

ESPLANADE Arts & Heritage Centre

Writer's Workshop: Using Oral Histories to Write Creative Non-fiction

This writer's workshop is an opportunity to learn from award winning and best-selling authors Natalie Appleton and Jenna Bailey about how to use oral history when writing creative non-fiction. Natalie and Jenna will discuss their writing, exploring the ways in which they use interviews to make stories from the past come to life.

Both authors will provide an insight into their writing process, shedding light on different strategies that can be employed when writing non-fiction texts. This workshop will provide practical tools for writers that they may be able to use in their own writing and will include a Q &A session.





Natalie Appleton is an award-winning Alberta writer living in Vernon, BC. She is a graduate of the University of Regina School of Journalism and the MA in Creative Writing (Narrative non-fiction) program at City University London, UK. In her former life as a journalist, she worked at newspapers across the Prairies. Natalie recently won the Banff Centre Bliss Carman Poetry Contest, and she is the author of *I Have Something to Tell You*, a literary memoir. She is now working on a historical fiction novel set in southeast Saskatchewan. Her stories have appeared in publications around the world, including The New York Times.

Jenna Bailey is a writer, oral historian and documentary filmmaker. She is the author of the bestselling *Can Any Mother Help Me?* (Faber) which has been translated into Dutch, and made into a theatrical production, and she has also written for The Scotsman, Cosmopolitan Magazine and BBC History Magazine. Her most recent essay was published in an edited collection entitled *A Grief Observed Readers' Edition* alongside works by C.S. Lewis and Hilary Mantel. Jenna is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of History, a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Oral History and Tradition at the University of Lethbridge, and Director of *Bailey and Soda Films*.

Friday, March 16, 2018

Location: Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre (401 First Street SE, Medicine

Hat, AB)

Time: 9:30 - 12:30 p.m. (includes tea break)

Workshop Fee: \$35

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