



SCBWI France presents

SEQUESTER, a retreat for writers and illustrators at the Abbaye de Royaumont in France 4-7 November 2005

sequester /sɪˈkwɛstə(r)/ v. tr. 1 seclude, isolate, set apart (*sequester oneself from the world*). (*The Concise Oxford Dictionary*) Join us for a unique professional working experience with editors **Ann McNeil** and **Mary Lee Donovan** and authors/workshoppers **Sharon Darrow** and **Esther Hershenhorn** at the Abbaye de Royaumont in the French countryside (near Paris). Three and a half days of inspiring lectures, workshops, reflection, time to create, and more. Price includes three nights/three-and-a-half days single room, all meals, and retreat activities. Only a few places left! Register today (form on reverse side). Deadline: September 25, 2005. SCBWI Members \$895.00 (720 Euros/members). www.kidbookpros.com

SHARON DARROW has the MFA in fiction and poetry from Vermont College where she teaches in the MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults program. Her children's picture book, *OLD THUNDER AND MISS RANEY* (illus. Kathryn Brown, DK-Ink, Fall 2000) was honored by a Western Writers of America Storyteller Award and featured along with the original art at the Kentucky Derby Museum. She is the author of *THROUGH THE TEMPESTS DARK AND WILD: A STORY OF MARY SHELLEY, CREATOR OF FRANKENSTEIN*, (illus. Angela Barrett, Candlewick Press, February 2003) and a Young Adult novel, *THE PAINTERS OF LEXIEVILLE* (Candlewick Press, October 2003), which won the 2004 Oklahoma Book Award for Young Adult Fiction and was named to KLIATT's Editors' Choice—Best of the Year Fiction Books list. Other work has appeared in *Whetstone*, *Other Voices*, *Rhino*, *Folio*, *Columbia Poetry Review*, *ACM*, *Great River Review*, *AWP Chronicle*, and in the anthologies *WHERE WE LIVE* (ed. Kathleen Kirk), *HOME TO ME: POEMS ACROSS AMERICA* (ed. Lee Bennett Hopkins, Orchard Books, 2002), and *IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MIDDLE-WEST: AN ANTHOLOGY OF CREATIVE NON-FICTION* (ed. Becky Bradway, Fall 2003), Indiana U. Forthcoming from Candlewick is a book-length narrative in poetry, *TRASH*.

Anne McNeil has worked in UK Children's Publishing for twenty years. For ten years she was Publishing director of The Bodley Head and for the last three has been Publishing Director of Hodder Children's Books. She runs an editorial team of eight and overseas editorial decisions across the fiction and picture book lists. She has a dual focus - on list building and hands-on editing. She has continued to personally oversee the work of a

number of authors and illustrators including Shirley Hughes at the Bodley Head and Mick Inkpen, David Melling and Hilary McKay at Hodder. She has published many prize-winning books over the years and is committed to growing a commercially sound and artistically renowned programme

Esther Hershenhorn is the author of several books for young readers, including the picture book *THERE GOES LOWELL'S PARTY* (Holiday House, 1998), *ILLINOIS: FUN FACTS AND GAMES* (GHB Publisher's, 2000), and her latest title, the middle grade novel *THE CONFESSIONS AND SECRETS OF HOWARD J. FINGERHUT* (Holiday House, 2002). Her book *CHICKEN SOUP BY HEART* (Simon & Schuster, October 2002) won the Sydney Taylor Award and her book, *FANCY THAT* (Holiday House) has received great reviews. Esther coaches children's book writers and teaches Writing for Children at Ragdale, an artists residency program in Lake Forest, Illinois, at the Newberry Library in Chicago, and in the Writer's Studio of the University of Chicago. She serves as Regional Advisor for the Illinois Chapter of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and on the international SCBWI Board of Directors. A former elementary school teacher and writer of educational materials, Esther lives in Chicago.

In 1986, **Mary Lee Donovan** earned an M.A. in children's literature from The Center for the Study of Children's Literature at Simmons College in Boston. She worked for many seasons at a children's bookshop, and has been in children's publishing for twenty years. After seven years at Houghton Mifflin, she moved to Candlewick Press in May 1991 as one of its first five employees. She is currently Executive Editor there and is happily spending most of her time working with authors, illustrators, designers, and other creative people on making books for children.

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Fee covers all room, board and conference fees. That's three nights, three dinners, three breakfasts, three lunches and a single room. . . Retreat is limited to 35 attendees. You may pay via French Euro check, US Dollar check, or via www.cashpassportcard.com (please add 5 Euros for service charge).

Payment and Registration Postmarked before August 31, 2005

- ☐ 720 Euros or \$895 USD SCBWI Members
- ☐ 770 Euros or \$955 USD Non-members

After August 31, 2005

- ☐ 790 Euros or \$979 USD SCBWI Members
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