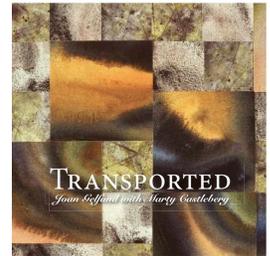
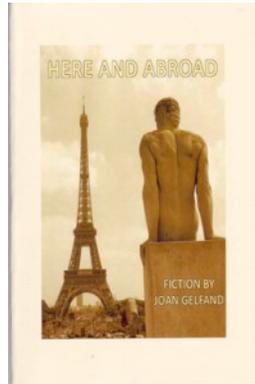
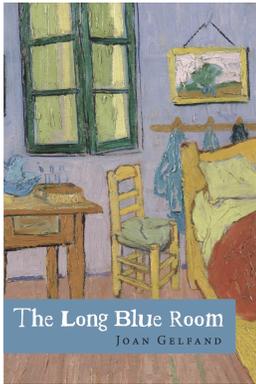


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**Joan Gelfand** Award Winning Writer/Speaker/Coach



Joan has been lauded as a dynamic and inspiring speaker by conference organizers around the country. She has addressed writers of The Women's National Book Association and delivered Mentor Talks on Publishing.

Joan has also been a regular speaker at the internationally attended San Francisco Writers Conference since 2010. She has shared the stage with such luminaries as Willie Brown, Mark Kurlansky (Bestselling author of "Salt,") Michael McClure, Al Young, Diane DiPrima, Amy Tan, Jack Hirschman, Richard Levine and Kathi Kamen Goldmark.

*"Your talk was fabulous. You are a fantastic presenter, very dynamic and straightforward. Your in-depth knowledge and all the experience you bring to your audience was so appreciated by all the writers. You expertly answered their deepest questions and helped to guide them to a fuller understanding of the publishing world and "How To Get Published". Thank you for honoring us with your time and your robust presentation."*

**Suzanne Lyons, Events Manager - Oaxaca Lending Library – Jan. 2017**

*"Thank you so much for your participation as a poetry track presenter for the 2016 San Francisco Writers Conference! Your passion carried through to those in the room and beyond into the track as a whole. Attendees went home with new excitement, inspiration, and tools to build their writing careers. And they're letting the conference organizers know about it! Seriously, you've been mentioned by name in five star reviews."*

**Lissa Provost, Poetry Liaison, San Francisco Writer's Conference, March 2016**

*"Joan presented our audience at the National Association of Memoir Writers a hands-on, popular, and very useful tutorial on how to get published."*

**Linda Joy Meyers**

*"I have had the honor of seeing Joan Gelfand present to large groups on several occasions. Each time I marvel at her uncanny ability to "own the room" while being explosive and elegant simultaneously. Her talent, wisdom, and humor comes from a deep well of soulfulness and practical, real-world experience...thus making her mesmerizing to watch and riveting to listen to."*

**Kelly Sullivan Walden, Author of Amazon.com's #1 bestselling book, "I Had The Strangest Dream"**

*"You were fantastic on Wed. It was beautiful to observe how my students responded to you"*

**Diane Frank, Author and Publisher of Blue Light Press**

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As an author, Joan has three well-reviewed collections of poetry and an award winning chapbook of short stories to her credit. Her reviews, essays and letters have been published nationally and internationally. Joan received her MFA from Mills College.

Additional publication credits include Chicken Soup for the Soul, Vanity Fair, The New York Times Magazine, and over 100 literary journals and webzines around the world. Joan opines on Twitter and Facebook and had been coaching writers to great success since 2006.

## **A Sample of Joan Gelfand's Speaking Topics Include:**

- ✓ Building Your Writer's Resume
- ✓ Social Justice Poetry
- ✓ The Four C's of Success (Craft, Commitment, Confidence and Community) (copyright)
- ✓ Poetry & Film

"Creating Art from Dreams" International Association of the Study of Dreams" Anaheim, June 2017

"Building Your Writing Resume," Oaxaca Library, January 2017

"Talking About Becoming An Author" OLLIE/Osher Lifelong Learning/SFSU, Sept. 2016

"Building Your Writing Resume" Great Valley Book Festival, October 2016

"Get Published!" Towne Books, Collegeville, PA April 2016

"Poetry & Film," "Finding New Markets for Poetry" San Francisco Writer's Conference, 2016

"Social Justice Poetry," University of San Francisco, Sept. 24, 2015

"Social Justice Poetry," and "Write Words in the Right Order," Central Coast Writers Conference, September 2014

"Write Words in the Right Order" and "Finishing a Poem," San Francisco Writers Conference, 2014

"The Author and Technology," given at "Humanities and Technology" conference, University of Puerto Rico, Arecibo, Puerto Rico, 2013

"Using Verse to Make the World Better – with Camille Dungy," San Francisco Writer's Conference, 2013

"Women and Leadership," Women's National Book Association National Conference, Los Angeles, 2012

"Writers on Writing," with Judith Cody, Teresa LeYung Ryan and Stephanie Dale, Rockridge Public Library, Oakland, CA, 2012

"Get Published Now: Building Your Writer's Resume," San Francisco Writer's Conference, 2012

"How to Build Your Writer's Resume," California Poets in the Schools Annual Symposium in Santa Barbara, CA, 2011

"Mentoring and Developing Strong Leaders," Women's National Book Association, New York, NY

"Extraordinary Women's Day, Women's National Book Association," Los Angeles Chapter

"Poetry and Nature," Southern Festival of Books, Nashville, TN, 2010

"How to Build Your Writer's Resume," Bay Area Independent Publishers Association, San Rafael, CA, 2010

"Blogging for Authors," Story Circle Network, Austin, TX, 2008

"How To Build Your Writer's Resume," Mills College Leadership Institute, 2008

## **Key Publications**

"Building Your Platform," and "Blogging for Poets," "Women and Poetry: Tips on Writing: Editing, Revising, Writing and Teaching," McFarland & Company & "Getting Started," BookBaby

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