

**January 8, 7-9 pm, Napa Valley Writers Presents**  
***Partnering with Readers***

Napa Valley Writers will host **Amanda McTigue**, who will show us how to best connect our work with our readers.

In today's story-saturated market, readers partner with writers to co-create their written works. How (and why) might authors make more room for them? How (and why) might authors guide readers' participation in their stories? Through a variety of approaches and literary genres, Amanda will take a look at some innovative narrative strategies that amplify today's author-reader synergy.

Amanda McTigue has spent her life cross-pollinating between her works on the page and for the stage. Her debut novel "Going to Solace" was named a Best Read of 2012 by public radio KRCB's "Word by Word." Since then, her published short stories have earned her a Pushcart Prize nomination, and a semi-finalist nod from the American Literary Review Fiction Contest. Amanda's written works for the stage have been produced at Carnegie Hall, the Minnesota Opera, and Sonoma County's Green Music Center. She's HARD at work finishing her second novel, "The Cautionary Tales."

**Visit her website:** <http://amandamctigue.com>

**Céline H. Portet** will be January's member reader.