

Inland Empire Branch Meeting California Writers Club

Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 10:10 am
Ovitt Family Library, 215 E C St, Ontario, CA 91764

The Journey to Becoming an Older Debut Author *Presented by Tracy Wise*



I have written since I was small, and I always received encouragement from others in the feedback they provided me on my writing, from elementary school on through college. As an adult, writing became a part of many of the jobs I held or the volunteer roles I filled. But finally finding the time to focus on my own writing, and then learning about the whole pitching and agents and types of publishing houses and forms, was a whole other lesson. The thread through all of this was persistence--but what is persistence, really, and does it look the way we think it should look? This is one writer's journey to having her writing professionally published.

After an international childhood lived throughout Asia due to her father's aid work, Tracy Wise spent her career in theatre, opera, and higher education administration. She earned a BA in Theatre and Spanish from Washington University in St. Louis and an MA in Cultural Studies from the University of East London. She places a strong emphasis on visual art and music in her writing, and her debut work, *Madame Sorel's Lodger*, is a Van-Gogh-inspired story about an artist and the impact he has on a small French village. In her free time, Tracy designs social media for her local Friends of the Library in Redlands, California.



This in-person meeting is open to all!