

Taking the Crime Out of Rhyme - Making Verse Work With award-winning author Linda Ashman RMC-SCBWI workshop

March 20, 9:30-12:30

Unity Church of Denver, 3021 S. University Blvd, Denver, CO

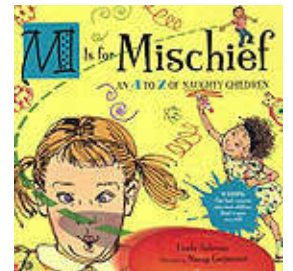


Whether it's the rollicking rhythm of Dr. Seuss's Green Eggs and Ham, or the soothing cadence of Margaret Wise Brown's Goodnight Moon, children love good rhyming picture books—and the longevity of these perennial best-sellers suggests parents do, too. So why aren't editors eager to see more rhyming submissions? Because, too often, the story is lost or mangled in the attempt to make it rhyme.

In this workshop, we'll cover the fundamentals of writing in verse: clear story-telling, lively language, natural-sounding rhyme, and all-important meter (or, how to tell an anapest from a trochee—even if you can't remember which is which!). You'll learn tricks and techniques, hear examples (good and bad), do some writing exercises, and take home a reading list.

If you've got a rhyming picture book you're working on, bring it along. We'll do some on-the-spot evaluations of works-in-progress for participants willing to share.

In addition, Linda will read manuscripts ahead of time and use them to structure her content (she will NOT be providing formal critiques, though you may get feedback on your work through the natural course of the workshop). You are also invited to submit questions in advance of the workshop.



Linda Ashman has more than 15 published children's books. Her literary accomplishments are praised by professional book critics, school librarians and teachers. She's warm, honest and constructive. Learn more about Linda at www.lindaashman.com.

Early registration deadline is **March 1**.

**Refreshments will
be provided.**

MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION (Optional)

If you wish to send a manuscript in advance to help Linda tailor the workshop to the needs of attendees, your manuscript must be in standard manuscript format (see below), attached as a Word document, no more than 2000 words. Please email your manuscript to lindaashman@msn.com and type **SCBWI WORKSHOP** in the subject line. Manuscript submission deadline is **March 1**.

STANDARD MANUSCRIPT FORMAT: 1" margins, double-spaced lines, 12-point Courier or Times New Roman. Include a header with the manuscript title, name and page number on each.

Questions? Email Carrie Seidel, Denver Area Coordinator, at whispurr_s@hotmail.com Be sure to include **PB Workshop** in subject line to avoid your email being deleted.

Picture Book Workshop Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

SCBWI Member? Yes _____ No _____ (membership will be verified)

Fee: \$35 by March 1 for SCBWI Members

\$45 by March 1 for non-members

\$45 for Members whose registrations are received after March 1

\$55 for non-members whose registrations are received after March 1

Please mail this registration form with a check made out to **RMC-SCBWI** to the address below. Include your questions for Linda on a separate piece of paper and send them with your registration form.

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