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How to Write Fiction that Sells



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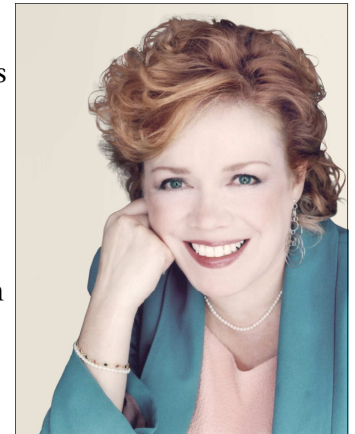
HOW TO WRITE FICTION THAT SELLS

While there is no single formula for crafting publishable fiction, there are four factors that seem to be common to books that readers can't put down: engaging characters, plots with unexpected twists and resolutions, an intriguing narrative question, and a satisfying conclusion. Designed to help fledgling authors write novels that sell, this overview is packed with specific hands-on tactics. At the end of this presentation, you'll know:

- The difference between commercial and literary fiction.
- Which genres publishers are looking to buy, and which are harder for your agent to sell.
- How to craft a narrative question that drives your story.
- How integrating suspense into your novel, regardless of your genre, helps create edge-of-your-seat thrills, exciting climaxes, and satisfying resolutions—and how to create suspenseful moments.
- The importance of adding a surprise every 80-90 pages—and what constitutes “surprise.”
- The publishing arc—you've finished your novel, now what?

About the lecturer:

JANE K. CLELAND has had both novels and short stories published. Her multiple-award nominated and IMBA best-selling Josie Prescott Antiques Mystery series [St. Martin's Minotaur] is often called an *Antiques Roadshow* for mystery fans. The series is set on the rugged seacoast of New Hampshire where she owned an antiques business for many years. Her short stories have appeared in *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine*. Jane K. Cleland has also written four non-fiction books using fiction principles (i.e., examples to “show, not tell”). With her agent emerita, Denise Marcil, she teaches a workshop called *How to Write and Sell Your Mystery*; she also teaches a workshop on *Writing Killer Fiction* at the Westport Writers Workshop. She is the chair of the Wolfe Pack's literary awards and is a past president and current board member of the Mystery Writers of America/ New York Chapter. Website: www.janecleland.net



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