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## Meet the 26 writers in their own words

### **Rebecca Dowman**

Rebecca writes for businesses for a living and composes poems for kicks. She lives in West Sussex with her husband and their wayward whippet.

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### **Galen O'Hanlon**

Galen O'Hanlon is a freelance writer in London. All the rafts he built as a boy sank.

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### **Aidan Baker**

Aidan Baker is a retired librarian living in Cambridge, England. His work has appeared in East Anglia Bylines, several 26 Characters projects, and many other outlets.

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### **Jeannie MacLean**

Jeannie is a memoir writer, although not as important as Moominpapa, still believes in the power of reflective creativity. Lives, works and dreams in rural Scotland.

### **Anna Dewis**

I'm a verbal brand consultant and creative copywriter working in b2b and b2c markets. I write about everything from concrete to camembert, pigs to private banking.

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### **Irene Lofthouse**

Irene's work encompasses genres, ages, fiction, fact, plays, performances, educational, film content and narrative. Storytelling's 'where she comes into her own', school report, age six. Fulfilling potential ongoing.

### **John Sills**

John Sills is a part-time writer and professional commuter, based wherever his notepad is (usually in London). He particularly enjoys people-watching in the most mundane human moments.

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### **Carmen Lavin**

Carmen lives and writes between the South Downs and the sea, inspired by students she has taught from the Shetlands to Southampton, changing histories and landscapes.

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### **Francesca Baker**

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### **Sarah Farley**

Sarah Farley used to own a dive shop in the Caribbean but gave it up to follow the dream: helping other people find their writing voice.

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### **Rowena Roberts**

Rowena Roberts guides you deeper into your writing, with creative and intuitive courses and coaching at Words Inspire. What words want to come out of you?

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**Margaret Kenna**

A Human Resource Consultant, currently writing a book for The Economist called Giving Good Feedback. Novels, poems and "26" projects provide creative space, development and fun.

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**Leah Royden**

A New Zealand-based copywriter and psychotherapist, forever delighted and disturbed by words. Likes dark beer and darker fiction, tries to avoid clichés like the plague.

**Jax P**

Jax P's a multimodal writer with a love for collaboration. Her writing plays with juxtaposition whilst using layers of text to engage emotions in the reader.

**Carmen McCormack**

When not helping brands find their groove, Carmen McCormack reads a lot, lake swims a little, and, when the sun shines, hangs out on the allotment.

**Lacy Rohre**

Lacy Rohre writes communications and policies for video games. She lives among the brush and wildflowers in central Texas, USA, with her husband and twin boys.

**Jane Berney**

Jane Berney has lived on words for most of her life. A member of the NZ Chapter of 26, she believes we can write the world.

**Vanwy MacDonald-Arif**

Vanwy MacDonald-Arif is a poet and short-story writer. A graduate of children's homes and foster homes herself, Vanwy always adored Becky Sharp's savoir-faire,chutzpah, and courage.

**Kaye Brennan**

Kaye Brennan gets to tell stories - the happy endings and the horror - through her work as an environmental campaigner at the Wildlife Trust.

**Wendy Sacks Jones**

Wendy Sacks Jones is a writer and journalist, a former BBC correspondent, now trying to write novels.

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### **Alex Ruby Mawson-Harris**

Sobbed watching *The Secret Garden* (1993) as a child. 'Why didn't you call me Mary Lennox, Mum?'.  
Creative and Professional (MA) Writing. Learning to grow roses.

### **Nick Carson**

Nick Carson is a copywriter and content strategist. He collaborates with design agencies on brand storytelling, tone of voice and verbal strategy briefs.

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### **Miranda Dickinson**

Miranda Dickinson is the Sunday Times Bestselling author of 13 contemporary and crime fiction novels. She has sold one million books worldwide, translated into 15 languages.

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### **Suchandrika Chakrabarti**

Suchandrika Chakrabarti is a writer from London. After 16 years as a journalist, she is now pivoting to comedy. She was orphaned at 19 years old.

### **Vikki Heywood**

Following a notable career including Chairman of 14-18 Now, Unboxed – a celebration of creativity and CEO Royal Shakespeare Company, Vikki's debut novel awaits publication – another is in gestation.

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### **John Simmons**

John Simmons is co-founder of 26 and Dark Angels, a writer for brands, created 'tone of voice' with books on that subject plus novels and poetry.

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