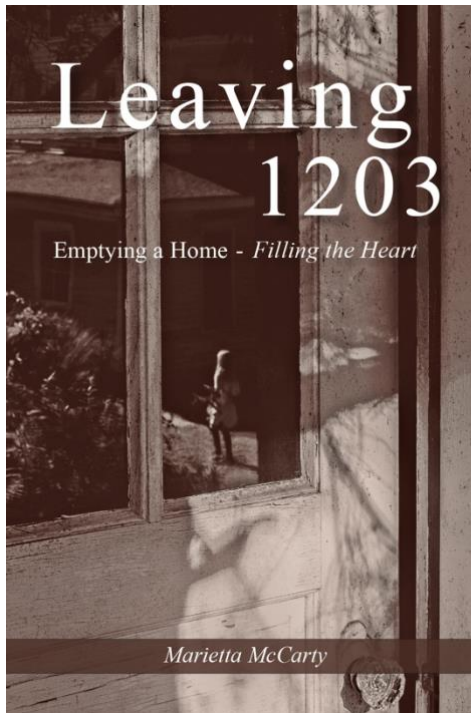


Two-Day Writing Workout

Find Your Words with Bestselling Author Marietta McCarty

October 14th-15th, 2019



Join Marietta in Charlottesville for a two-day writing workout. “Workshop” sounds as if there’s lots of heavy lifting involved, sawdust in the air and overtime likely. Instead, her “workout” will do for the mind what the gym does for the body—edging participants’ writing ability ever-closer to peak performance. We will combine light-hearted lifting of the obstacles to good writing with laughter and seemingly effortless progress. Small by design, the workout will happen around an oak table, writers at play in comfy chairs.

Using *Leaving 1203* as our “text,” we will crack open the secrets to finding your words, getting right to the essence of the craft. *Leaving 1203* is the book through which Marietta learned how to write. The fourth time was her charm. The practice we develop in two days can apply to any writer and you will be able to tailor it to your needs, both when you return home and in the future as your focus may shift.

Welcome One and All

Whatever your interest may be, writing is writing. The quest to match words with ideas and feelings is universal. Everyone will benefit from different perspectives. Short stories and articles—bring it on. Non-fiction, perhaps memoir, biography, or history—yes indeed—as well as fiction, maybe mystery or fantasy. Poets and children’s authors, let’s do it. And here’s to improved writing as a tool for good communication on any occasion—personal, business, journal.

As the workout winds down on the second day, Marietta will answer any questions about that Pandora’s Box known as publishing. She has sampled both worlds. Her first three books were published by Penguin Random House. She chose to publish *Leaving 1203* independently. Be prepared for her first question. Why do you want to publish?

A Note from Marietta

When I taught high school Creative Writing, I never imagined four published books with my name on them. As a child I loved writing and receiving letters, read nonstop, delighted in the intricacies of grammar, and even thrilled at taking exams. I was teaching philosophy at the community college and taking this “art of clear thinking” to children when my father became quite ill in 1991. He asked me to “write that book” and I promised him I would. Fifteen (15!) years later, I held a copy of *Little Big Minds* in my hands, bellowing unmatched whoops and hollers. As I’ve continued to hone the writing craft, I’m captivated by the sweet soul satisfaction of finding your words. I look forward to sharing the joy with you.

Check out the [book event scheduled on Sunday afternoon, October 13](#). What fun we had a year ago as *Leaving 1203* was released—and here we are a year later, eating 1203 food and telling stories. Be sure to make your reservations with Keevil and Keevil. Hope to see you there.

Warming-Up with Marietta

Blogs

- [Writing a Book and Healing Trigger Finger](#)
- ["Writing Is a Form of Art"](#)
- [Speak Up Against Cellphone Nonsense](#)
- [Sparking Writer Creativity](#)
- [Poetry? Let's Do Haiku!](#)

Media

- [Sarah McConnell Interviews Marietta on NPR's Award-Winning "With Good Reason"](#)
- [Spring 2019 Hollins Magazine: Kathy Hudson Interviews Marietta About Leaving 1203](#)
- [Shoreline Article by Barbara McCreary](#)



The Author

Marietta McCarty’s fourth book entitled *Leaving 1203: Emptying a Home, Filling the Heart* released to her great delight October 9, 2018. She is the author of bestseller *Little Big Minds: Sharing Philosophy with Kids*, Nautilus Gold Award winner *How Philosophy Can Save Your Life: 10 Ideas That Matter Most*, and *The Philosopher’s Table: How to Start Your Philosophy Dinner Club—Monthly Conversation, Music, and Recipes*. For more about Marietta [Click Here](#).

Details and Registration Information

Date: October 14th & 15th from 9am-4:30pm each day

Cost: \$400/person

Location: [The Forest Lakes South Community](#), a convenient setting on the outskirts of the City of Charlottesville, VA

Other Information:

- Lunch will be provided both days. You will be greeted in the morning with coffee, tea, and fruit.
- You will be sent a confirmation email within 48 hours of receipt of your application, along with a brief itinerary that includes the exact location of the event.

For further information, details, or questions, please send an email to mm@mariettamccarty.com

Registration Form:

Please fill out the form below and send it along with a \$25 non-refundable deposit, which will be applied to the total fee, to hold your place. The remaining payment of \$375 should be received by October 4th, 2019. Make checks payable to [The Philosophy Shop](#). Mail the registration form and check to:

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Name (print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: () _____

What kind of writing do you enjoy, and what do you hope to learn in our two days together?