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Breaking into Publishing After Age 50

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A power-packed panel of published authors will share tips on how to make publishing dreams a reality after the age of 50.

BREAKING INTO PUBLISHING AFTER AGE 50

Please feel free to reach out to any one of us if you have questions!

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SOME HELPFUL RESOURCES WE MAY HAVE MENTIONED:

Professional Organizations:

[SCBWI](#)

[12 x 12](#) (join in January)

[The Author's Guild](#)

Find Writing Classes and Workshops:

Professional Organizations (see above)

University Extension Programs

Community College

[Gotham Writers Online](#)

[Inked Voices](#)

Author or Illustrator Websites

[The Children's Book Academy](#)

Resources for Writing Picture Books:

[KidLit411](#) for picture book authors

[KidLit411](#) for all writers

Diverse Books:

[Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop](#) (YouTube)

[DiverseBooks.org](#)

[The Brown Bookshelf](#)

Build Your Own Community

[How to Start a Picture Book Publisher Book Club](#)

Participate in Writing Contests and Challenges

[Susanna Hill's Halloweensie, Valentiny, Holiday Contests](#) (several contests throughout the year)

[#50PreciousWords Writing Contest](#) (early March - write a story for children in 50 words or less)

[StoryStorm](#) Challenge (January - 30 Days of Inspiring Blog Posts About Where to Get Ideas)