



**That Was Hysterical, Finding the Funny in Your Writing,
A Workshop and Intensive,
with Paula Castner and Dave Agans**



**Part I: Saturday, January 18, 2020
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Part II: Saturday, January 25, 2020
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Thayer Memorial Library, 717 Main Street, Lancaster, Massachusetts

Mark Twain said that humor is mankind's greatest blessing—but he was blessed with a great sense of humor. If you're not Mark Twain, you may think writing funny is no fun at all. It can be fun, if you know how to do it. Join us for a two-hour workshop and learn why and how to equip your writer's toolbox with a tickle feather and a giant foam rubber hammer. Your readers will thank you, after they catch their breath.

This is both a lecture and a hands-on workshop. Writers interested in one-on-one feedback may sign up for the humor intensive offered the second week. Participation in Part II requires attendance at Part I. To register for Part II, visit sevenbridge.org.

Paula Castner is the Chief Operating Officer for Seven Bridge Writers Collaborative as well as a freelance writer, playwright, drama director, writing workshop facilitator, baking coach, and professional administrator. Her pieces have been published in a variety of venues, from parenting magazines, to newspapers, to online magazines, and have claimed first prize in several writing contests. Her play, *A Fairy Tale Life? A Musical*, with music by Canadian folk artist, Nancy Beaudette, was performed in Lancaster, Massachusetts. She is currently working on her second musical, set in an art museum. Her long-term writing project is a fictionalized account of a historical court case about a slave girl from Holden, MA.

DAVE AGANS, corrupted by *Mad Magazine* and *Get Smart* at an early age, began writing spy spoofs in the sixth grade. He has since written the musical comedy, *Hot Buttons*, dozens of comic stage monologues, the popular, humorous technical book, *Debugging*, and the conspiracy satire, *The Urban Legion*. He also discovers and reviews funny fiction in *The Yucks-Files* blog. Dave can be recognized on New Hampshire golf courses by his flawed swing and on the roads by his AMUSED license plate.

