



**KATHERINE BATTERSBY**

### Bring your characters to life

Learn how Katherine Battersby uses facial expression, body language, colour and collage to capture emotion in her stories. Then create your very own comic book characters that will leap off the page!

*Katherine Battersby is the critically acclaimed children's author and illustrator of ten picture books, including the Squish Rabbit series, which has been published world-wide. Her books have received glowing reviews in The New York Times, starred Kirkus reviews and been named CBC children's choice books. Katherine has her first comic book series coming out soon and her latest picture books are You're One! and You're Two!. She grew up in Australia and now lives in Ottawa.*

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**MAX TURNER**



### Map out your stories

This workshop will focus on novel writing, with an emphasis on plot structure and fleshing out characters. After examining different story formulas, participants will be given opportunities to map out stories of their own and examine strategies for creating nuanced characters.

*Max Turner is a science and phys-ed teacher, and author of three urban fantasy novels. His first novel, Night Runner, was shortlisted for the Sunburst Award, was a Red Maple honour book and made the CBC's list of 100 books that make you proud to be Canadian. The sequel, End of Days, was shortlisted for an Ottawa Book award. Max lives in Ottawa with his wife and three children, all of whom share a love of books, games, music and sports.*

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**S.K. ALI**



### Careful Choices Lead to Great Voices

How do authors find the right voice to write in? How do they create believable characters? Find out by playing games to discover how the choices you make as a writer can suggest the personality of a character. And then, write a short piece of your own!

*S. K. Ali is the author of YA novels, Love from A to Z, and the 2018 Morris award finalist, Saints and Misfits, which was on many top ten YA novel lists and was a longlisted Canada Reads title. Her picture book, co-authored with Olympic Medalist Ibtihaj Muhammad, The Proudest Blue, is a New York Times bestseller. Born in South India, she now lives in Toronto.* [www.skalibooks.com](http://www.skalibooks.com)

**JEFF ROSS**



### Fear the Blank Page No More

In this workshop, we will look at how doing a little planning makes writing a novel, short story, or script much easier, while leaving room for daily inspiration and the thrill of being surprised.

**Build Your World** Sarah's workshop will guide aspiring authors through the craft of writing: from creating characters, to world building, to an in-depth look at the publishing industry from an author's perspective. Be sure to have your pens ready, because you may end up participating in a fun writing exercise or two!

*Sarah Raughley grew up in Southern Ontario writing stories about freakish little girls with special powers. She is a huge fangirl of anything from manga to scifi/fantasy TV to Japanese role-playing games. Her latest book, The Legacy of Light, is the epic conclusion to the Effigies trilogy. Sarah lives in Hamilton, Ontario.* [www.sarahraughley.com](http://www.sarahraughley.com)

*Jeff Ross is the author of 13 novels for young adults. His most recent publications include Easy Street (2020), Shutout (2019), and Shark (2018). His works have been shortlisted for the Arthur Ellis and Ottawa Book Awards. In addition to his YA novels, Jeff has written for TV, animation, and video games. He teaches scriptwriting in a variety of Media and Design programs at Algonquin College in Ottawa.* [www.jeffrossbooks.com](http://www.jeffrossbooks.com)



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