



## Writing Novels for Young Adults

June 2–5, 2005

**Dates:** Begins Thursday, June 2, at 3 PM with a tour of HIGHLIGHTS FOR CHILDREN® and Boyds Mills Press  
Ends Sunday, June 5, after lunch

**Designed For:** Writers serious about creating a young-adult novel.

**Workshop Fee:** \$895.00

**Limited to:** 8 participants

### WORKSHOP FOCUS

Writing novels that resonate with teenagers can be extremely rewarding—if you know what subjects and writing styles appeal to this specialized audience. Learn the ins and outs of writing young adult novels through lectures, hands-on writing sessions, and manuscript critiques with two experts in the field.

This workshop will help you

- ❖ tap your memories to find ideas for young-adult stories;
- ❖ develop captivating dialogue;
- ❖ create engaging internal monologue;
- ❖ identify voice; and
- ❖ revise your manuscript and work with an editor.

**Preworkshop assignment:** Two weeks before the workshop begins, an outline of a novel plus fifteen manuscript pages is required.

### WORKSHOP LEADER

#### Rich Wallace

Rich is the author of four acclaimed novels for young adults: *Playing Without the Ball*, *Wrestling Sturbridge*, *Shots on Goal*, and *Restless*. He has also authored a short-story collection called *Losing Is Not an Option*, and a series of sports novels for middle-grade readers called *Winning Season*. His columns, profiles, and other features have been published in *Highlights*, *Track and Field News*, *Runner's World*, and other publications. Rich is a former senior editor at HIGHLIGHTS FOR CHILDREN.

## **GUEST FACULTY**

### **Tracy Gates**

Tracy has worked in the editorial departments of Philomel, Crown, and Alfred A. Knopf, before joining Viking Children's Books as an executive editor. She edits picture books, chapter books, middle-grade novels, and young-adult fiction, and works with well-established as well as fresh, up-and-coming authors.

## **LOCATION**

Highlights Foundation Founders Workshops are held in northeastern Pennsylvania at the home of the Founders of *Highlights for Children* in the wooded hills at Boyds Mills, a hamlet near Honesdale. Honesdale is located 2½ hours from New York City and approximately 45 minutes from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport. Complimentary airport shuttle service is provided. For directions from all points, go to [www.highlightsfoundation.org](http://www.highlightsfoundation.org).

## **SETTING**

The setting of the conference is Boyds Mills House, a landmark of children's literature. In 1946, Dr. Garry Cleveland Myers and Caroline Clark Myers assembled the first issue of *Highlights for Children* magazine in the living room of this traditional country home. Recently restored, the house retains the feeling of a simpler time. Surrounded by a 1,300-acre mixed-hardwood forest, the Boyds Mills property is home to whitetail deer, timid black bears, and a variety of birds and other wildlife.

## **MEALS AND ACCOMMODATIONS**

- Workshop participants will stay in individual guest cabins on the lovely wooded grounds surrounding the Highlights Founders' home
- Sessions are held in adjoining country home
- Great food served family-style, enjoyed with other participants and faculty (Special dietary needs can be accommodated.)
- Convivial, supportive atmosphere

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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