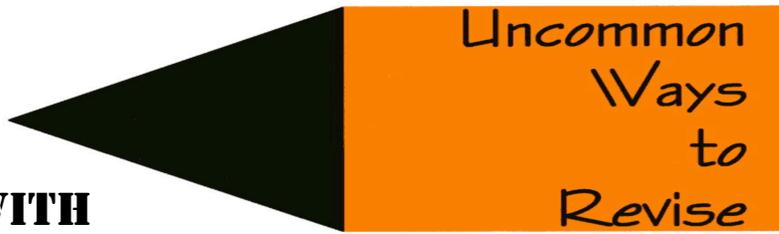


# NOVEL REVISION RETREAT



## WITH **Darcy Pattison**

Have you completed a middle grade or young adult novel? Are you ready to focus on revision with a creative leader who will encourage you to look at your novel with fresh eyes, and give you concrete steps to improve your work? Join us for a working weekend to focus on what your novel needs.

### NOVEL REVISION RETREAT with Darcy Pattison

July 23-25, 2010

at

**Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center, North Andover, MA**

Pattison, author of Novel Metamorphosis: Uncommon Ways to Revise and numerous children's books, structures the weekend so that each participant gets maximum feedback for his or her novel. The weekend includes small groups (manuscript exchange 4-6 weeks ahead of time to allow time for reading). You will take an inventory of your book, and work through a revision process that will:

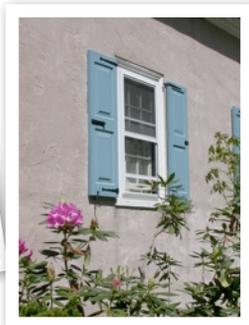
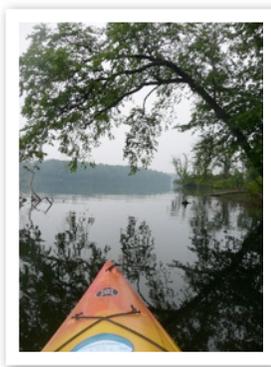
- Cut straight to the heart of your manuscript's problems
- Develop your writing and editing skills
- Understand the critical underlying structure of your story
- Learn theory as you work
- Spark in-depth discussions in your critique group

Kirby Larson, whose *Hattie Big Sky* was awarded the 2007 Newbery Honor Book Award winner, said: "*I didn't know anything about revising until I took Darcy's Novel Revision Retreat. I finally 'got it' that reworking a manuscript is not revising. To revise something means to re-vision it, to see it through a new lens. The workshop and the Novel Metamorphosis workbook moved me from wordsmith to novel writer.*"



*"I attended Darcy's Novel Revision Workshop in July 2006.  
I revamped the entire story using the techniques Darcy taught in the workbook.  
The very first editor who read the revised manuscript bought the book."*

**Kristin O'Donnell Tubb**, author of  
*Autumn Winifred Oliver Does Things Different*



### Requirements to attend:

1. You must have a completed draft of novel.
2. You must agree to do pre-conference homework.
3. You must agree to read three other drafts of novels before the retreat. The group sessions are based on the assumption that you have read the other person's novel.
4. You must purchase and read two books and you'll need four copies of your manuscript.

### Weekend rates include room and board (Friday dinner through Sunday brunch) and tuition:

**Single room= \$433.50** (\$223.50 to Rolling Ridge, \$210 tuition payable to Anne Broyles)

**Double room=\$392.50** (\$182.50 to Rolling Ridge, \$210 tuition payable to Anne Broyles)

**Triple room= \$384.50** (\$174.50 to Rolling Ridge, \$210 tuition payable to Anne Broyles)

### How to register (2 steps)

- 1) Send a \$210 check (payable to Anne Broyles) to 640 Great Pond Road, North Andover, MA 01845.
- 2) Call or email Rolling Ridge Retreat Center (978-682-8815, [agw@rollingridge.org](mailto:agw@rollingridge.org)) to reserve your room. Major credit cards accepted.
- Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your place, a deposit of \$210 is due by May 1, 2010.
- Early Bird Rate: If you pay in full by April 1, tuition is \$185.
- No refunds after June 1, 2010.

### Additional information

- Check-in for the retreat begins Friday, July 23 at 1 p.m. Our first session will be at 3 p.m. The retreat ends Sunday, July 25 at 11 a.m.
- Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center is a 40-room Georgian Manor on 38 acres of woods, rolling hills and lakefront. Kayaks and canoes are available. There are trails along Lake Cochichewick and two outdoor labyrinths to enjoy. For more info, see [www.rollingridge.org](http://www.rollingridge.org).
- Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center is halfway between Boston Logan Airport and Manchester Boston Regional Airport (Manchester, NH).
- Vegetarian meals are always available. Other dietary needs met with prior notice.
- Once you are accepted, you will receive information on books to order and how to submit your manuscript.

### Why not treat yourself while you're at Rolling Ridge?

Come a day early. Write. Sit on a bench by the lake. Go out in a kayak or canoe. Walk one of the labyrinths. Or enjoy a personal spa day (massage, reflexology and reiki available). \$58/single room; \$37.50 double; \$33.50/triple (meals extra).

For more information, contact: Anne Broyles: [annebroyles@annebroyles.com](mailto:annebroyles@annebroyles.com)