



# Kiss of Death Inaugural Cruise Retreat



**Sunday, March 9, 2025 - Sunday, March 16, 2025**

We are excited to announce the first ever Kiss of Death Writer's Retreat Cruise. The cruise will sail roundtrip from Los Angeles, California aboard the Norwegian Bliss.

The ship will visit four ports of call in the Mexican Rivera including Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlán and Ensenada. There will be two at-sea days filled with workshops from our featured speakers, as well as one on one sessions and small group sessions available.

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## **Registration Costs [paid to Kiss of Death]**

**There is a non-refundable administration fee of \$150/registration**

Kiss of Death members will have an exclusive registration period. Early Bird rate — \$400. NWC = \$200.

Regular Registration (open to all writers) \$500. NWC = \$250

Late Registration (if space permits) \$600. NWC = \$300

## **Cruise Fares [paid to Norwegian Cruise Line]**

	Club Balcony	Balcony	Inside Cabin
Double Occupancy	\$4034.16	\$3738.90	\$3259.16
Single Occupancy	\$3276.83	\$2999.05	\$2393.73

The rates quoted above are subject to change until a deposit is paid.

**Deposit of \$125 per person required to lock fare.**

Please note the Group specialist provided the most all-inclusive rate possible for our members. This rate includes travel insurance, airfare and transfers, drink and dining packages and more. Many of these items are optional and adjusting them could lower the cruise fare from that listed above.

**Flight Cost [Gateway: NYC] and is subject to change based on airport.**

**Additional Cabin Options are available upon request.**

**Deposit is fully refundable until 11/9/24 when final payment is due**

**Club Balcony Include:** Prepaid service charges, unlimited beverage package, 2 specialty dining, 300 minutes of wifi for the cabin, \$50 shore excursion credit per port per cabin, 1 bag of laundry, travel insurance, airfare, and transportation to and from port

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**Inside Cabin Include:** Prepaid service charges, unlimited beverage package, 1 specialty dining, travel insurance, airfare, and transportation to and from port

**Registrants will book directly with Norwegian, Group Code will be provided in Registration packet.**

**Registration is limited to 50 writers.**

While registration is limited to fifty writers, you can bring a non-writer companion or a guest. The non-writer companion (NWC) fare includes entrance to all retreat *social events*, and *the same swag as registered writers*.

Want to bring the whole family? Good News, you can book additional rooms. However, ALL Kiss of Death events are restricted to attendees over 18, and attendance at Kiss of Death events (including Social gatherings) requires registration as a writer or for social events only, a Non-Writing Companion.

Need more than one Stateroom? No Problem. Once you register you will receive the group code to book your cruise.

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## Featured Speakers

**Jacki Renée** is a lifelong learner and an indie published author with a passion for ideas. She uses her educational and professional backgrounds and love of research to help clients and workshop participants develop business plans that not only focus on visions, strategies, short-term and long-term objectives, but also helps them understand the business side of writing. Writing is a business. What's your plan?

**SG Redling** is the author of more than a half dozen novels, including the best-selling thrillers, *FLOWERTOWN* and *THE WIDOW FILE*. A former morning radio host and avid traveler, Sheila is also a language geek, wine enthusiast, and a so-so gardener. She currently lives in her home state of West Virginia with a wide array of wildlife. She is the 2022 recipient of the WVLA Literary Merit Award. You can find out more about Sheila on her website: [sgredling.com](http://sgredling.com).

**Tobi Doyle** is a hybrid romance author. Tobi has published over a dozen romance books. She writes HEAs with heat and humor, romantic suspense, and cozy mysteries. She is the recipient of the 2022 Romance Writer of America PRO Mentor of the Year, and a Service Award for her work on RWA's Pen to Paper, a guide to romance writing. She's also the past President of RWA's romantic suspense chapter, Kiss of Death, a member of Central Ohio Fiction Writers, and other local writing groups.

**John J Goold** John Goold is a retired Chief Deputy District Attorney and former peace officer with 45 years experience in California law enforcement and prosecution of all types of criminal cases from theft to multiple murder. He was the Stanislaus County District Attorney's office spokesperson during the case of the People vs Scott Peterson for the murder of his wife Laci Peterson and her unborn child Connor. He will speak on what is involved in investigating and taking criminal cases to jury trial. He will also tell you why Scott Peterson is truly guilty of Laci and Connor's murders.

