

FINDING YOUR VOICE -

A Writing Journey

"Everyone can be a success...if you keep saying that enough times to yourself--you can be. We are not better than anybody else. What's talent? I don't know. The basic talent is, believing you can do something." John Lennon

Poets, storytellers, memoir-writers! This is a tailored journey to explore the writer's craft and uncover the secrets all great writers know.

Drawing on her experience as an award-winning author of 40 books, ranging from children's and young adult fiction, to adult fiction and non-fiction, Shelley Davidow looks at practical and essential tools that all writers need in order to make words into the keys that unlock limitless creative worlds.

Participants will:

- Discover that real art is a craft that can be learned by developing skills
- Explore poetry as a means to unveiling the power of words
- Build sentences that stand the test of time
- Unveil the secrets to a unique and individual 'voice'
- Be inspired to tackle any creative writing project that has been lying dormant!

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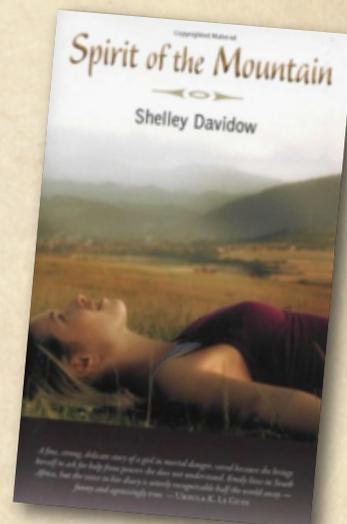
She has been a teacher for the past twenty years and is a trained facilitator in Restorative Practice. She runs workshops internationally and currently teaches into the post-graduate programs in the departments of Education and Creative Writing at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland Australia. www.shelleydavidow.com

Book Reviews:

***Spirit of the Mountain* (Young Adult Fiction)**

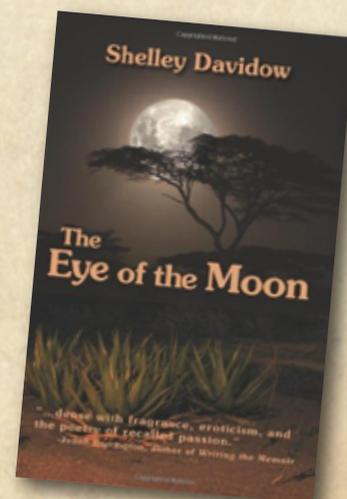
"A fine, strong, delicate story of a girl in mortal danger, who is saved because she brings herself to ask help from powers she does not understand. Emily lives in South Africa, but the voice in her diary is utterly recognisable half the world away — funny and agonisingly true." Ursula K Le Guin (2003)

"*Spirit of the Mountain* is a beautiful and moving story about human strength and fragility, told with wit, intelligence and compassion. Davidow is a remarkably gifted writer." Molly Gloss, author of *Wild Life*



***The Eye of the Moon* (Adult Non-fiction)**

"Daring. Courageous. Brilliant. Beautiful. Scrupulously truthful. *The Eye of the Moon* is unlike anything I've ever read, and so astonishingly good I don't think I'll ever forget it." Molly Gloss, bestselling author of *The Hearts of Horses* and *Falling from Horses*



***Raising Stress-Proof Kids* (Adult Non-fiction)**

"In today's world, parents are aware that our children are suffering stresses that we never did. This book offers simple steps parents can take to help their children cope with the impact of stress at home and school . . . A good addition to the parenting advice bookshelf." Rachel Bentley, Editor, Familiesonline.co.uk

"A compelling, practical and informative guide for every parent." Rollin McCraty, PhD, Institute of HeartMath, California

