

## Writing Your Memoirs

Come join the Memoir class sponsored by North San Diego County Genealogy Society. A member of the society, Jo Tipton will lead this class for 10 weeks. It will meet for 2 hours on Thursdays from 2 PM - 4 PM.

The ten classes will meet at the Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, CA 92008. The dates are:

1/19/2023; 1/26/23; 2/2/23; skip a week

2/16/23; 2/23/23; 3/2/23; skip a week

3/16/23; 3/23/23; 3/30/23; 4/6/23

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### **What is the difference between a memoir and an autobiography?**

An autobiography is a story of a person's entire life, a memoir is about one part of a person's life.

*This class is about the process of writing, there will be no critiquing.  
The goal is for you to have written ten stories when the class is completed.*

### **Class # 1 Topic: Music - Write about a snippet in your life that includes music.**

*Come to the first meeting (1/19/2023) prepared to share your written story about music with the group. Make the length of your story 1-2 pages. Here are some ideas:*

- Think of an event when music played a part in your memory.
- What are your favorite music genres, favorite artists, favorite songs?
- Are there any musical instruments that you play or would like to learn to play?
- Write the song or the poem you have always wanted to write.
- What emotions does music invoke in you?
- Did you and your dog go cruisin' for chicks and sticks with the top down, and the music blaring?
- Do you conduct concerts in the shower?
- Have you skied with headphones on, listening to tunes and feeling like you were Jean Claude Killy?
- Is Sinatra singing in your ear 'Come Fly With Me' when you take off in an airplane?
- What about church hymns, do they bring back meaningful memories?
- Did your child play Van Morrison's song 'Someone Like You' at his/her wedding, and then asked you to dance?