

Writer's Retreat

at the



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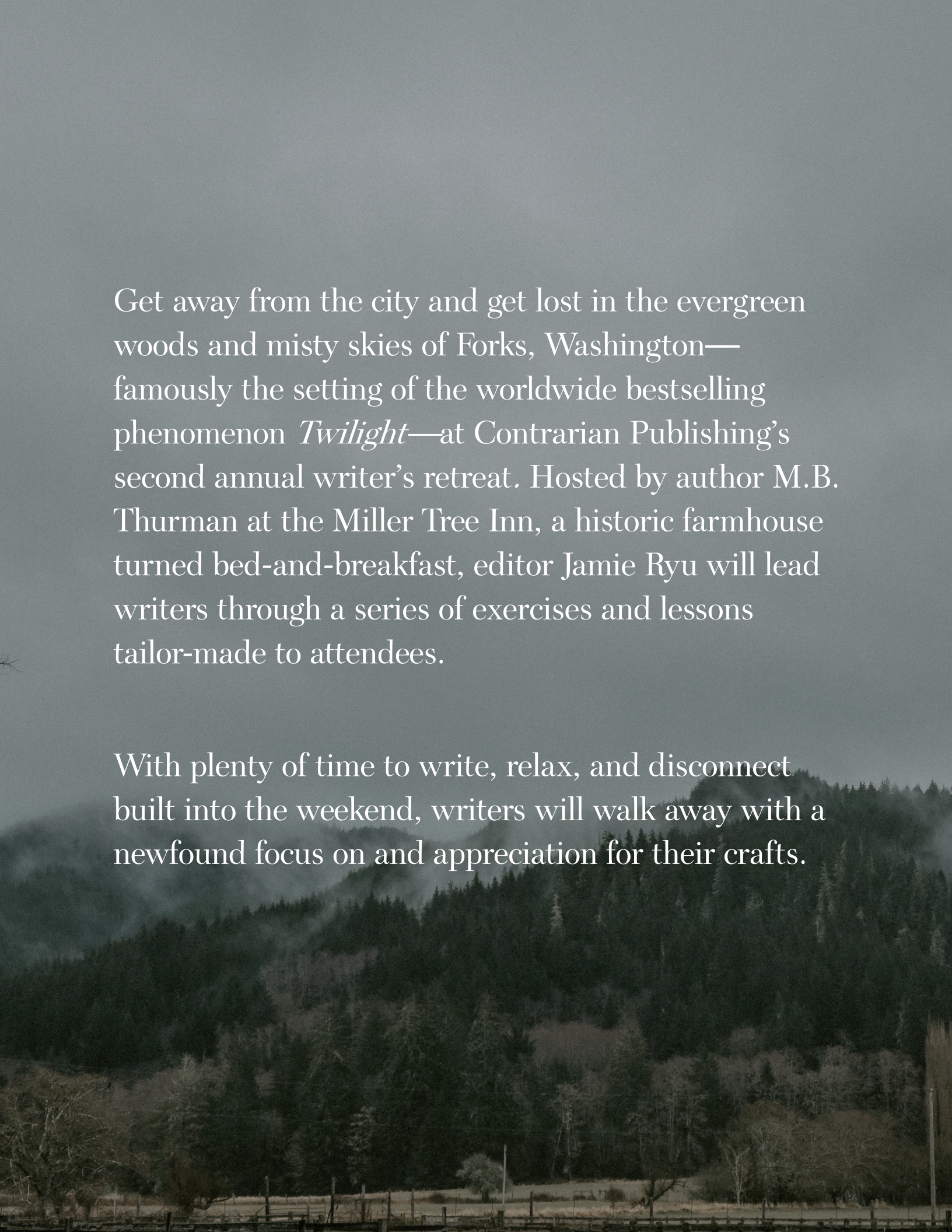
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March 12, 2026 - March 16, 2026

Forks, WA

The background of the image is a misty, forested landscape. In the foreground, there is a wooden fence and some bare trees. The middle ground is filled with dense evergreen trees, and the background shows more forested hills under a grey, overcast sky. The overall mood is serene and quiet.

Get away from the city and get lost in the evergreen woods and misty skies of Forks, Washington—famously the setting of the worldwide bestselling phenomenon *Twilight*—at Contrarian Publishing’s second annual writer’s retreat. Hosted by author M.B. Thurman at the Miller Tree Inn, a historic farmhouse turned bed-and-breakfast, editor Jamie Ryu will lead writers through a series of exercises and lessons tailor-made to attendees.

With plenty of time to write, relax, and disconnect built into the weekend, writers will walk away with a newfound focus on and appreciation for their crafts.

