

## **THE BOOK REVIEW BRIGADE**

*A Two-Session Workshop on the Art of Book Reviewing*

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Saturday, April 7 and April 28

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bangor Public Library

*A Two-Part Workshop*

MWPA members: \$75 | Non-members: \$125

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### **THE WORKSHOPS**

Writers need readers. And all handsome book covers, eye-catching advertisements, and slick marketing campaigns aside, nothing attracts a reader to a book like a captivating, well-written book review. With this in mind, the MWPA is committed to engaging and educating a new army of book reviewers for publication in newspapers, magazines, and blogs in both Maine and beyond. Writers who attended our 2011 Book Review Brigade workshop have already gone on to write for the *Christian Science Monitor*, *ForeWord Reviews*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *New Maine Times*, *The Writer*, and other media outlets.

Freelance writer and reviewer William D. Bushnell has developed a two-session workshop that will introduce participants to the fundamentals of effective book-review writing, including tips on finding paid work reviewing books. Over the course of this two-session workshop, participants will prepare a professional book review, collectively critique one another's work, and complete the workshop with a finished review that is ready for submission to a publication.

### **THE INSTRUCTOR**

William D. Bushnell is a professional book reviewer who has published more than 1,900 reviews in thirty-five magazines and newspapers. Here in Maine, he writes regular book-review columns for the *Kennebec Journal*, *Morning Sentinel*, and *New Maine Times*. He is also a regular contributor to the national magazines *Military Officer* and *Publishers Weekly*. Bushnell has also written for *Library Journal* and the *Maine Times*, and he is a long-time member of the National Book Critics Circle.

### **FELLOWSHIP**

The MWPA is proud to offer one full fellowship to the Book Review Brigade workshop. The fellowship will be judged on both writing ability and financial need. To apply for a fellowship, please download the application form on the MWPA website.

*\*This workshop consists of two sessions. In order to reap the full benefit of this workshop, participants need to attend both session one and session two.*