



2:30-4:00 PM

Arrive at 2:00 to register, mix and mingle.
Refreshments provided.

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\$5 MEMBERS; \$10 NON-MEMBERS

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Booby Traps and Blessings of a Writer's Life — A Simple Roadmap to Avoid the Quicksand and Stay the Course

with **FRANCES RIVETTI**

The writer's life requires equal parts inspiration, discipline, courage, organizational skills, stamina and mental survival skills to stay the course to publication. Given that the path from start to finish on any book project, fiction or non-fiction, is typically littered with booby traps and quicksand, a basic roadmap of what to expect along the way and how to keep going is an essential tool for any writer, whether seasoned or starting out.

IPPY Award-winning author Frances Rivetti is a Sonoma County based British American independent journalist and former columnist with the Petaluma Argus Courier. She has published two regional food/history/travel books of non-fiction, *Fog Valley Crush* and *Fog Valley Winter*. Sonoma County Historical Society awarded *Fog Valley Winter* its coveted Editor's Award in 2017, and the book went on to win a silver medal in the international Independent Publishers Book Awards in 2018. Frances has a lively Sonoma County reader base and her books have been warmly received around the country and in the UK. She is preparing for a fall 2019 release of her first novel, *Big Green Country*, a contemporary suspense story shining a light from a women's perspective on the hidden underbelly of remote Northern California coastal communities grappling with the sweeping changes in cannabis legislation.