

A letter from the 2nd Place winner of our "Meet the Authors Contest":

Dear Writers' Workshop,

Thank you so very much for honoring me with Second Place in your "Meet the Authors Contest". Every writer's dream is to be able to meet and spend time with "literary lions," and that dream came true for me.

E.L. Doctorow ("The March") and his wife, Helen, were most hospitable and lovely to host our meeting at their beautiful home in Sag Harbor, Long Island. Peter Matthiessen ('08 National Book Award winner for "Shadow Country") joined us there, and when I met them all it was like reuniting with old friends. Helen Doctorow is a gorgeous Southern belle from Hickory, NC, and the author of "Pretty Redwing". I was quite moved that writers of their stature would spend time with me, as well as present me with autographed books. They were encouraging and kind and answered questions about their own work. They also had wonderful suggestions about my work, and when I came home I was filled with great energy to keep writing! So, your gift to me was great, and I will be eternally thankful to The Writers' Workshop for what was a life-changing trip! - Lane Stewart