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## KAREN KINGSBURY

*writing intensive*

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**Q – May I attend if I have not written my book yet?**

A – Whether you are only dreaming about writing a book or you have finished your manuscript and are wondering what's next ... this intensive course is for you.

**Q – May I bring my spouse or children to the three-day intensive?**

A – No. There are only 120 spots for attendees. Everyone who attends must be registered for the event.

**Q – Is there an age requirement for registering for Karen's intensive?**

A – Attendees must be at least 21 to stay at The Harpeth hotel by themselves. Attendees must be at least 16 to attend Karen's intensive.

**Q – Will Karen's intensive be available online?**

A – No. This intensive is interactive and in-person only.

**Q – What is the dress code for Karen's intensive?**

A – Casual. Please dress comfortably, the way you would dress when attending a college class.

**Q – I want to write a non-fiction book. Will Karen's intensive be helpful to me?**

A – Yes! The best non-fiction writing must include synopses, outlining, narrative, voice, storytelling, editing, publishing, and marketing. All of these will be covered in Karen's intensive.

**Q – What should I bring to Karen’s intensive?**

A – Bring your dreams, a willing heart, and whatever writing you have accomplished in your quest to write the next bestselling book. Also bring the following:

- 1.If you are at the dreamer stage, bring your dreams. This intensive will help you know what to do next, how to write your novel, publish it and market it to an audience.
- 2.If you have begun writing, bring a paper copy of your one-sentence synopsis
- 3.A paper copy of your one-paragraph synopsis
- 4.A paper copy of your one-page synopsis
- 5.A paper copy of your outline with a brief paragraph representing each chapter
- 6.A paper copy of your first three chapters
- 7.You will also email each of these along with your complete manuscript (if you have it)
- 8.You will receive that email address and further instructions upon registering
- 9.Remember, send along only what you have
- 10.You DO NOT need to bring or send any of these items if you do not have them
- 11.Bring a laptop, if you have one
- 12.Bring whatever you need for taking notes

**Q – May I share a room at The Harpeth with another attendee?**

A – If you have a friend who would like to attend the intensive and share a room with you at The Harpeth, please let us know when you register. There are a limited number of double occupancy rooms. The cost for the first person in the room is \$1999. The 2nd person’s registration cost is \$1699. The two of you can work out splitting this cost.

**Q – Can I make payments?**

A – Yes! You may make monthly payments. If you miss the monthly payment deadlines, your spot may be given to someone on our waiting list. If that happens, you would be refunded all but a \$200 convenience fee. If there is no waiting list, you run the risk of losing your money. (See refund policy)

**Q – What is your refund policy?**

A – Our policy is different from the hotel’s policy. If you choose The Harpeth hotel tuition option, you will be purchasing rooms from Karen’s Believe team. The refund policy is this: You have 4 days after registering to request a refund for your deposit – no questions asked. We expect this event to sell out quickly.

Therefore, with your registration we will hold a spot for you. So after the four-day period, there are no refunds except in the case of a doctor-verified illness. Please do not attend if you are exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 or any other illness. Refunds may take up to six weeks to process after receiving a note from your doctor.

**Q – What are your Covid-19 policies?**

A – Franklin, Tennessee is in Williamson County, where there is no mask mandate. Masks are not required for this intensive when in our meeting space. We encourage you to wear a mask to protect yourself if you are concerned about illness.

**Q – May I videotape Karen’s intensive?**

A – No. Video and audio recording is not allowed at the intensive.

**Q – Will Karen read my entire proposal, manuscript, or even a single chapter?**

A – Karen cannot guarantee she will read more than your brief synopsis, but she will share your material with her team. If there is a manuscript in the mix of attendees that is ready for publication, Karen and her team will find it and take it to her publisher, Simon&Schuster. A publishing contract is possible, but not guaranteed.

**Q – Will Karen help me get my book published?**

A – Karen will teach you everything she knows about writing a bestselling novel and getting published. But she cannot personally help you get your book published.

**Q – Will Karen work with me one-on-one to improve my writing?**

A – Karen will spend 30 minutes with each table, hearing your ideas and synopses. She cannot guarantee to work with any attendees one-on-one.

