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# Write by the Wye

*Inspirational Writing Course in  
the heart of the Wye Valley*

*Next Course  
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*where can I find ideas?*

*how do I construct characters that live  
in the reader's imagination?*

*how can I write lively and realistic  
dialogue?*

*what makes a plot work?*

*what keeps readers turning the pages?*

*how do I market my work?*

Learn how to shape your writing skills surrounded by the springtime glories of the Wye Valley. Day courses are held near the lovely Wye-side village of Redbrook, a couple of miles from the ancient market town of Monmouth.

Whether you are a complete novice or a writer with some experience, our tutors will help you hone and focus your talents.

Good writing combines both skill and inspiration, and knowing the tricks, tips and potential pitfalls of the craft is crucial. Tutors CJ Emerson and Claire Hamilton are experienced writing coaches and published authors of both fiction and non-fiction. CJ Emerson runs a successful online writing course and Claire Hamilton is a former tutor at the Forest of Dean College.

Workshops are held at The Grove, an imaginative and wonderful Writers' retreat perched in an idyllic spot above Redbrook, surrounded by walking country and commanding panoramic views over the valley.

The course combines teaching with ample opportunities for you to write and benefit from supportive feedback in a friendly and relaxed setting. Sessions will cover topics such as dialogue, setting, character creation, finding ideas, story shaping and creative non-fiction.

Our Guest Speaker is John Griffiths, with over 25 published books on subjects ranging from Afghanistan to Russian science fiction to the history of tea. As an ex-senior BBC producer, the man who set up the Arts Channel on TV and who has written an opera which was performed in Cardiff, John is a fascinating speaker who never fails to enthuse.

Cost: £60 for the full day to include all refreshments and a buffet lunch with wine.

**For more information and to book a place**

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