What's Included?

Every ticket holder will gain access to specially designed courses throughout the weekend and one-on-one consultation time with Contrarian Publishing's editor, along with the usual Miller Tree Inn accommodations of breakfast, relaxing rooms, and access to the Inn's cozy common areas. There will be ample opportunity to ask questions, connect with other writers, and—most importantly—sit down to write!

At the end of the event, all attendees will have the option to be put into a chatroom together so they can continue to keep in touch and collaborate. Attendees will also receive 10% off a future Contrarian Publishing service, up to \$1000!

Email marybeth@millertreeinn.com to book!

* Please note that working with an editor does not guarantee future success in publishing. Publishing is not a one-size fits all model!

Thursday, March 12, 2026

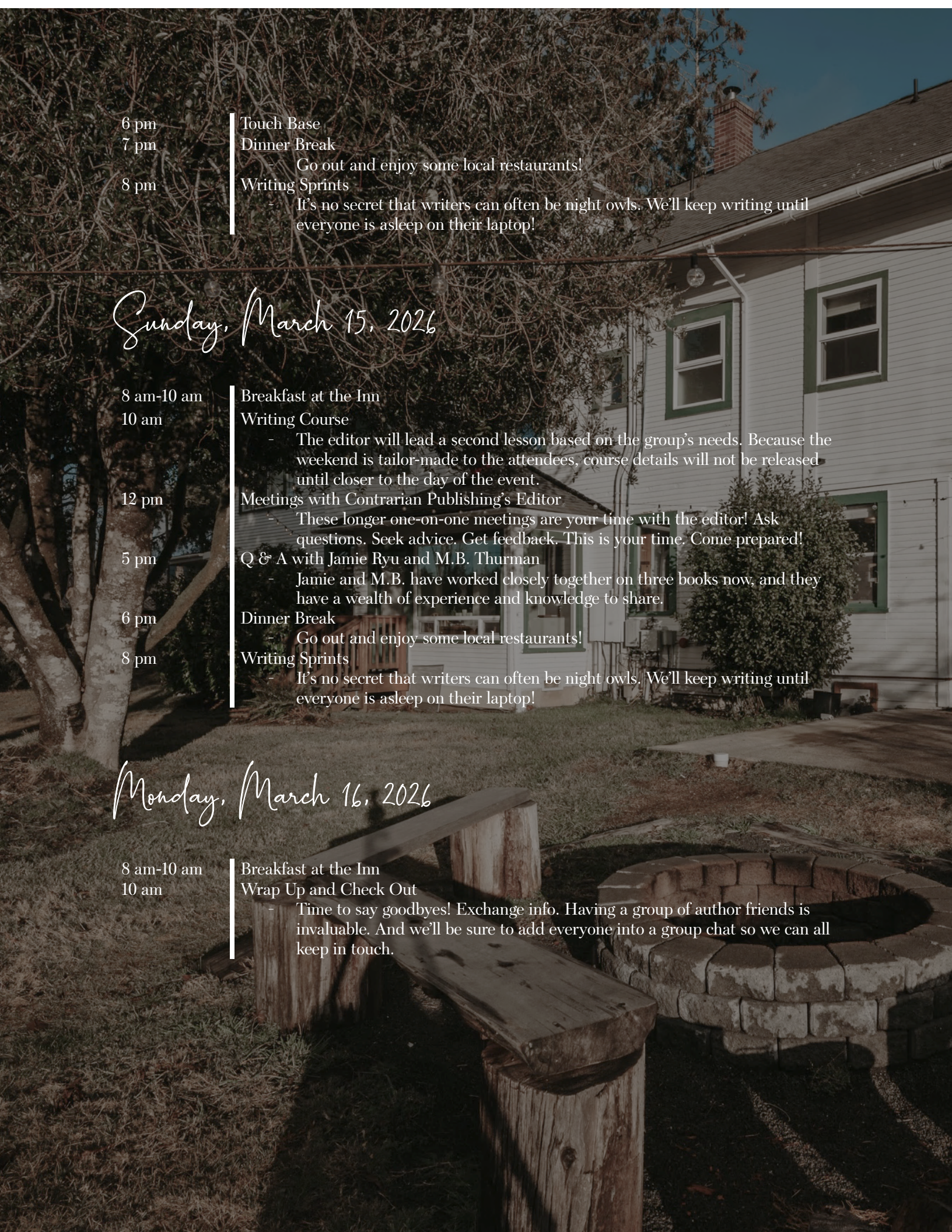
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| 4 pm | Check-Ins |
| | - Get settled and get ready for a weekend of writing! |
| 5:30 pm | Introductions |
| | - Mingle and get to know your fellow authors! |
| 7 pm | Dinner and Mingling |
| | - Go out and enjoy a local restaurant as a group! |