**Q – Are meals included in the intensive?**

A – The welcome dinner is included for all attendees. The three-day intensive will also include morning coffee from Nashville's favorite Honest Coffee Roasters (regular and decaf) ... and a sampling of Nashville's famous local snacks each evening. Water will be provided throughout each session. Outside food and beverages are not allowed in the meeting room, but they are allowed in the hotel common areas.

**Q – Does Karen guarantee I will write a bestselling book after taking her intensive?**

A – No. There are never any guarantees about having your book published. But you will absolutely learn everything Karen knows about writing a bestselling book.

**Q – I'm considering staying at The Harpeth hotel. How many attendees may stay at this property?**

A – If you are interested in staying at The Harpeth, please register as soon as possible. We expect these rooms to sell out quickly.

**Q – Can you please tell me more about The Harpeth hotel?**

A – [Click here](#) to see The Harpeth hotel website. [Click here](#) for a list of FAQs that pertain to The Harpeth hotel property.

(Remember, the hotel refund policy does not apply to Karen's intensive).

**Q – What is there to do in Franklin, TN, and where can I find a list of shops on Main Street in Historic Downtown Franklin?**

A – You can find out more about Franklin by visiting: [visitfranklin.com](http://visitfranklin.com)

**Q – Can I request specific attendees to sit at my table?**

A – Yes! Just make note of this when you register.

**Q – May I purchase a room at The Harpeth hotel on my own, and then pay for the \$1699 tuition only?**

A – Yes, you may. However, The Harpeth rooms booked outside the intensive are very expensive. Karen is giving you a discount on the hotel rooms. You are paying less than her cost.

**Q – How will the table assignments be decided?**

A – Karen’s team will assign attendees to various tables based on their writing experience. Each table will have a mix of writers who are at their current level. This will allow you to connect with your fellow tablemates, and even keep in touch with them long after the intensive ends. A peer group is helpful in the writing process.

**Q – Will there be homework for Karen’s intensive?**

A – Yes! Karen will send you home with assignments to help you master all you learned in her writing intensive. This homework is done on your own time and is not to be submitted to Karen.

**Q – Will Karen continue to coach and teach me after the intensive is over?**

A – No. Karen’s teaching and guaranteed interaction with attendees is limited to the three-day intensive.

**Q – May I upgrade my accommodations to one of The Harpeth hotel suites?**

A – If you are interested in a room upgrade, let us know as soon as possible. Karen’s team will do all they can to help you make this happen, depending on availability.

**Q – May I bring my pet to the intensive?**

A – No. Only if the pet is a registered service animal. There is an additional \$100 fee for this. Be sure to tell us at registration if this applies to you.

**Q – Does The Harpeth allow smoking?**

A – No. The Harpeth hotel is 100% smoke free.

**Q – May I add additional nights to my time at The Harpeth, should I choose that type registration?**

A – Yes! Based on availability, you may add up to four nights before and/or after the intensive. If you do this, be sure to go through Karen, as her team will get you a significant discount for these additional nights.

**Q – Can I attend just for one day for a lower price?**

A – No. If you can only attend one day, that’s fine. But the tuition remains the same. The certificate is only available to students who attend the entire intensive.

**Q – Landmark Booksellers is next door to The Harpeth hotel. Is this the bookstore that inspired Karen’s book and Hallmark movie, The Bridge?**

**A – Yes!** Drop in during your free time and meet Joel and Carol Tomlin, the real-life characters who inspired Karen’s fictitious characters, Charlie and Donna. You will love Landmark!

**Q – Will I receive a certificate upon completion of the course?**

**A – Yes!!** You will receive a Certificate of Completion stating that you completed BELIEVE - Karen Kingsbury Writing Intensive. You may include this achievement on your resume.

**Q – I want to know more about getting a publishing contract. What does that mean?**

**A –** If Karen and her team find a manuscript ready for publication, Karen will take that manuscript to her editor at Simon & Schuster. At that time it would be entirely up to Simon & Schuster to choose to offer a publishing contract to that attendee or not. Typically it is very difficult if not impossible to get your manuscript in front of a publishing house editor. Attending Karen’s writing intensive is certainly one way to be sure your manuscript will be seen. Beyond that there are no guarantees.