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## Writing A Blockbuster Novel

### *Upcoming Conference for Aspiring Fiction Writers*

**Round Rock, TX** — Local author Dr. Lila Guzman will be the guest speaker at a one-day fiction writer's workshop entitled *The Hero's Journey — Writing A Blockbuster Novel*. The event will be held on Saturday, June 14th, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on the campus of the First Baptist Church, 306 Round Rock Avenue in Round Rock, Texas.

The workshop is sponsored by The CenTex Chapter of American Christian Fiction Writers (ACFW). Dr. Guzman will discuss the basics of the Hero and the Journey and how these time-tested story techniques influenced two of her children's books: *Lorenzo and the Turncoat* and *Kichi in Jungle Jeopardy*. To get the most out of this seminar, attendees can go to: [www.lilaguzman.com](http://www.lilaguzman.com) and print out the first chapters of these two books and bring those pages to the seminar with them.

The conference will cover other tips for writing blockbuster novels, including: *Avoiding Sagging Middles, Scenes and Sequels, Writing a Synopsis and Creating Loglines*.

The \$35 cost includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and all handouts. There is still time to sign up. Registration is limited, however, and is on a first come/first served basis. For workshop and registration information visit the CenTex home page at <http://home.austin.rr.com/linharris/centex.html> or call (512) 238-1915.

**Award-winning author Lila Guzmán** writes young adult and children's novels from her home in Round Rock. *Lorenzo and the Pirate* debuts in 2008 and is the 4th book in the Lorenzo series. The Lorenzo novels follow a teenage boy's adventures during the American Revolution. *Lorenzo and the Turncoat* received the 2006 Arizona Authors Literary Award. She also has written six books in her famous Latino series, including biographies on baseball great Roberto Clemente, comedian George Lopez, astronaut Ellen Ochoa and artist Diego Rivera. She holds a Ph.D. in Spanish and a commission in the United States Navy.

Dr. Guzman will have a book signing at the Barnes & Noble in La Frontera Center in Round Rock, on Friday evening, June 13th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Vouchers will be available from CenTex Chapter members in advance and at the book signing that evening. A percentage of all sales of all merchandise/books on that date will go to the CenTex Chapter of ACFW. She will also raffle off a chance for teachers to win a school visit/speech by the author.

ACFW is a 1600-member strong group of authors, editors, agents, publicists and aspiring writers. The mission of the CenTex Chapter of the ACFW is to encourage writers of Christian fiction, develop their skills, educate them in the market and be a fellowship for writers of like interests. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at the First Baptist Church in Round Rock. For more information, including a map/driving directions, see: <http://home.austin.rr.com/linharris/centex.html>

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**If you would like to interview Dr. Lila Guzman, please contact Stefanie Morris at (512) 272-9187.**