

## AUGUST WORKSHOP SPEAKER SUMMARY

### DiAnn Mills



#### **Presentation:** *The Art of Character, Plotting, Emotion and Dialogue*

In this hands-on workshop, DiAnn will teach us how to craft stories that enable the reader to hook arms with the characters and walk together into the adventure—to imagine, envision, care, experience life from a different point of view, and feel. We will dive deep into personality, backstory, motivation, and the psychology of character to ensure the writer’s story-players pass the credibility test.

We will learn how to invoke powerful emotions through the actions of three-dimensional characters who strive to achieve a goal. And we will learn how to infuse structure into our plot using techniques that apply to both pantsers and outliners.

Every word, action, reaction, and internal thought about the world breathes emotion. This workshop will show us how to write dialogue with emotion that is unique, fresh, exciting, and always builds tension.

Come prepared to have fun and work!

#### **Biography:**

DiAnn Mills is a bestselling author who believes her readers should expect an adventure. She combines unforgettable characters with unpredictable plots to create action-packed, suspense-filled novels. DiAnn believes every breath of life is someone’s story, so why not capture those moments and create a thrilling adventure?

She currently has more than sixty books published and has published stories in just under forty different collections. Her titles have appeared on the CBA and ECPA bestseller lists; won two Christy Awards; and been finalists for the RITA, Daphne Du Maurier, Inspirational Readers’ Choice, and Carol award contests.

DiAnn is a founding board member of the American Christian Fiction Writers, a former director of Blue Ridge Christian Writers, and a member of Advanced Writers and Speakers Association, Mystery Writers of America, Sisters in Crime, and International Thriller Writers. She shares her passion for helping other writers be successful by teaching writing workshops around the country.

DiAnn has been termed a coffee snob and roasts her own coffee beans. She's an avid reader, loves to cook, and believes her grandchildren are the smartest kids in the universe. She and her husband live in sunny Houston, Texas.

DiAnn is very active online and would love to connect with readers on any of the social media platforms listed at <https://dianmills.com/>.