

January 9, 7-9 pm, Napa Valley Writers Presents
The Fear of Writing

Napa Valley Writers will host **Victoria Zackheim**, author of the novel, *The Bone Weaver*, and editor of six anthologies, with the seventh, *Mystery Writers on the Mysteries of Life*, recently purchased by Seal Press/Hachette for Spring 2020 publication.

One of the universal emotions shared by writers is fear of being judged. Writers are notoriously self-effacing. "I'll let you read it, but it's really awful." Or: "I'd rather you didn't read it because if you hate it, you'll either lie...or rip out my heart." We are so plaintive!

For some of us, sharing our writing is like introducing our children: how they look, act, speak is a reflection on us as parents. And so it is with our writing: how it reads, its level of interest...its quality...is (we believe) a reflection on how smart, clever, kind, caring, and insightful we are. This fear...and how to move through it...is the topic of our discussion.

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Marilyn Campbell will be January's member reader. Marilyn will be reading from her second published novel, *A Train to Nowhere*.