

## SQUAM LAKE NOVEL WRITING RETREAT 2024

With Amity Gaige

Sunday June 16-Wednesday June 19



Do you have a novel that you dream about constantly but are delayed by the practical and artistic obstacles to getting it done? Learn how to begin or complete your novel with award-winning novelist Amity Gaige.

Each day features a craft or conception class, as well as time to discuss and map your novel with committed fellow writers. Socialize, hike, kayak, share your work, and get inspired on one of the most pristine lakes in New England. RDC is a beautiful and rustic resort that has been in operation since 1897. See their website at <http://rdcsquam.com>.

This retreat is a small, intimate one for writers who desire personal interaction with fellow writers and an experienced teacher. Unlike larger writing conferences, our retreat is limited to 15 writers. This retreat is best for those who are ready to share pages from a novel-in-progress. Before the retreat, we will ask you to email the group 5-15 pages from your novel-in-progress.

To apply see below. Send responses to [novelwritingretreat@gmail.com](mailto:novelwritingretreat@gmail.com)

Amity Gaige is the author of four novels, most recently *SEA WIFE*, which was a 2020 *New York Times* Notable Book. She is a Guggenheim Fellow and teaches creative writing at Yale.

### Praise from Previous Participants:

“Writing is an individual practice, but not necessarily a solitary one. This retreat allowed me to share the experiences, habits, and encouragement of other writers in both professional tasks and some like-minded downtime. I came away feeling bolstered that I was not only on the right track, but with fresh ideas and thoughts about how to continue.” Ellen B.

“It’s amazing how much meaningful exchange about reading and writing can be packed into one weekend, with hours left over for swimming, kayaking, hiking, and (literary) charades in the evening. The food was abundant and good, the lake pristine and beautiful, the leader sociable, generous, and full of wisdom. Best of all the participants, of all ages and backgrounds, from all over the world, were able to share their passions and challenges with other aspiring novelists.” Molly T.

“I found your approach was the perfect combination of professional and laid back. I felt no distance (not even a hidden hint of it) between you and our group of writer wannabees. As a group we all felt equal and were treated as equal, regardless of our experience.”

Rastislav H.

“As a novice to the craft of fiction writing, I'm thirsty for any insight. The teaching talks were the highlights by a mile for me. They were illuminating and I see these lessons as directly applicable to my practice.”

Alice H.

“Loved it all. And the staff at RDC were terrific, always welcoming, helpful, never letting us feel like we weren't already regulars. Loved the lake. Will bring a swimsuit next time! It was *fun*, thanks to you, the joy of having fun with strangers.”

Jenny L.

This all-inclusive 4-day/ 3-night writing retreat costs \$1,320. All rooms have twin beds, shared baths, and are in Rockywold-Deephaven’s beautiful Greenwood Lodge. **Nine meals, lodging, daily classes & workshops, and taxes included.** Check-in is 3pm on Sunday, and you may check-out any time before 2pm on Wednesday. Request a roommate or let us pair you with a new friend. Some private rooms are available for those with a medical need.

Many students drive to the retreat, but other students have arrived by bus, airplane, or carpool. Coming from Boston, Concord Coach Lines stops very near RDC. Peter Pan buses go to Concord (45 minutes from RDC). The nearest airport is Manchester, NH. Students have had good experiences using Mountain View Shuttle Service to get to RDC from Manchester airport. <http://www.mtnviewshuttle.com/> International students often fly into Boston.

**IN ORDER TO APPLY, please complete and return the following questionnaire and email to [novelwritingretreat@gmail.com](mailto:novelwritingretreat@gmail.com). I'd like to know a bit about you. You may cut and paste into an email or send as an attachment. I will respond promptly confirming your enrollment status, and will let you know how to register and where to send payment. Your space will not be guaranteed until payment is received.**

**NAME:**

**My previous writing experience is:**

**My goals for the Novel Writing Retreat are:**

**If I could have written any novel in the world, it would be:**

**The moment or period in my life in which I first thought of myself as a writer or artist, or became aware of an urge within to express myself was:**

**Anything you might need to know about me, including any special accommodations, or impactful recent life events (or the medical need for one of the two reserved single rooms, i.e. serious insomnia or snoring):**