

# Marco Island Writers



If you haven't been to our website lately, take a look. It has been updated.

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## May Newsletter



**May 9, 2018 - 6-8 PM**

**Uncover the secrets of a great literary genius.**

We will take 3 well-known authors' work and  
dissect to learn from the best.

Take the time to read these ahead of time.

[The Story Of An Hour, Kate Chopin](#)

[A Clean Well-Lighted Place, by Ernest Hemingway](#)

[Letter to my Daughter - Home by Maya Angelou](#)

For the second half of our meeting, starting in May, members of our group will share some short excerpts from their work, either published or still in progress. For May, our readers will be:

Dennis Albright  
Mershon Niesner  
Rich Goldhaber.

If you would like to read in a following meeting, please let us know by emailing [joanne.tailele@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.tailele@gmail.com)

Thanks to our panel of authors, Rich Goldhaber, Dolores Burton and Roseanne Pawelec who, at our April 11 meeting, discussed **How to Sell yourself and your books in Thirty Seconds!** Roseanne's notes outlining the presentation are available as a Handout in our Member's corner section of this newsletter.

## **MAKING A MOVE**

We are contemplating moving our venue to a new location. This may require a different day of the week and time. Please complete this attached poll so we know how to best serve you.

[Meeting Days and Times](#)



### *Marco Island Poets*

Had their last meeting for the season Tuesday, April 24.  
Marco Island Poets are now on vacation until next October,  
but keep on writing!

Sara Medeiros 239-394-1728

## **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**



**Michael Mequid, MD, PhD, FACS, Medical scientist turned creative nonfiction writer.**  
**Columbia Medical Review**

*The LeRoy catastrophe: A story of death, determination, and the importance of nutrition in medicine, is a MUST read. Congratulations Michael, for your submission in the Columbia Medical Review.*

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**Joanne Tailele** read her children's book, *What is Family*, to the class of her Literacy Buddy at the 123 Learning Center in Naples on April 10. Each child went home with their own copy.



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### **Children's Book Author Donates to Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife**

Southwest Florida children's book author Roseanne Pawelec delivered her first donation check to the Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife from sale proceeds of "Ollie Finds a New Home, The Story of a Burrowing Owl in Cape



Coral." The funds will be used to support CCFW's program to protect the habitat of the Cape's burrowing owls, according to a recent press release provided by Pawelec.

[Read more](#)

[Cape Coral Living Magazine](#)

Early Learning Coalition of  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Nurturing the young children of Southwest Florida and those who care for them!



## BE A LITERACY BUDDY

Share your love of reading by becoming a Literacy Buddy to a child in SW Florida. The Early Learning Coalition matches you with an under-privileged child. Three times a year, you will receive a letter from your buddy, and you provide him or her with a book of their own to keep. These very well could be the only books they ever own. Step up and help a child learn the joy of books. [Literacy Buddy -Early Learning Coalition](#)

## Conference and Retreat Center

Florida Writer's Retreat - Sat. May 19, 2018

Sixth Annual Sandhill Writer's Retreat

Saint Leo University, 35 miles north of Tampa

[Retreat Details](#)

FAPA 2018 Conference August 3-4, 2018 Orlando

[Florida Writers and Publishers Conference](#)

## CONTESTS

Contests are a great way to get recognition for your books. Check out these contests.

[Writer's Digest](#)

[31 Free Writing Contests](#)

[North Street Book Prize](#)

## Marco Center For the Arts

Meet and greet with lots of locals.  
2nd Tuesday of every Month.

Don't let this chance pass you by! This is a well attended affair and we need authors to take advantage of this great, free opportunity to promote their books. Spots for 2018 are still open at this time. The events create a ready-made and receptive audience with our visually artistic brethren. Don't miss it. Email Joanne at [Joanne.tailele@gmail.com](mailto:Joanne.tailele@gmail.com) to schedule. Marco Arts Schedule so far [as booked]:

