## Mountain Writers Series



The Voice is a Muscle
A Writing Workshop with
Lidia Yuknavitch

Four Tuesdays in Spring 2015 April 14 & 28, May 12 & 26

Developing "voice" in fiction and nonfiction both is a tricky business. If it is your own voice, how to manage the tone and affect and what forms to bring to your story in order to get the truths to resonate takes practice. If it is a character's voice, what forms and strategies are available for making that voice distinct, vivid, and powerful enough to carry part of the story? In this workshop we will tease out the wide varieties of voice strategies available to prose writers and practice the fine art of building voices that no one can forget. In the process we will develop a series of metaphors that match the voices you call forth in your writing. You will go home hearing voices in the best of ways.

- Meets: 6:30-9:30 PM, four Tuesdays (bi-weekly), April 14 & 28, May 12 & 26, 2015
- Cost: \$200 (four 3-hour sessions)
- Enrollment: Minimum 4. Maximum 12.
- Location: Room 12, Multnomah Friends Meeting House, 4312 SE Stark, Portland.

Register securely online through Paypal at www.mountainwriters.org or send check payable Mountain Writers to 2804 SE 27th, #2, Portland, OR 97202.

Lidia Yuknavitch is the author of the award-winning memoir, *The Chronology of Water*, the novel, *Dora: A Head Case*, and three previous collections of short stories, *Her Other Mouths, Liberty's Excess*, and *Real to Reel*. Her forthcoming novel, *The Backs of Small Children*, will be published by Harper this year. Her stories and creative nonfiction appear widely in literary journals and anthologies. She is the recipient of awards from Literary Arts, Poets and Writers, and the Oregon Arts Council. She teaches writing, literature and women's studies at Mt. Hood Community College; she lives in Portland with her writer/filmmaker husband Andy Mingo and their renaissance man son, Miles. Her other love, is water.



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