Friday, March 13, 2026

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| 8 am-10 am | Breakfast at the Inn |
| 10 am | Meetings with Contrarian Publishing's Editor |
| | - Sit down one-on-one with the editor and figure out what you want out of the weekend. Are you trying to refocus on your novel? Trying to get started? This is the time to set your goals. When you're not talking with the editor, relax and write. |
| 12 pm | Free Write |
| | - This is what writer's retreats are all about. Sit by the window with some tea. Curl up in your room. Take a journey out into the woods. And just write. (Please also use this time to eat!) |
| 6 pm | Touch Base |
| 7 pm | Dinner Break |
| | - Go out and enjoy some local restaurants! |
| 8 pm | Writing Sprints |
| | - It's no secret that writers can often be night owls. We'll keep writing until everyone is asleep on their laptop! |

Saturday, March 14, 2026

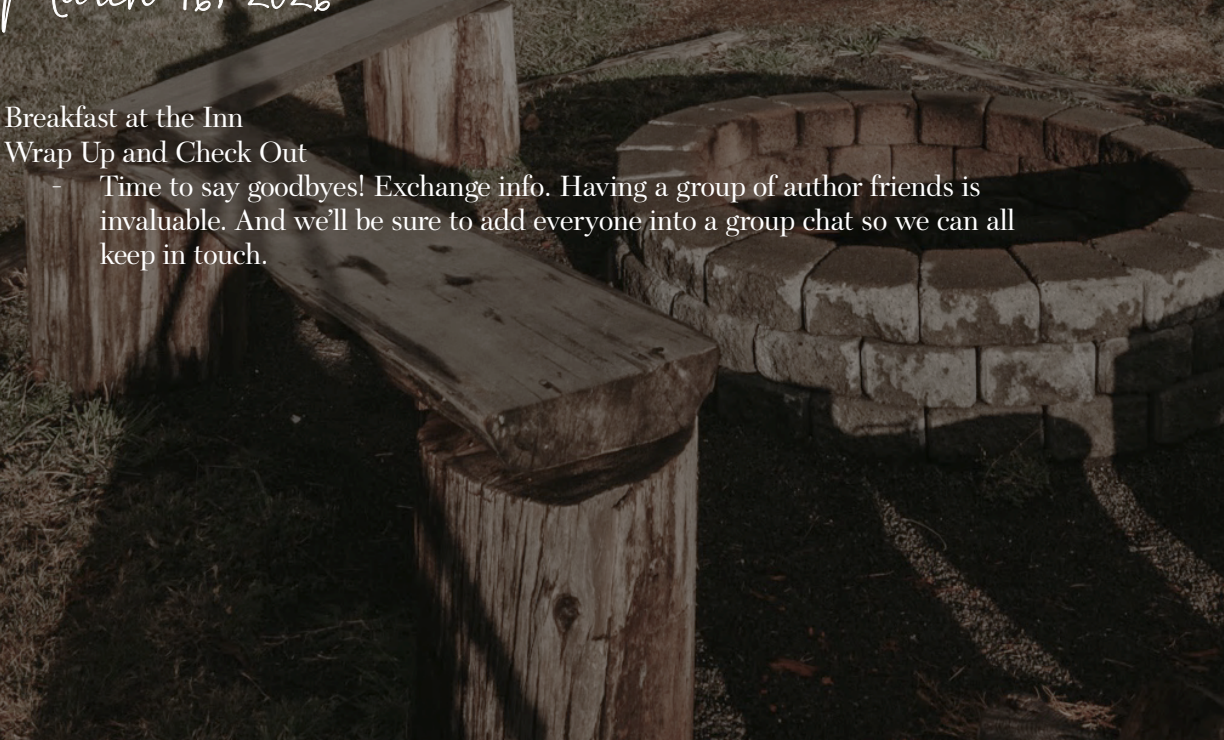
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| 8 am-10 am | Breakfast at the Inn |
| 10 am | Writing Course |
| | - The editor will lead a lesson based on the group's needs. Because the weekend is tailor-made to the attendees, course details will not be released until closer to the day of the event. |
| 12 pm | Free Write |
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| 7 pm | Dinner Break <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Go out and enjoy some local restaurants! |
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Sunday, March 15, 2026

