

Speakers

Here is our growing list of authors, agents, editors, publishing professionals and other presenters who will be speaking at the 2019 San Francisco Writers Conference. To find out more about each of them, click on the underlined name.

The presenters are in categories: [Presenters \(including authors\)](#), [Agents](#), and [Editors](#). Please scroll down to see all of them.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:



Catherine Coulter has written over 80 books, almost all *New York Times* bestsellers. Her wildly popular FBI series now includes *Paradox*, the 22nd thriller...and it was also on the NYT bestsellers list. How does she do it? She is a master of romantic suspense thrillers and historical romances.



Jane Friedman, is the author of [The Business of Being a Writer](#), a columnist with *Publishers Weekly*, the co-founder of [The Hot Sheet](#), and the former editor/publisher of *Writer's Digest*. Jane maintains an award-winning blog for writers at [JaneFriedman.com](#) and her expertise has been featured by NPR, PBS, CBS, *The Washington Post*, the National Press Club, and many other outlets.



Jose Antonio Vargas is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Emmy-nominated filmmaker, and founder/CEO of [Define American](#), the nation's leading non-profit media & culture organization that fights injustice and anti-immigrant hate through the power of storytelling. He is also the author of [Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen](#).

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[Christine Conradt](#), screenwriter, director, producer, author

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