



# Chattanooga Writers' Guild

## News & Updates

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Greetings, fellow writers! Last year I purchased [Dictionary of Word Origins](#) by John Ayto, which provides the histories of over 8,000 English words. No, I am not reading it cover-to-cover. But I do find etymology fascinating, as I'm sure many of you do, too. We writers are always the life of the party, aren't we?

English truly is a remarkable language. In regards to how many of our words come from other languages, someone stated that the English language "beats up other languages and rifles through their pockets for spare change," and I don't disagree. Not only has English evolved from other languages, but it continues to evolve within itself. Just yesterday I saw a photo that had been posted to Tumblr of Clark Gable in *Gone With the Wind*, but instead of his famous, icy good-bye, the photo was captioned, "tbh bae idgaf." The discussion thread that followed included many obvious English Majors, who waxed poetic about the flexibility and adoptive nature of our language. One person pointed out that just 10 years ago, no one would have understood that gibberish at all, but now here we all were LOLing at this Millennial lingo juxtaposed with a Silent Generation film star.

I hope you are having fun with your writing. And if you should create your own word and would like help integrating it into Chattanooga's lexicon, let me know and I'll help you spread it around.

I'm Kate Landers and if you need me to explain the Clark Gable caption, email me at [newsletter@chattanoogawritersguild.org](mailto:newsletter@chattanoogawritersguild.org).

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CWG is pleased to feature **Ray Zimmerman** for our March 10 program, which will be a Nature Writing Workshop. Come to this presentation prepared to write, and perhaps to learn a few basics of photography. Ray will share how he combined writing and photography in some of his works and share a bit about practical use of a camera. (Check out his beautiful photographs -->)



Samples of Ray's work can be found at his website:  
[www.rayzimmermanauthor.com](http://www.rayzimmermanauthor.com)

For more examples of Ray's work and his recommended writing resources, visit this [Google Doc HERE](#).

Our Monthly Programs are from 6-8 PM in the auditorium of the Downtown Library, 1001 Broad Street. Our programs are free and open to the public. We hope to see you there!



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## [Discount Riverbend Tickets - last day to take advantage of this opportunity!](#)

The Chattanooga Writers' Guild has a rare opportunity to share with our members a coupon for [2020 RIVERBEND FESTIVAL](#) tickets. The coupon is for a \$45 4-day general admission pass (normal price is \$65 online/\$85 at the gate.) If you would like to take advantage of this, please fill out our [MEMBER SURVEY](#) and the coupon will be emailed to you within 24 hours. This is for CWG members only and the opportunity will expire at midnight TONIGHT, March 1.

Currently CWG memberships are only \$15- available at our [WEBSITE](#) by choosing the "student" purchase option. This fantastic deal will last until August.

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## **It's time to start thinking about your 2020-2021 CWG Board!**

If you are looking for a way to be more involved in the writing community, meet friends, increase your volunteerism, and help your local writers' guild, consider running for an officer position this fall! The CWG Board of Directors is seeking new members for an exciting upcoming year. We have ongoing projects that we need help with and we need to prepare for the transition of officers.

We are seeking new members for the following positions:

Office of Treasurer. Bookkeeping skills are a great asset but not required.

Office of Secretary

Office of Vice President

Other needs are: special event planning, newsletter, Readers and Writers Fair, the annual writing contest, the anthology, promotional helpers that like tending a table at an event, and more. Interested members should contact Mark at: [chattanoogawritersguild@gmail.com](mailto:chattanoogawritersguild@gmail.com)

The Chattanooga Readers and Writers Fair is seeking volunteers for the event management team. We are preparing for a meeting in March. To learn more contact Mark at: [CRWFair@gmail.com](mailto:CRWFair@gmail.com)

## Mad Blab

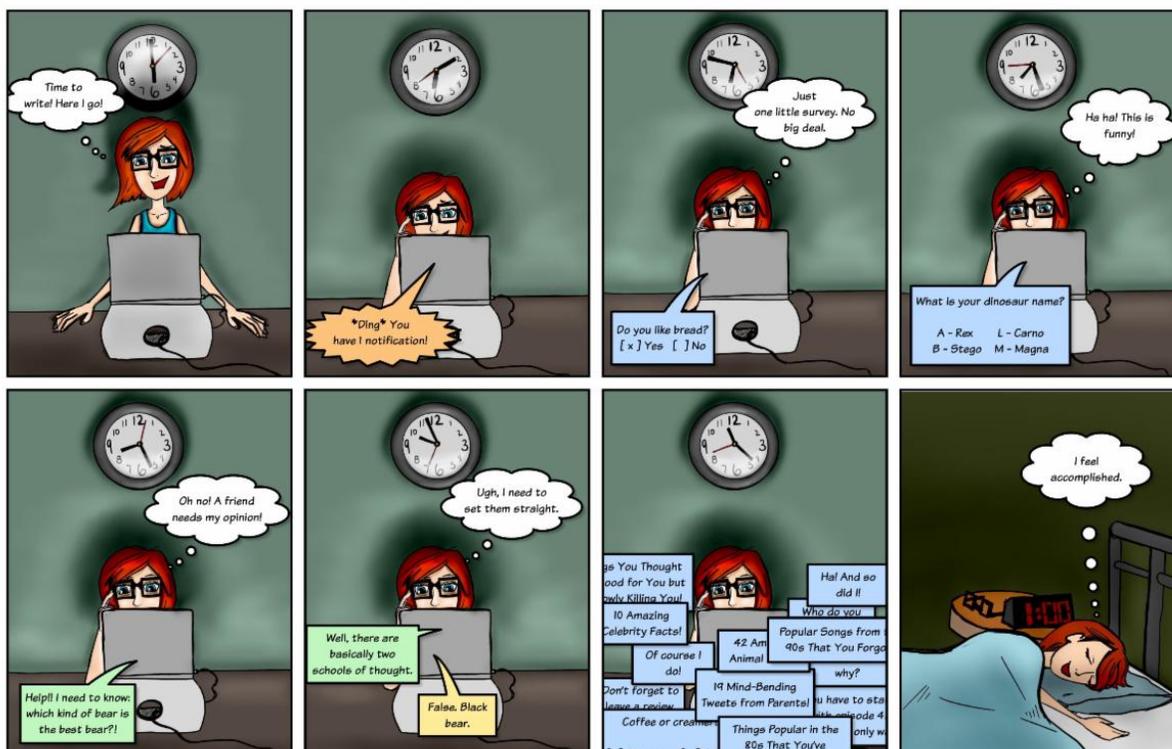
How to play: Say the following nonsensical sentences aloud and try to guess the name of the famous literary work you're saying. Answers at the bottom.

**Thick calm mew nest Manny fist toe**  
**Thee heart huff wore**  
**Thud if fine comet tea**

## Word to Know: Abibliophobia, n

Fear of running out of things to read

**Agatha assuaged her abibliophobia when she landed the job of Head Librarian and secretly moved into the basement storeroom.**



**Etymology of: Vice**

**Meaning "wickedness." Related to *vicious*. Comes via Old French *vice* from Latin *vitium*, which meant "defect" or "offence."**

Mad Blab answers: The Communist Manifesto; The Art of War; The Divine Comedy

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