the *Los Angeles Times* best-seller list and was honored with an American Society of Journalists and Authors Outstanding Book Award. Her short story, "Crazy for You," was published in the Akashic Books noir anthology, *Orange County Noir*, in April 2010 and in 2013 it was chosen for *USA noir: Best of the Akashic Noir Series* (Nov. 2013).

Her fiction has also been published in *The Oyez Review*, *The Big Click*, and *Paradigm Shifts*. She has a contract with Akashic Books to edit, and write a story for, *Palm Springs Noir*, to be published in late 2020/early 2021. Her essays and articles have seen print in various publications including *The Author's Guild Bulletin*, *Beachreads*, *The Los Angeles Review of Books*, *Orange Coast Magazine*, *Westways*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Writer*, *Writer's Digest*, *Poets & Writers*, *Belle Ombre*, *Ocotillo Review*, and *Cutbank*. She is also a writing instructor. Throughout the year she teaches "Pen on Fire" for [Gotham Writers Workshop](#) (online), teaches at Saddleback College's Emeritus Institute, and holds two private workshops at her studio in Corona del Mar, CA.

She co-hosts "Writers on Writing" on KUCI-FM, broadcasting from UC-Irvine, which streams live at www.kuci.org and iTunes / college radio. Visit iTunes to subscribe to the show's podcast and whenever a new show is uploaded (usually a week after airing), it will land in your podcast inbox. Barbara was recognized with a Distinguished Instructor Award in 2001 at UC-Irvine Extension and awarded with Literary Magnet #1 in *Orange Coast Magazine's* Best of Orange County, 2008. She is founder of the [Pen on Fire Speakers Writers Salon](#) in Corona del Mar, California and in the summer of 2013, began holding bi-annual writers retreats in Palm Springs. She was the editor of *The ASJA Monthly*, the official publication for the American Society of Journalists and Authors, from 2002 to 2014. She received the Extraordinary Service Award from ASJA in 2015, and is the 2020 President of Sisters in Crime, Orange County Chapter. She's had a variety of jobs: as an ice cream scooper, Avon lady, auto parts runner, baker, waitress, restaurant manager, crisis intervention counselor, weight counselor, secretary, semiconductor inspector, freelance bookkeeper, voice over actor, actress (*Anyplace But Here*, on a CBS special for Philadelphia affiliates). It's all material for a writer.



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