



THE BREAKOUT NOVEL INTENSIVE

Featuring author and literary agent Donald Maass

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WHAT IS THE BREAKOUT NOVEL INTENSIVE?

Based on the time-tested strategies of literary agent Donald Maass's celebrated books on craft and taught by Maass himself, the Breakout Novel Intensive (BONI) is a weeklong writing workshop designed to equip intermediate and advanced, even well-published writers with the tools to craft their own breakout-worthy novels.

WHO ATTENDS THE BREAKOUT NOVEL INTENSIVE?

Every year, writers of fiction and narrative nonfiction from around the world, and in various stages of their writing careers, attend the Breakout Novel Intensive.

Whether attendees are new to the publishing industry or are seasoned professionals, BONI is tailored toward helping every writer elevate his or her level of craft and reach new career heights as well.



WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE INTENSIVE?

Six weeks prior to the intensive, attendees will:

- Submit the first fifty pages/synopsis of their MS to Donald Maass, along with an assessment of their writing strengths and weaknesses, plus goals for the week.
- Submit their first ten pages to editors/authors Lorin Oberweger, Brenda Windberg, and other industry pros on staff.
- Receive an invitation to join an online community where participants get to know one another prior to the workshop.

**Please note: It is not mandatory to have fifty completed pages of a manuscript in order to attend. The workshop is hugely effective in helping writers build stories from the ground up, as well.*

During the intensive, attendees will:

- Participate in daily classes with Don, with writing challenges drawn from 30+ years in the industry and his highly successful books on craft.
- Enjoy evening classes with conference staff to unpack advanced techniques.
- Attend private thirty-minute sessions with all staff members, including Don, Lorin, Brenda, and other industry professionals.
- Receive daily writing challenges to put class instructions to immediate use.
- Build understanding of current industry trends through a faculty Q & A panel.
- Engage in lively and informal social time with faculty members and participants.
- Be nudged beyond current writing limitations via supportive, spirited, and collaborative exchanges with students and staff.

After the intensive, attendees will have access to:

- Facebook groups for all BONI “graduates” to remain connected with students and staff.
- The BONI Graduate Learning Retreats, where small groups of students who have attended previous BONI’s gather for a week of advanced instruction led by Don, Lorin, Brenda, and others.



WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE COST?

- A private hotel room and bath.
- All meals between dinner on Monday and breakfast on Sunday.
- Private critique sessions with industry pros.
- Professional feedback on pages of your WIP.
- High level craft instruction and industry insight drawn from decades of experience and demonstrable success.
- Access to Free Expressions' craft resource library, hosted on the website.
- Ongoing participation in a robust and inspiring community, before, during, and after the workshop.

WHAT MAKES BONI SPECIAL?

Now in its eighteenth year, the Breakout Novel Intensive offers just the right balance of hard work, encouragement, guidance, and inspiration. Authors often arrive with one story and leave with something that is bigger and bolder than anything they had imagined.

In addition to being the only weeklong workshop built around Don Maass's principals and taught by Don Maass, BONI is unique in offering its attendees multiple opportunities to speak with a variety of industry professionals at length about their work at no additional cost.

Through an unparalleled level of personalized attention and hands-on application, instructors stretch and challenge writers while fostering their growth and creative confidence.



Dozens of former workshop participants have gone on to find agent representation, publishing—even bestselling—success, and have even had their works optioned (and produced) for film and television.

“For me, BONI was a breakthrough to the next level of storytelling.”

- Nickhil Kamkolkar

"Intense, informative, and inspiring. Anyone at any stage will benefit from the experience and insight of the BONI staff, the challenging, rewarding exercises, and feedback both individual and group-oriented. Life-changing, and the best gift to my writing career that I've ever received!"

- Kira Lerner

“ If you are serious about your writing, sign up for the next one now. It is a week where you will discover more about your manuscript and your writing than you would otherwise learn all year. You will come out of this armed with specific techniques to make your novel better, and maybe some new supportive friendships to help you on your road to becoming a published author. I think the BONIs are nothing short of brilliant. ”— Lissa Price, author *STARTERS*

“It’s the best class I’ve taken to improve my writing!”

- Nick Jackson

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