

Low-Residency MFA in Writing for Children & Young Adults faculty information:

Marsha Qualey

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Biography:

Marsha Qualey is the author of several young adult novels. Her books have appeared on numerous best-of-the-year lists, including ALA Quick Picks and Best Books for Young Adults, IRA Young Adults' Choices, New York Public Library's Books for the Teen Age, and School Library Journal's Best Books of the Year. She has won two Minnesota Book Awards and her 1997 novel, *Thin Ice*, was nominated for an Edgar Award by the Mystery Writers of America. Her books are frequently included on state, school district, and library reader's choice lists. Writing as "Ann Owen," she is also the author of several picture books published by Picture Window books.

In addition to teaching in Hamline University's MFA in Writing for Children program, she has taught fiction writing at the Loft Literary Center, Bard College's Whitewater Writing Workshop, SCBWI New England's Novel Writer's retreat and other programs and workshops around the country.

I Am Happy to Work with Students in the Following Genres/Areas:

Middle grade and YA novels of any genre as the primary focus. I am also happy to read and critique other forms if the student is suddenly inspired to veer off from the novel during the course of the semester.

Other Things to Know About Me as an Advisor:

I work primarily via email; phone consultations are always possible when arranged first via email. I prefer email submissions of monthly packets.

Books of Mine I Recommend That You Read:

Come in from the Cold, Too Big Storm, Just Like That.