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**September 9, 7-9 pm, Napa Valley Writers Presents:
*STORY VS. REALITY***

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Sofh1GEjSoaqLTbtnJa-yA

Napa Valley Writers will host **Adam Smyer**, who will speak to us about the blurred lines of reality versus story telling. Adam is the author of the critically claimed novel, *Knucklehead*.

"By setting his novel in the '90s, Smyer, who lives in Oakland, has crafted some brutal deja vu. As [protagonist] Marcus reflects on Rodney King, the Million Man March and the Oklahoma City bombing, we think of Freddie Gray, Black Lives Matter and school shootings that have become a way of life. And when Marcus laments San Francisco's dwindling black population, here we are more than 20 years on, and it's only gotten worse. We should all be furious."
—*San Francisco Chronicle*

Smyer realized early while writing that it is not enough to write reality laced with fiction if there are not “hooks” to make the reader connect with your words. Gradually, he came to think of these hooks as the difference between reality and story. Ideally, participants of this talk will all leave with one new technique for making truth as engaging as fiction.

Website: <https://www.adamsmyer.com/>

Juanita Martin will be September’s Member Reader.

Napa Valley Writers, a branch of the California Writers Club, currently holds meetings via Zoom. Cost is \$5. Students with ID, free. For more information, contact publicity_nvww@outlook.com or see napavalleywriters.net. Always open to the public. Please register via napavalleywriters.net.

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