The Writing Academy changed my life. I didn’t just learn a lot about writing, though that was a major part of it. I also got to connect with so many other people like me, people across the LGBTQ+ spectrum who are interested in writing women-loving-women fiction.

- Kimberly Cooper Griffin, Author, Academy Graduate

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