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The *Affordable* Writer's Conference

It's 8:24 A.M. on a rainy Ohio Saturday. Jane Martin, attorney and mother of two, shakes the water from her umbrella, crosses the carpeted foyer to the eight-foot banquet table serving as a registration desk and joins the tens of thousands of writers and would-be writers who attend one of more than 400 writer's conferences held in the United States each year. Jane will learn not only something of the craft of writing but also of such things as first serial rights, self-publishing, literary agents, query letters, and royalties: the elements that constitute the business side of writing.

These conferences traditionally cost anywhere from \$65 to \$3,000 depending on venue, number of workshops, who the workshop leaders are, and various other factors. Now, however, Jane has the option of browsing one of the most comprehensive writer's conferences ever produced—over 45 workshops presented by a host of distinguished agents, authors, and editors—for less than \$20.

And this conference doesn't require travel time or expense; the workshops may be taken in any order and be repeated again, in their entirety or simply with highlights, whenever desired. This writer's conference is in a much more convenient form, the newly updated book: *The Portable Writer's Conference: Your Guide to Getting Published*, edited by Stephen Blake Mettee.

The workshops cover nonfiction and fiction topics, ranging from the craft and technique of writing to the business aspects of writing. From this book you'll learn:

- how to write a sizzling love scene
 - how to create memorable characters
 - how to write a self-help book
 - how to write a query letter
 - how to run a home-based writing business
 - copyright laws
- ...and much more.

This book even features keynote "speakers," as can be heard in writer's conferences around the country, and luckily, Jane won't be pushed and elbowed as other attendees take audience to these. She'll get to read them without the hassle.

The newly updated *The Portable Writer's Conference: Your Guide to Getting Published*, edited by Stephen Blake Mettee (9781884956577), is available at brick and mortar bookstores, online bookstores, and from the publisher at 1-800-497-4909 or 1-800-497-4909.

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