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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 <a href="Persephone">Persephone</a> peaks? Send your composition of roughly 650 words, preferably related to women and/or writing, to <a href="mailto:lisa@korepress.org">lisa@korepress.org</a>, and don't forget a short bio!

### 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 <u>here</u>. 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.

#### **News from Kore Press Authors**

Wendy Burk (right), author of The Deer, contributor to Autumnal, and translator of Tedi Lopez Mills' While Light is <u>Built</u>, will help select portraits and snapshots for an upcoming exhibit of the LaVerne Harrell Clark's work. Read more <u>here</u>, 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 <u>Tell Me More:</u> On the Fine Art of <u>Listening</u> is invoked in this provocative <u>Austin Daily</u> <u>Herald piece</u> about Dick Cheney and the Bush Administration. Use our **Spring Clearance** to purchase the timeless Tell Me More and join the conversation.

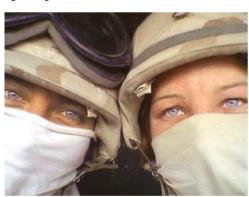


Writing by **Nancy Mairs**, author of the Kore audio CD Essays Out Loud: On **Having Adventures and** a Necessary End will be featured in River Teeth: A Journal of Nonfiction Narrative! This anthology will include highlights from The River Teeth Reader. Read more here.



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# 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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