

Online Picture Book Critique Group

Have you ever wanted to connect with other writers or illustrators with similar goals and challenges? Do you want to share your work and learn from others?

Exciting news! If you are a SCBWI Member you need look no further!

Members interested in becoming active participants of an Online Critique Group can now register their interest and join the next SCBWI's Singapore Online Critique Round. SCBWI Singapore has run Online Critiques Groups successfully for members for many years. Most groups provide opportunities for beginning and emerging writers/illustrators and have proved very helpful enabling them to share manuscripts and learn from each other. All you need is a story ready to share!

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is an On-line Picture Book Critique Group?

It is a small group of writers and/or illustrators who view and make comments on member's manuscripts/illustrations on a rotation basis in a confidential and supportive online environment. Members can share useful ideas and resources, and encourage each other towards the eventual goal of getting their work published. The rotation frequency can be varied according to the needs of each group.

What is expected of members?

Members are expected to be active participants in their group. They should be open to receiving constructive criticism of their own work and provide constructive feedback to members on a regular basis.

How many members are there in a group?

There are usually a maximum of six members in each group which allows each participant to have their work critiqued every six weeks on a weekly rotation. The rotation frequency can be varied fortnightly/monthly etc according to the needs of each group.

Who runs the Group?

The members run each group according to the Guidelines set out by your Singapore SCBWI ARA.

How Does an Online Critique Group Work?

Each group will work out a submission schedule according to the needs of the group. For example, each member of the group, in a six week rotation, will be allocated a week to submit work to be critiqued. That person posts their work online on the Sunday of that week and receives feedback from all the other members by the following Sunday. Once members receive all feedback they delete that version of their work from the site. The rotation frequency can be varied fortnightly/monthly etc according to the needs of each group.

How do members communicate?

Members communicate via email and share work through attached Word or Google documents. Members take turns in posting their manuscript or illustrative work each week or fortnight etc and remove the file after they receive feedback from all other members (see Dropbox Information).

How to register:

Contact the Singapore SCBWI ARA or RA for contact details

The waiting time to join a group will vary according to the number of members interested in joining a group and the number of groups that have places available at any one time.

What happens after you submit?

You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your request. You will be placed into a critique group as a place becomes available. That can take a fortnight, a few weeks or in some cases, a couple of months or more. If placement hasn't been made in about a month you will receive an update email from our critique coordinator regarding your application with some alternative suggestions that might interest you.

When we have found a suitable group for you, we will send you an email introducing your group facilitator and explaining how the process works in detail.