

Transforming the Literary Legacy of Tavistock's Women Writers into Historical Fiction.

Mrs Anna Eliza Bray - Elizabeth Rundle Charles - Frances Thwaite

A Series of Creative Historical Fiction

Writing Workshops raising funds for Tavistock Subscription Library

Workshop 1 – Transforming the life of Anna Eliza Bray (formerly Stothard, née Kempe) (1790 - 1883), a popular Victorian novelist into a work of biographical based historical fiction.

Date: Wednesday, January the 26th

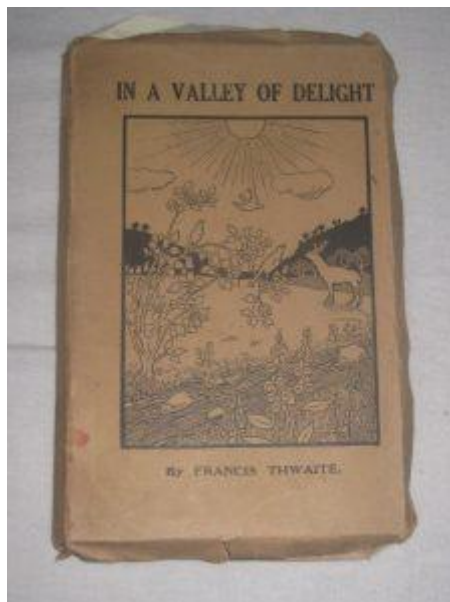
This workshop will incorporate a selection of activities based on the techniques that have transformed the work of Hilary Mantel, Tracy Chevalier and similar historical fiction writers into best-selling novelists.

Workshop 2 – How to create a series of historical detective novels featuring Elizabeth Rundle - Mrs Charles Rundle (January 2nd 1828 - 28th March 1896) - as a Victorian detective.

Date: Wednesday, February the 2nd

Elizabeth was the only child of John Rundle, M.P. for Tavistock. Born at the Bank in Tavistock where she lived until she was eleven. Her early life is described in 'Our Seven Homes' (1896). Elizabeth was 20 when Alfred Lord Tennyson visiting Elizabeth's uncle's house 'Uplands' (Tavistock) praised her poems.

Workshop 3 – Gothic Historical Fiction versus Romantic Historical Fiction? Frances Thwaite



Date: Wednesday, February the 9th

Frances Thwaite's book of poetry (undated) 'In a Valley of Delight' was published by The Tavistock Printing Company, Limited "Gazette Office" possibly in the 1920s.

Information about the workshops:

All the workshops will:

Time: Start at 1.30pm and finish at 4pm.

Content: Will include structured creative writing activities and a work pack to take away on the theme of each workshop.

Venue: The Tavistock Subscription Library, Guildhall Square, Tavistock, PL19 0AE

Please note: There are only 6 places available for this workshop and places must be booked and paid for in advance.

Facilitator: Myfanwy (Vanni) Cook is the *New Voices* Features Editor for the Historical Novel Society's Magazine – www.historicalnovelsociety.org and see www.myfanwycook.com for further information.

Cost: £9 per workshop (£6 for Subscription Library members) including a work pack with details of the session's activities etc. (This is a fund-raising event for the Tavistock Subscription Library. All proceeds except for the cost of photocopies will go to the Subscription Library.).

Booking: From 2nd January, booking forms are available by request to "Contact the Library" at www.tavistocksubscriptionlibrary.co.uk.