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Guest

Benjamin K. Hewett lives in Houston and translates English into English for NASA. He also speaks French, mumbles German, and is slowly learning Arabic and Chinese. He is a Vera Hinckley Mayhew Award recipient, winner of the 2019 Marburg Award in Germany, and the author of several novels. In addition to writing, Ben enjoys spending time with his three kids, playing jazz piano, and juggling fire. He has a Bachelor of Arts in French, a Master of Public Administration, and was once a fourth-grade teacher.

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Thursday - 4 PM

Panelist

Home, Manufactured: World-Building Artificial Habitats

Underground bunkers, space stations, floating cities—what makes an artificial environment feel like home? This panel explores the logistics, psychology, and societal adaptations of life in constructed habitats from the mundane to the alien.

Thursday - 5 PM

Panelist

Strengthening Action and Fight Scenes

How do you find the balance between an intense, engaging action scene and a fight scene that just goes on too long and gets boring for readers? Tips and tricks on making your action scenes the best they can be.

Thursday - 6 PM

Panelist

Judge a Book by Its Cover

Great covers make sales, but sometime great books are hidden behind terrible covers. A look at the historical and the modern art and science of book covers, and what makes a great one.

Friday - 9 AM

Panelist

The Power of Subtext: Reading Between the Lines

Often the most powerful part of your story, whether in film, sound, or prose, lies in what ISN'T said.

Friday - 4 PM

Panelist

Working with Feedback

You've gotten feedback from a writing group, beta readers, and your editor, but what comes next? Knowing what to do with the feedback you receive from readers or editors is an important part of the review process.

Friday - 7 PM

Book Signing

Saturday - 5 PM

Moderator

Quality Low-Cost or Free Filmmaking Tools: Don't Let the Cost of the Tools Stop You from Making Great Films

Take the footage you've filmed and make great movies with very low-cost or free video editing software. We will also talk about storyboarding software, and scriptwriting tools and so on.