



**For Immediate Release**

**WFWA DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY IN WRITING SEMINAR SERIES KICKS OFF WITH  
AVOIDING HARMFUL DEPICTIONS IN YOUR WRITING**

October 23, 2020 (Fairfax, Virginia): The Women's Fiction Writers Association has launched a series of education and discussion programming to help writers improve their understanding of how to incorporate diversity in their fiction writing while avoiding stereotypes.

"Writers have always grappled with the need to write characters outside of themselves and their experiences," says Christine Adler, President of WFWA. "The Women's Fiction genre concentrates on layered stories and the emotional journey of the characters through the plot and the story world. It is the perfect genre to explore larger societal issues and diverse populations."

WFWA recognizes the need for more diverse representation in publishing, and readers' desire for stories that resonate with everyone. This leaves writers with questions about how to avoid harmful tropes and other missteps, and when it's best to amplify voices other than their own.

  
**October 8, 2020**  
**7:00-8:30 PM**  
**EDT**

**Understanding Diversity: Avoiding Harmful Depictions in Your Writing**

Our webinar presenters will demonstrate the best practices to: avoid harmful tropes and offensive stereotypes; discover the meaning of publishing industry terms such as Cultural Appropriation and Own Voice; and add valuable resources to your writing toolbox to better navigate writing across difference.

  
**Patricia Green**

  
**Kim Lionetti**

  
**Nancy Johnson**

The first program, ***Avoiding Harmful Depictions in Your Writing*** hosted by [Lisa Montanaro](#), features guest panelist PR and diversity consultant, Patricia Green of the [Patricia Green Group](#); literary agent, Kim Lionetti of [BookEnds Literary Agency](#); and author, Nancy Johnson.

A replay of the webinar is available on the WFWA website to all interested writers and people curious about publishing and writing trends.

Check back with WFWA for new programming in the new year.

The Women's Fiction Writers Association (WFWA) was founded in 2013 as a professional, non-profit organization for women's fiction writers and publishing professionals. With more than fifteen-hundred international members and growing, WFWA is the premier organization for Women's Fiction. WFWA fosters an online community of inclusion and opportunity, and provides resources, professional development, networking, and support for aspiring, debut, and published women's fiction authors. Learn more at [www.womensfictionwriters.org](http://www.womensfictionwriters.org). Twitter: @WF\_Writers Instagram: womensfictionwriters.