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***How to Write Short Poetry – A Free Writing Workshop***

***A Bronx Writers Center Workshop at Barnes & Noble Bay Plaza on Friday, April 20, 6:00pm***

(Bronx, NY – April 9, 2012) Presented by the Bronx Council on the Arts' Bronx Writers Center, ***How to Write Short Poetry*** is a free hands-on workshop for all writers (even the secret ones.) Bring a notebook, pen and prepare to write and share short poetry. The workshop will be held at Barnes & Noble at Bay Plaza on Friday, April 20, 2012, from 6:00-8:00pm. Admission is free and all are welcome.

**Poet/Novelist Anna Purves will teach the workshop.** Ms. Purves is a 1983 graduate of Smith College. She received an MFA in Writing from Sarah Lawrence College in 1995. Anne grew up outside NYC, lived in Barcelona, Spain, and settled in the Bronx in 1992. She has taught creative writing, Honors English and literature at Lehman College/CUNY since 2002. *Elena and the Minotaur*, a novel which was submitted to BRIO, is a work of many years, dedicated to the spirit of empowering people to claim a destiny, especially young women. She received a BRIO award in 2004 for poetry. Her poem *Twin for the Missing One* was published in *Earth's Daughters Literary Journal*. Her essay "Seen and Not Seen" was included in the trade anthology *The Spirit of Pregnancy*.



*How to Write Short Poetry* is one of a series of free workshops for writers produced by the Bronx Writers Center. Upcoming BWC workshops through September 21, 2012 at Barnes and Noble at Bay Plaza are:

- *World Building for Fantasy and Science Fiction Writers* on May 18th,
- *Ask an Editor, Ask an Agent* on June 15th,
- *Getting to the Finish Line: How to Prepare Your Writing for the Next Stage* on July 20th,
- *First Lines: Getting Started on Your Writing Project* on August 17th, and
- *How to Get Your Work Published* on September 21st.

For additional information on this workshop or other events presented by the Bronx Writers Center, call 718-931-9500 x21, e-mail [bronxwriters@bronxarts.org](mailto:bronxwriters@bronxarts.org), or visit the Bronx Writers Center's web pages at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org).

**Barnes & Noble at Bay Plaza** is located at 290 Baychester Avenue in the Co-op City section of the Bronx. To find out about other literary activities at the store, please call 718-862-3945 or visit [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com) (click on "Stores and Events").

**The Bronx Writers Center** supports and develops the appetite for writing and reading in the Bronx. The BWC searches for and promotes new voices and audiences and engages the community in literary and literacy programs.

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