



Tampa Area Romance Authors

TARA 2nd Annual Writing Summit

Speakers: Amy Pierpont, Christina Dodd, & Connie Brockway

November 6 - 8

Safety Harbor Spa & Resort

Safety Harbor, FL

TARA is proud to announce the guest speakers for our Second Annual Writing Summit as:

Amy Pierpont, Editor, Grand Central Publishing

Christina Dodd, NYT Bestselling Author

Connie Brockway, NYT Bestselling Author

Please note all times listed below. We will do all we can to adhere to these times.

Friday Night, Nov. 6th

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| 3:00 - ? | Hotel check in |
| 5:30 – 6:00 | Registration Booth
Name badges and agenda's |
| 6:00 – 10:00 | TARANS Reception Mixer – Who Do You Know Meet & Greet
Networking / Icebreaker activities for reception TBD
Appetizers
Cash Bar |



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Saturday, Nov. 7th

4:00 – 7:30AM **Early Morning Writing**
Come wake up your muse with our early morning writing. Enjoy the quiet as you write along side other AM writers.

7:30 – 9:00 **Continental Breakfast for Retreat attendees**

9:00 – 9:15 **Kick Off**

9:15 – 10:30 **Amy Pierpont –**
CRITIQUE SESSION
Amy will critique openings of several manuscripts. This is a great opportunity to see what an editor likes and what she thinks should be revised.

10:30 – 10:45 **Break**

10:45 – 12:00 **Christina Dodd & Connie Brockway**
BRAINSTORMING SESSION
This award-winning and bestselling team will explain the ins and outs of how they brainstorm as a group, then we'll split up into smaller groups to try this out for ourselves.

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch – Provided for Retreat attendees**

1:30 – 3:00 **Birds of a Feather 1 page critique session**

3:30 – 6:00 **TARA Members BoF Small Groups**

Or if you aren't participating in the BoF

1:30 – 9:00 **On Your Own**
Spend time relaxing in the spa, or writing. Explore the area and enjoy.
Dinner on your own.

7:00 – 9:30 **TARAN Board Dinner with Guests**

9:30 – 12:00 **Movie Night – Pajama Party**



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Sunday, Nov. 8th

4:00 – 7:00

Early Morning Writing

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9:00 – 10:15

Christina Dodd and Connie Brockway -

BUSINESS QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Come prepared to ask your toughest industry questions to these successful and savvy industry pros!

10:15 – 10:30

Break

10:30 – 11:45

Amy Pierpont –

WHAT IS GRAND CENTRAL PUBLISHING BUYING? WHAT IS SELLING IN TODAY'S PUBLISHING INDUSTRY?

Amy will discuss what the folks at Grand Central are publishing and what they are looking for as well as discuss what's selling in today's publishing climate.

11:45

Closing Remarks