

Mountain Writers Series

Creating the Mysterious Being: Character Complexity

A Workshop by Scott Nadelson

Saturday, September 22, 2012
10:00 AM- 4:30 PM

Multnomah Friends Meetinghouse
4312 SE Stark Street, Portland OR



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To quote Jim Morrison, people are strange. In this one-session workshop we'll focus on that strangeness, the ways in which characters who are most alive become more mysterious the more fully we know them. In particular we will discuss strategies for efficiently developing distinct, engaging characters who come to life through gesture, dialogue, perception, and thought, and often through the contradictions illuminated by these different methods of development. Participants will submit 4-5 pages of prose—preferably the opening pages of a longer story or novel—which we will examine with an eye toward deepening our experience of the characters.

- **Saturday, September 22, 10:00 AM-4:30 PM** (one-hour lunch).
- **Enrollment:** Maximum 12/minimum 6 participants.
- **Workshop fee :** \$90
- **Location:** [Multnomah Friends Meeting House](#) [Room 12] 4312 SE Stark, Portland.

Register securely online through Paypal at www.mountainwriters.org or send check payable Mountain Writers Series to MWS at 2804 SE 27th, #2, Portland, OR 97202. See www.mountainwriters.org for details about deposits.

—**Scott Nadelson** is author of three story collections: *Aftermath* (Hawthorne Books, 2011); *The Cantor's Daughter*, winner of the Samuel Goldberg & Sons Fiction Prize for Emerging Jewish Writers and the Reform Judaism Fiction Prize; and *Saving Stanley: The Brickman Stories*, winner of the Oregon Book Award for short fiction and the Great Lakes Colleges Association New Writers Award. Nadelson teaches creative writing at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon.



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