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**Diane A.S. Stuckart** is available to speak to book clubs, library groups, civic organizations, and writers' conferences on a variety of topics. She also has some standard workshop presentations geared toward new writers. **(Duration 45 min. to 1.5 hr., includes handouts)**

## WORKSHOP PRESENTATION TOPICS

**FOR GENERAL AUDIENCES...**

### **You Had Me at Meow: The Cozy Mystery**

A fun overview of the Cozy Mystery subgenre, why writing “cozy” isn’t a bad thing, and why cozy mysteries really matter.

### **Write Like a Cat**

The above program with more emphasis on how one writes from the animal point of view, with fun Cat Trivia and prizes

## FOR WRITING AUDIENCES...

### **The Protagonist's Journey**

Do your plots go nowhere fast? Get your story back on track by getting back to age-old storytelling basics. Learn how to tap into traditional myths that resonate with your readers on both a conscious and a subconscious level. Examples from Joseph Campbell, the Tarot, fairy tales, and more will help you build your narrative structure.

### **Me, You, and He: Unraveling Point of View**

Been accused of being a head-hopper and don't know what that means...or how to fix it? Unsure of the difference between 3rd person limited and 3rd person multiple? This workshop will explain the difference between 1st person, 2nd person, and 3rd person view point styles, give you tips for writing in each, and show you how to choose the most effective point of view for your novel.

**The (Almost) Real Deal: Turning Historical Figures into Fictional Characters** You'd like your romance heroine to have a run-in with Henry VIII...or maybe you think that Benjamin Franklin would make a great sleuth for a mystery series. Learn how to bring historical figures to life and believably incorporate them as characters in your novel.

### **Getting Your Characters to Talk: Dialogue V. Narrative**

Having trouble getting your characters yakking...or maybe they just won't stay quiet? Does your narrative slog and bog all over the page? Learn some easy-to-apply tricks for balancing dialogue with narrative, and learn how to write both effectively.

### **Revise and Shine**

Wondering if your future bestseller is ready to hit an editor's desk? This hands-on workshop will look at line editing and copy editing techniques, as well as style and thematic structure. You'll learn how to put your book through a similar editing process that it would receive if it were being published by one of the "BIG FIVE".

*If you would like Diane to speak to your group, please contact her with the date(s) and time(s) and locale. Weekends and evenings are best, but other times will be considered.*

*Worried about an honorarium? Her compensation is negotiable and may be waived depending upon the nature of the group and distance traveled. She requests that all appearances allow for a book signing to take place afterward.*