

EVERYONE'S A WRITER

Writers of Ypsilanti: Whittaker Road Works



Whittaker Road Works meets at YDL-Whittaker to read and workshop their writing. They have published two anthologies and plan to soon publish a third. The members are Ann-Yvonne Anglin, Charlotte Backey, Laura Champion, Linda Dominik, Bethany Freeland, Susan Middlesworth, Heather Neff, Janet Nord, and Perry Seibert.

What do you write?

Many of the members of Whittaker Road Works write short fiction stories. In addition to fiction, members of the group also write memoirs, letters, fictionalized autobiographical work, poetry, and movie critiques.

Why do you write?

Ann-Yvonne Anglin: “I think for most people who are writers, we have a story to tell. Whether it’s good, bad, or indifferent, it’s in you and you put it on paper and you’ve just got to tell it to someone. You hope there’s someone you can tell it to, and Whittaker Road Works provides that outlet for us.”

What is the most memorable thing you have written?

Perry Seibert: “It feels like you’re making me choose my favorite child! I would say, ‘Dinner Date,’ a story in our second compilation. When I wrote it, I didn’t plan on writing it. I thought it was good and brought it here and was relieved to find that yes, it was! It’s a story that I don’t know where it came from. It just happened.”

Heather Neff: “My answer is simple: Everything I write is always my favorite. I’m always deeply, madly, and completely in love with the characters, and then I move on. Fall out of love and keep going. When you’re in the middle of it, you’re in the middle of it.”