

Accidents of Narrative: Serendipity in Storytelling

A two day Spring writing retreat with
Joanne Fedler



Accidents of Narrative

All stories are accidents. Unexpected intersections between thoughts and words. A secret rendezvous between feeling and language. We only control a teensy weensy part of the writing process. The rest is pretty much circling us, ready to be mainlined.

Stories don't like to be trapped.



They need to fly.

But we can touch them. Even hold them.

How do we catch a story? Or do stories catch us?

Is writing mechanical or is it mystical? Is it an alchemy of both?

How do we find what's hidden and scare the invisible into words?

If you:

- think writers know something you don't and just want to find out what 'it' is;
- need to know what's around the corner and why the lights have gone out;
- insist on a run-sheet;
- hate surprise parties and other mischiefs;

you're better off spending the weekend in bed with a good book.

If you:

- don't know where to start, how to carry on or when to finish;
- are hungry to find the words but there's nothing in the fridge;
- struggle to find the heart, the pulse or even the body;
- can't let go of what you've written – or even what you think you should write;
- want to catch a story by the tail as it whips through you but you've got a bad back or your net is broken;

these two days have been designed especially for you, with love and mischief.

Serendipity in Storytelling

In this two day retreat we'll explore serendipity in writing, through games, writing exercises, rituals and sharing.

Whether you want to write your own life stories or fiction, whether you're exploring poetry or prose, whether you're a veteran or a newbie, this retreat is for anyone curious for internal adventure.

- Dates:** Friday 2 – Sunday 4 September 2011
- Time:** Arrival on Friday by 6pm, departure mid afternoon on Sunday
- Availability:** Space is limited to 15 - 20 people.
- Venue:** Hartzler Park, Eridge Park Road, Bowral
- Investment:** \$698.00 (see page seven for account details)
- Included:** All linen and towels, two dinners, two breakfasts and two lunches
- Transport:** You will need to make your own way to the retreat. However, to help reduce our carbon footprints we encourage car pooling and would be happy to help match participants who live close to each other.
- Registration:** Kindly post the completed pages six to eight to:
Accidents of Narrative retreat
PO Box 1319
Maroubra NSW 2035
- Further information:** Call Michelle on 0447 441 434

Workshop sessions will be interspersed with writing time and time for reflection. Further details will be shared upon confirmation of your booking.





Please answer the following questions:

1. Have you ever attended any of Joanne Fedler's writing workshops before?
If so, which one/s?

2. What do you hope to discover in this retreat?

3. What does your writing mean to you?

4. How did you find out about this retreat?

Registration Form



Personal contact information

First name: _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Daytime tel: _____

Evening tel: _____

Mobile: _____

Email address: _____

Emergency contact information

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone (mobile): _____

Dietary requirements (please tick)

Vegetarian Omnivorous

If you require dairy free or gluten free foods, please let us know (you may have to bring your own food supplies).





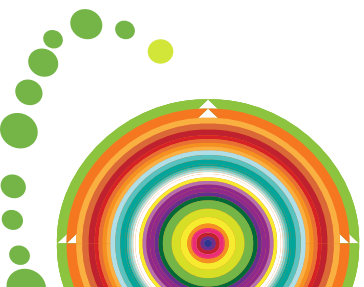
Other requirements or medical conditions:

Payment: The cost of the retreat includes all accommodation, meals, teaching and facilitation. Please deposit the full amount of \$698 into the following bank account using your name as a reference:

ANZ Bank	Branch no. 012390
Account no. 535292978	Account name: Joanne Fedler

Cancellation policy: Oh dear. If something comes up that makes it impossible for you to attend – it’s one of those ‘accidents’ in life, and of course if it’s within seven days of departure we’ll refund you the full amount and hope all is well and that you can make it next time. If you have to cancel within seven days of the retreat, unless you can find someone to take your place, we are unfortunately committed to the venue and will refund you 50% of the total fee paid.

Indemnity: Please make your own travel arrangements to and from the venue. Please sign below to indemnify Joanne Fedler and Michelle Favero and any other person acting in the employ of Joanne Fedler, as well as her heirs, administrators, and executors from any and every claim, demand, action or right of action of whatever kind or nature, including arising from or by any reason of any bodily injury or personal injuries known or unknown, or property damage resulting or resulting from any accident which may occur as a



result of participation in this retreat including your travel to and from the retreat. In other words, participate at your own risk. And we accept no responsibility.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Due to the limited number of places, your place on the program will only be confirmed once we receive your completed forms & payment and we send you a confirmation notification.





About Joanne Fedler



When she's not working on her new book, *Secret Mothers' Business 2: the teenage years*, Joanne is working on her abdominal muscles, drinking double shot lattes or engaged in housework. She is the bestselling author of *The Dreamcloth*, *Secret Mothers' Business*, *Things Without A Name* and *When Hungry, Eat*.

If you haven't read any of her books, it doesn't matter as she will be giving away copies as spot-prizes at the retreat to those who make the most mistakes and cause the most trouble.

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