

Author Vannetta Chapman



Vannetta Chapman holds a BA and MA degree in English, and she is proud to be represented by Mary Sue Seymour, AAR. Chapman has published over one hundred articles in Christian family magazines, and has received over two dozen awards from Romance Writers of America chapter groups. She is a member of FHL, ACFW, and San Antonio Romance Authors. Currently writing Amish romance novels for Abingdon Press and Amish mystery novels for Zondervan, Chapman lives and teaches in the Texas hill country with her husband, cats, and a rather large herd of deer. For more information, visit her at [www.VannettaChapman.com](http://www.VannettaChapman.com) or blog with her at <http://vannettachapman.wordpress.com/>. She can also be found on facebook and Myspace. Vannetta will speak on "Christian Publishing: Books with a Faith Element."

Author Candace Havens



Bestselling author Candace Havens has written six novels for Berkley including, "Charmed & Dangerous," "Charmed & Ready," "Charmed & Deadly," "Like A Charm," "The Demon King and I" and "Dragons Prefer Blondes." Her new venture is writing for the Blaze line of Harlequin. Those books include "Take Me If You Dare," and the upcoming releases "She Who Dares, Win" and "Triple Dare Ranch." Her books have received nominations for the RITA's, Holt Medallion and Write Touch Reader Awards. She is the author of the biography "Joss Whedon: The Genius Behind Buffy" and a contributor to several anthologies. She is also one of the nation's leading entertainment journalists and has interviewed countless celebrities including Tom Hanks, Nicolas Cage, Tom Cruise, George Clooney and many more. Her entertainment columns can be read in more than 600 newspapers across the country. Candace also runs a free online writing workshop for more than 1600 writers. She does film reviews with the Dorsey Gang on The Big 96.3, and serves as a mentor for young writers. Candace will speak on "Maximizing Your Writing Time."

Author Jason Henderson



Jason Henderson is a writer of computer games, novels and several comic book series. He is the creator of the comic book series Sword of Dracula, Shadowland: Daughters of the Shadow from Marvel Comics, and Soulcatcher, and is a co-creator on the Tokyopop manga series Psy-comm and the Humanoids series Clockwerx. His most recent games are the Activision titles Wolfenstein and Singularity. His most recent novel is Alex Van Helsing: Vampire Rising, from HarperCollins/ HarperTeen. Jason's topic will be "Alex Van Helsing: A Look at Launching a YA Series from Idea to Shelf."

Author J.A. Sanderlin



**J.A. Sanderlin, Author of *Europa*:** Book One of The Black Chronicles, resides in Texas with his wife and spends his spare time studying physics, biology, natural history, weapons and martial history. His writing style reflects his varied literary interests and extensive life experience. Some of his favored activities include: gaming, reading, travel, rock climbing, skiing, scuba diving and motorcycle riding. Mr. Sanderlin will discuss "Using Real Science in Science Fiction."

Author Kennedy Shaw

Kennedy Shaw, who also writes under the pen name Celya Bowers, has been writing professionally since 2003. To date she has sold 11 novels, 5 short stories and has written several articles relating to writing. She has also loved reading, beginning with the Harlequins of so long ago. Over the years, her taste has also expanded to mysteries and just about anything that has a little romance in it. Her current novel is a romantic suspense called *Killing the Competition* and is



published by Urban Renaissance, an imprint of Kensington Publishing. Please visit her website at [www.kennedyshaw.com](http://www.kennedyshaw.com). Kennedy will speak on "How to Write a Book Proposal."

Author Evelyn Vaughn



Yvonne Jocks (Evelyn Vaughn) teaches literature and creative writing classes at Tarrant County Southeast Campus. She has also published a handful of fantasy short stories, pop-culture essays, and seventeen romance novels, winning the Rita for AKA GODDESS. Her eighteenth book, UNDERGROUND WARRIOR, will be available from Silhouette Books in January 2011. Yvonne will speak on "Smart versus Popular: Why Critics and Readers Often Disagree About Quality."