**Krysta Lynne** With a degree in History gathering dust, Krysta Lynne spends her free time coloring outside the lines writing novels that range from a writer's notebook which she uses to organize the details of the many projects on her desk to speculative romance, Wiccan inspirational romance, and romantic suspense to small town romance. She believes *plotting* is a bad word, a villainous character deserves a happy ending, and that writing death scenes for all of her characters is a requirement, so that she can push her characters to their breaking point.

## Featured Workshops

### **Writing is a business. What's your plan?** with **Jacki Renée**

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Writing is a business and that makes you an entrepreneur. Every successful entrepreneur has a business plan. An author's business plan can be a living summary document or a detailed living document. What matters most is that every authorpreneur should have a plan that is the roadmap for the vision for their career. In this class, we will take a deep dive into your mindset, examine your behaviors, and help you understand the value of your author business before you write your author business plan. Attendees will receive a special handout for this workshop.

### **Character Driven Revisions** with **Tobi Doyle & SG Redling**

Is your story falling flat? Got a saggy middle? Beta-readers not connecting with your characters? We'll discuss how your characters' emotional wounds drive your plot, hook your readers, and make your book a page-turner. They'll help you create characters that stick with your reader!

### **Book Mapping** with **Tobi Doyle & SG Redling**

A book map is a visual guide to your book. It breaks your story down, chapter by chapter, scene by scene, so you can see exactly what you have—AND what you don't. It allows you to be your own developmental editor. Find out how to create a book map to visually track the plot, characters, conflict, and more, find pacing issues and unnecessary scenes, follow plot lines and discover plot holes, and track character growth throughout the story. Pantsers LOVE this workshop, and plotters do too.

### **What the Hell am I writing?** with **Tobi Doyle & SG Redling**

Maybe you've got a great story idea, or written a story, and when asked, you're not sure what kind of book it is. Where does it fit on the bookshelf? We'll talk about the different genre promises, and what the readers', publishers', and editors' expectations are.

### **Law Enforcement Workshop** with **John J. Goold**

TV and the media take shortcuts when presenting criminal cases to their viewers but authors can't. Come find out what it takes to make an arrest vs. convicting someone in court of a serious crime. Several actual case examples will be presented including the notorious crime by Scott Peterson who was convicted of murdering his wife and unborn son.

### **Channeling the Chaos** with **Krysta Lynne**

Krysta will be hosting a range of small group events on the ship during port days including brainstorming, writing sprints, and sharing ways to channel the chaos for non-plotters (also good for plotters to quick plot).

## *Kiss of Death Events Schedule*

<b>Day</b>	<b>Land Tours And Cruise Ports</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Depart</b>
<b>Sun</b>	Los Angeles, California	---	4:00 PM
<b>Mon</b>	At Sea	---	---
<b>Tue</b>	Cabo San Lucas, Mexico	11:00 AM	7:00 PM
<b>Wed</b>	Puerto Vallarta, Mexico	12:00 PM	8:00 PM
<b>Thu</b>	Mazatlán, Mexico	7:00 AM	2:00 PM
<b>Fri</b>	At Sea	---	---
<b>Sat</b>	Ensenada, Mexico	12:00 PM	7:00 PM
<b>Sun</b>	Los Angeles, California (Flight Departure)	7:00 AM	---

### **Sunday:**

Welcome Reception & Dinner

### **Monday:**

Workshops & Lunch

### **Tuesday-Thursday:**

Free time in Port

1:1 Sessions [appointment]

AM Tue/Wed Small Groups

PM Thursday Small Groups

Moonlight Cocktails Wednesday

6PM Dinner Thursday

### **Friday:**

Workshops & Lunch

### **Saturday:**

Free time in Port

1:1 Sessions with Jacki Renée by appointment

8PM Farewell Dinner

### **Sunday:**

Breakfast (Optional)

**Schedule is subject to change**

**Questions: Email Tiana  
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