

## Writers' Networking Sources

In Person Networking Sources	Electronic Networking Sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading groups: e.g. Memorial Park Library Mystery Book Club (ran this fall, maybe be repeated) Check with your local library!</li> </ul>	<p>Online mystery discussion: - <a href="http://www.dorothy.com">www.dorothy.com</a></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form your own book club/reading group or critique group of like-minded writers. <b>Note:</b> Critique groups are great-make sure though that the group is like minded. You can join some groups who just want to criticize and that doesn't bolster confidence. But having a network of friends who are in the business is important as it is so solitary.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online book review and writers sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arts News: <a href="http://www.rockyloam.ca/CANews/PublishingForm.html">http://www.rockyloam.ca/CANews/PublishingForm.html</a> - keep up on what's happening on the arts scene, specifically book publishing, in Canada</li> <li>Writers Net (international Internet directory of writers, agents, editors and publishers; includes a writers forums where you can chat with other writers, including published and unpublished): <a href="http://www.writers.net/">http://www.writers.net/</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writers' organizations: a short list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writers Guild of Alberta @ <a href="http://www.writersguild.ab.ca/">http://www.writersguild.ab.ca/</a></li> <li>Alberta Romance Writers @ <a href="http://www.albertaromancewriters.com/">http://www.albertaromancewriters.com/</a></li> <li>Alexandra Writers Society @ <a href="http://www.alexandrawriters.org/">http://www.alexandrawriters.org/</a> or ph. 403-264-4730</li> <li>Writers Union of Canada</li> <li>Private Eye Writers of America</li> <li>Mystery Writers of America</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Extensive list of provincial and federal level resources at: <a href="http://www.writers.ns.ca/organs.html">http://www.writers.ns.ca/organs.html</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writers organizations at a distance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sisters in Crime (they also have an Internet chapter, @ <a href="http://www.sinc-ic.org/">http://www.sinc-ic.org/</a>)</li> <li>Crime Writers of Canada @ <a href="http://www.crimewriterscanada.com/">http://www.crimewriterscanada.com/</a></li> <li>check out a long list @ <a href="http://www.dmoz.org/Arts/Writers_Resources/Organizations/Canada/">http://www.dmoz.org/Arts/Writers_Resources/Organizations/Canada/</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>See also the Mystery Writers Ink website @ <a href="http://www.mysterywritersink.com">www.mysterywritersink.com</a> and click on Links to Other Sites, then scroll down to Organizations for Mystery Writers and Readers</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteer to help out with readings and book festivals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Word on the Street: annual celebration of writing in Calgary @ <a href="http://www.thewordonthestreet.ca/">http://www.thewordonthestreet.ca/</a></li> <li>PanCanadian WordFest every October in Calgary @ <a href="http://www.wordfest.com/">http://www.wordfest.com/</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.januarymagazine.com">www.januarymagazine.com</a> is a great source of books and reviews</p> <p><a href="http://www.murderandmayhem.com">www.murderandmayhem.com</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.reviewingtheevidence.com">www.reviewingtheevidence.com</a></p>
<p>Mystery Conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bloody Words in Toronto, hosted by Crime Writers of Canada (one member went to this two years ago and had a chance to pitch her novel idea to an agent and met some published authors)</li> <li>Bouchercon, international annual convention in rotating venues (new website each year)</li> <li>Malice Domestic: mystery convention devoted to the traditional mystery, held each year in Arlington, VA.</li> <li>Maui Writers Conference – another member went to this two years and had a wonderful time.</li> <li>Surrey Writers Conference</li> <li>Left Coast Crime is another big mystery convention</li> </ul>	<p>Mystery Conventions listed on the 'Net:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See the Mystery Writers Ink website @ <a href="http://www.mysterywritersink.com">www.mysterywritersink.com</a> and click on Links to Other Sites, then scroll down to Mystery Conventions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tips:</b> The biggest networking is talking to people. If you do go to a convention and meet someone, stay in touch when you come home via email. I have done this and have so many people who I chat with back and forth. In fact, from Maui five years ago, I have friends I still e-mail. We have been through so much together, especially commiserating over rejection. I have friends all over the world who I talk to about writing and publishing and the ups and downs.</p>	