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Persephone Speaks
Laraine Herring: "When You Catch Writer's Block on the Side of the Road, Kill It"




Writing begets writing. There is no way to write but to write. There are no tricks, though there are plenty of diversions. One of the points I make in my book The Writing Warrior is that any structure someone provides for your writing, or any structure you create yourself, is only as useful as your ability to work freely within it and to stay centered and focused. The structure or the concept doesn't make the writing work. Your discipline, practice and flexibility make it work. When structure of any kind (relationship, job, religion, writing, city) becomes a prison, it's time to move on. (Excerpt)


Interested in having a blog entry in [Persephone Speaks](#)? Send your composition of roughly 650 words, preferably related to women and/or writing, to lisa@korepress.org, and don't forget a short bio!

News from Kore Press Authors


[Wendy Burk](#) (right), author of [The Deer](#), contributor to [Autumnal](#), and translator of Tedi Lopez Mills' [While Light is Built](#), will help select portraits and snapshots for an upcoming exhibit of the LaVerne Harrell Clark's work. Read more [here](#), in an article by [Annie Guthrie](#).




Kore authors [Jorie Graham](#) (right) and [Marie Howe](#) have been nominated for the prestigious 2008 *LA Times* Book Prize in Poetry! [Click here](#) to read more about the nominees and their excellent works, or [read](#) about Graham's upcoming induction into the American Academy of Arts and Letters.




[Brenda Ueland](#) (right) and her work [Tell Me More: On the Fine Art of Listening](#) is invoked in this provocative [Austin Daily Herald piece](#) about Dick Cheney and the Bush Administration. Use our [Spring Clearance](#) to purchase the timeless *Tell Me More* and join the conversation.



Writing by [Nancy Mairs](#), author of the Kore audio CD [Essays Out Loud: On Having Adventures and a Necessary End](#) will be featured in *River Teeth: A Journal of Nonfiction Narrative*! This anthology will include highlights from *The River Teeth Reader*. Read more [here](#).



Grrls take Action
words, words everywhere! Blogs, billboards and Global Youth Service Day



Don't miss the latest work by the [Grrls Literary Activism Workshop](#). Today, April 22, the Grrls read and talk about their work at **Casa Libre en la Solana, at 228 N 4th Avenue in Tucson, from 4-5pm**. Then, in honor of Global Youth Service Day on April 24-26, the Grrls and Program Assistant Brooke Willock will walk 4th Ave, University Blvd and in downtown Tucson distributing their own "tracts." Inspired by religious tracts once used to preach, these single-sheet creations reflect each Grrl's poems, rants, short fiction or manifestas. Come support Tucson's passionate and ambitious youth. [Read more](#) works by the Grrls, and find other GYSD activities [here](#).
Above: Erin Cain Hodge shares her personal truism in a billboard.

Congratulations, Lynn Nottage!
Female playwright wins Pulitzer



Kore Press congratulates Lynn Nottage on receiving this year's Pulitzer Prize for Drama for her off-Broadway play, *Ruined*. Focusing on rape and genital mutilation in the Congo, *Ruined* bucks the trend of Pulitzer winners' focus on American life. The show has an extended engagement at Manhattan Theatre Club's New York City Center Stage until mid-May. Read more about the play, Ms. Nottage and the runner-ups [here](#).

Powder for Mother's Day!
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Looking for the perfect gift for your Veteran or readaholic mom? Get your shopping done now with our special [Mother's Day Powder sale](#) and receive a copy of our revolutionary title *Powder: Writing by Women in the Ranks, from Vietnam to Iraq* in special gift wrap, plus a FREE Mother's Day card, for only \$17.95! Kore guarantees delivery by the holiday itself as long as orders are placed before May 4. While you're there, take advantage of our huge Spring Clearance sale to finish off National Poetry Month with award-winning [paperback books](#), [audio CDs](#) and [chapbooks/essays](#).

We want your po'Tweet on our bumpers!

In celebration of National Poetry Month, we're having a Twitter haiku contest. Post them via Twitter to "korepress." The line we like the very best will be made into a bumper sticker! Questions? Email christina@korepress.org.

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