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| 8 am-10 am | Breakfast at the Inn |
| 10 am | Writing Course <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The editor will lead a second lesson based on the group's needs. Because the weekend is tailor-made to the attendees, course details will not be released until closer to the day of the event. |
| 12 pm | Meetings with Contrarian Publishing's Editor <ul style="list-style-type: none">- These longer one-on-one meetings are your time with the editor! Ask questions. Seek advice. Get feedback. This is your time. Come prepared! |
| 5 pm | Q & A with Jamie Ryu and M.B. Thurman <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jamie and M.B. have worked closely together on three books now, and they have a wealth of experience and knowledge to share. |
| 6 pm | Dinner Break <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Go out and enjoy some local restaurants! |
| 8 pm | Writing Sprints <ul style="list-style-type: none">- It's no secret that writers can often be night owls. We'll keep writing until everyone is asleep on their laptop! |

Monday, March 16, 2026

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| 8 am-10 am | Breakfast at the Inn |
| 10 am | Wrap Up and Check Out <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Time to say goodbyes! Exchange info. Having a group of author friends is invaluable. And we'll be sure to add everyone into a group chat so we can all keep in touch. |
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Pricing for the Weekend

Price Per Room

Room	1 Guest	2 Guests	3 Guests	4 Guests
Orchard Suite	\$1,140	\$1,440	\$1,860	\$2,260
Elk View	\$1,140	\$1,440	\$1,860	—
Ella's Suite	\$1,100	\$1,400	\$1,800	—
Peterson Perch	\$1,150	\$1,450	—	—
Weathervane	\$1,080	\$1,425	—	—
Country Clover	\$1,080	\$1,380	—	—
Cedar Creek	\$1,060	\$1,360	—	—
Sunset	\$980	\$1,280	—	—

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Elk View	\$1,140	\$720	\$620	—
Ella's Suite	\$1,100	\$700	\$600	—
Peterson Perch	\$1,150	\$725	—	—
Weathervane	\$1,080	\$713	—	—
Country Clover	\$1,080	\$690	—	—
Cedar Creek	\$1,060	\$680	—	—
Sunset	\$980	\$640	—	—

Email marybeth@millertreeinn.com to book. Those curious about accommodations can visit <https://www.millertreeinn.com/accommodation/>

Cancellations and Refunds

A deposit of 50% of the total cost of your stay is due at the time of booking. Final payment is due at your time of check-in on March 12, 2026.

Because this is a ticketed event, we do ask that those who must cancel let us know as far in advance as you can.

Cancellations up to 120 days before the event start date will receive a refund of 75% of the deposit.

Cancellations 120-90 days before the event start date will receive a refund of 50% of the deposit.

Cancellations 90-60 days before the event start date will receive a refund of 25% of the deposit.

Cancellations within 60 days of the event start date will not receive a refund on the deposit.

Please note that bookings are not transferable. If you can no longer make it and someone you know is interested in your place, you must reach out to marybeth@millertreeinn.com.

Thank you for your understanding.

About the Hosts

CONTRARIAN PUBLISHING is a full-service self-publisher offering publication as well as á la carte services. They will edit your novel, manage your book schedule, design your cover, track your sales, and more. And Contrarian, authors have input and feel empowered and supported. You should be able to publish and share your story with the world, and Contrarian wants more than anything to help you bring your book to life. Visit www.contrarianpublishing.com to learn more.

Jamie Ryu worked for Big 5 powerhouse publishing companies like Macmillan and HarperCollins before forging her own path as the founder of Contrarian Publishing. With ample editing experience and a degree in Comparative Literature from New York University, she is well-equipped to help writers unlock the full potential of the stories they're meant to tell and aid them in pursuing their goals, whether that be traditional publishing or indie publishing.

For over thirty years, **THE MILLER TREE INN** has been a home away from home for tourists who visit year-round to explore the rainforest and the wild beaches of the west Olympic Peninsula. Their historic farmhouse offers a variety of rooms, each with their own unique charm and layouts. They offer a homemade breakfast to fuel your day of exploring and a relaxing atmosphere to decompress after your adventures. From their larger suites right down to their cozier rooms for two, you're sure to find what you're looking for in one of the eight guest rooms. Visit www.millertreeinn.com to learn more.

M.B. Thurman traded her career as an executive assistant to fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming an author. She spends her time writing and running and remodeling the notable Miller Tree Inn Bed & Breakfast, of which she is the proud owner. Though her Southern roots run deep, Thurman has adapted to the lifestyle of the beautiful Pacific Northwest with her husband and feisty feline, Midnight.

An avid traveler, Thurman's book settings are inspired by the stunning places she's visited—especially by areas of the world that brim with magic and echo ancient marvels. The first three books in the Summoned Series—*Summoned*, *Crossed*, and *Forged*—are available now.