

Low-Residency MFA in Writing for Children & Young Adults faculty information:

## **Alexandria LaFaye**

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**Biography:** Raised in Wisconsin, A. LaFaye currently lives in Cabot, AR and spends most of her time, reading, writing, teaching, and visiting schools. She's published nine novels including the Scott O'Dell Award winning *Worth* and her most recent title *Stella Stands Alone*. She has a BA in History from the University of Minnesota, an MA in Children's Literature from Hollins University, and an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Memphis. She's written mostly historical novels, but she also has two reality based fantasy titles including the upcoming book *Water Steps*.

### **I Am Happy to Work with Students in the Following Genres/Areas:**

I'm happy to work with students in any genre, but I have to admit to having a bias against Romance stories. I've worked with students in almost every genre. I've taught creative writing for the last 10 years and love it. I hope to have a shelf full of my student's publications. I have two on that shelf already and am eager to add more.

### **Other Things to Know About Me as an Advisor:**

My approach to creative writing is craft based, genre specific, and focused on the skills, interests, and goals of the individual writer(s) I'm working with. I can work with e-mailed or hard copy submissions. I provide detailed page by page feedback and a comprehensive letter at the end of the manuscript. I love using "forms analysis" as a tool for learning more about writing and offer essay suggestions based on the skills the individual writer is struggling with in the submissions I read. I like to have my students read my critiques and comments, then discuss it over the phone after each packet, but I'm also open to communicating via e-mail.

### **Books of Mine I Recommend That You Read:**

*Worth*, *The Year of the Sawdust Man*, and *Stella Stands Alone*