May 8 - Philip Reid

June 12 - Tara Tuck

July 10 - Dennis Albright

Aug. 14 - Joanne Tailele

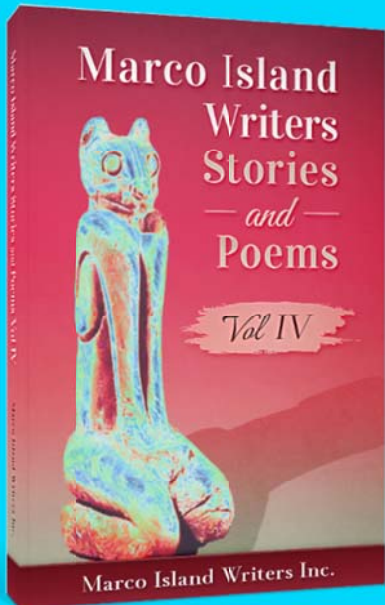
Oct. 9 - Pam Fisher

Nov. 13 - Pauline Hayton

Dec. 11 - Dolores Burton



**September is still available. Book today.**



## Marco Island Writers Stories and Poems Vol. IV

Available for sale at every meeting  
& available at the Farmer's Market.

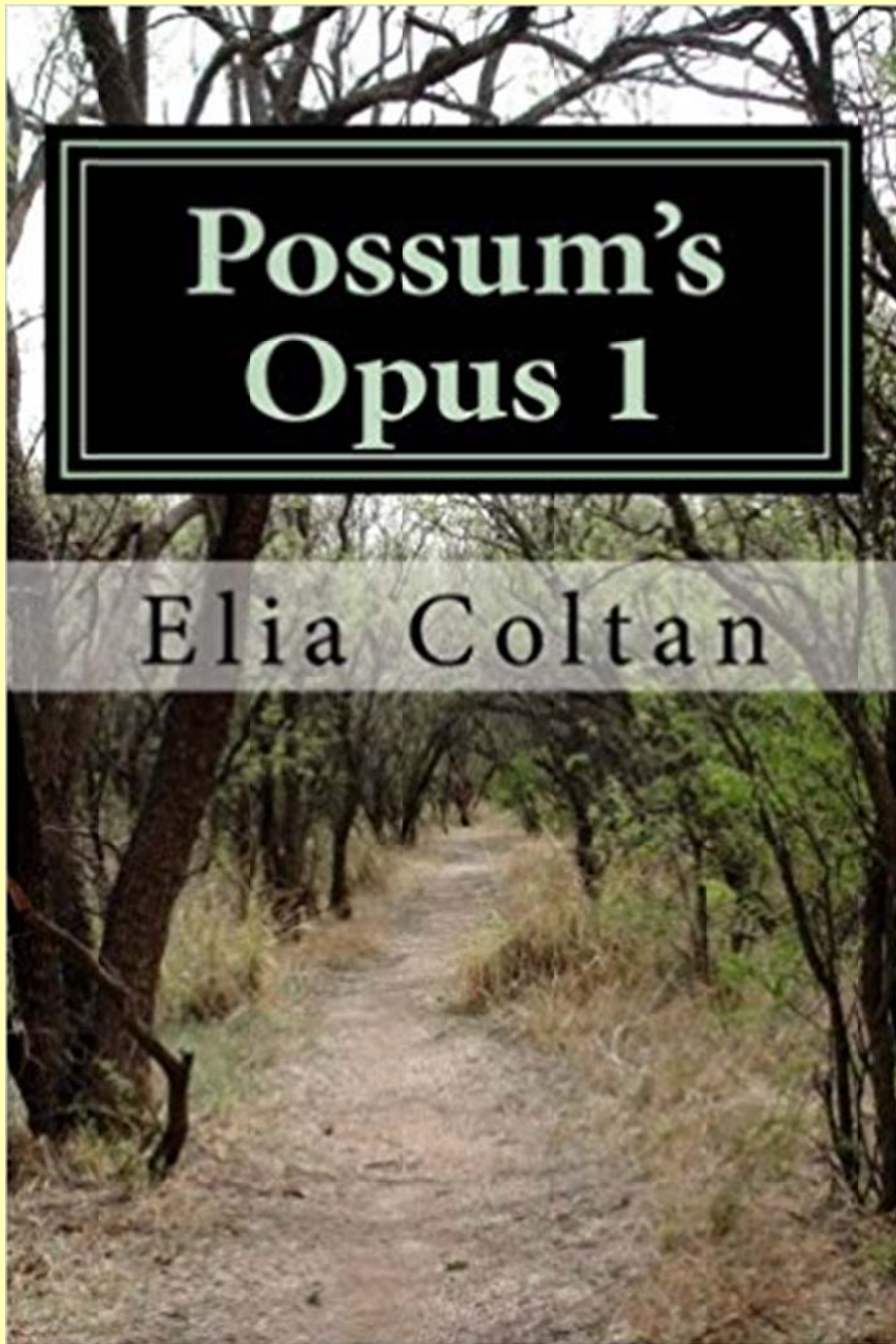
Members Price \$8.00 Non-members \$12.00

Or a set of all four books for \$29.00 See Pauline  
for purchase

**MEMBERS - DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT  
FOR the 2019 ANTHOLOGY.**

# BOOK OF THE MONTH

by Elia Colton



Imagine walking in the woods one spring day and finding an underground city! Amazingly, Carillon Couperin does just that. This underground city is named Possum, from a Latin word, and Possum is a haven for people to collaborate on very exciting, even lifesaving projects. Possum's current project is top secret, and it involves Carillon's family and the recent iniustices that have befallen

them. Carillon gets involved in the work at Possum to solve the complex mystery that is at the heart of her family's problems. In the process, she learns to confront the bullies who ridicule her at school. And, with help from her brother, Matt, Carillon actually thwarts the plans of an evil tyrant who has already harmed her family tremendously and plans to do more. Possum is a magical place for Carillon. It is the most beautiful place she has ever seen, from its green marble hallways to the wonderful murals on the walls to the surrounding music. With each visit to this fantastic place, Carillon finds new possibilities and opportunities. She meets experts in various areas of learning, including technology, science, business, history, literature, music and art, and she finds guidance for her future life's work. Carillon also encounters adorable animals that are able to do astonishing things.

Extraordinary people aid Carillon in her endeavors. Computer wizards and security experts are working at Possum to help her. Medical specialists are engaged in research to save lives of people around Carillon. As a very gifted musician herself, Carillon enjoys the talented musicians, artists, and writers that bring joy and beauty to Possum. To her happy surprise, Carillon discovers that some people are not what they seem at all. Is it possible that, after a dreadful year, Carillon Couperin's dreams are finally coming true?

**About the Author:** Elia Coltan lives in beautiful Marco Island, Florida with a wonderful husband and a sovereign cat. She is a software engineer and a musician. In her writing, she hopes to inspire young people to discover the intersection between their talents and the needs of their world. She is very devoted to helping individuals as well as organizations that protect and sustain the animals of this earth within their environments, whether they live in industrially developed countries or in their natural habitats.

### **POST SCRIPTS:**

Marco Island Writers extend a heartfelt handshake and thank you for your membership and support. Membership entitles you to all the regular meetings, promotion of your books, short stories and poetry on the website, also member rates to any event requiring admission. Membership also gives you reciprocity with Gulf Coast Writers to attend their meetings at their member rates.

With your support, we are moving forward with our goals of encouragement and help to budding writers. We hope that, even if you can't attend every meeting, or serve on a committee, you know your participation has made a difference in the writing community. We continually strive to bring quality speakers and workshops to our members.

Interested in starting a new sub-group? Talk to our President about what sub-groups you would

like to help develop. [joanne.tailele@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.tailele@gmail.com)

HAVE NEWS? - Won a reward or contest? Doing a book signing or promotion? Let us know before the 1st of each month so it can be included in our monthly newsletter. Send news to Jennie Weckelman, Secretary at [jweckelman@embarqmail.com](mailto:jweckelman@embarqmail.com)

If you have a newly published book, or are a new member to MIW, we would like to feature your book on the "Book of the Month." Send jpg file of book front cover, a short synopsis, short bio and where the book can be purchased to [marcoislandwritersinc@gmail.com](mailto:marcoislandwritersinc@gmail.com). Please put "Book of the Month" in the subject line. If we do not have any new books we will rotate, promoting previously published books of MIW members.

Sincerely,

Joanne Tailele, President

Jennie Weckelman, Secretary

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