CATS ON THE KEYBOARD: Cats and Cat Writing with Mollie Hunt

Cat Writer Mollie Hunt is the award-winning author of two cozy series, the *Crazy Cat Lady Mysteries* featuring a sixty-something cat shelter volunteer who finds more trouble than a cat in catnip, and the *Tenth Life Paranormal Mysteries* involving a ghost cat. Her *Cat Seasons Sci-Fantasy Tetralogy* presents extraordinary cats saving the world. Her COVID memoir, "There's a Cat Hair in My Mask: How Cats Helped Me through Unprecedented Times" recently won two awards and was accepted into the Multnomah County Library. She pens a bit of cat poetry as well.

Mollie began composing cat stories in grade school, but it wasn't until 1994 that she became serious about her writing. In 2013, she published her first book. She currently has 17 titles in various genres. She writes every day, assisted by her cat Tyler.

Mollie is a member of Willamette Writers, the Oregon Writers' Colony, Sisters in Crime, the Cat Writers' Association, and Northwest Independent Writers Association (NIWA). She lives in Portland, Oregon with her husband and a varying number of cats. Like her cat lady character, she is a grateful shelter volunteer.



In "Cats on the Keyboard," I will talk about:

- Why I write about cats. (Cats aren't just for cuteness anymore.)
- Why cozies? Can a cozy inspire, educate, and change the world?
- My beginnings as a writer.
- My writing process. Where the other genres—sci-fi, memoir, and poetry—fit in my writing life.
- How I came to independently publish (and why I don't call it "self-publishing").

I will gladly answer questions about writing craft and cats. If I don't get to your question or you think of something else you want to ask, email me at <u>molliehuntcatwriter@gmail.com</u>. To purchase books or see what I'm up to, check my blogsite: <u>https://molliehuntcatwriter.com/</u>

"Fiction is a way to understand the world and ourselves."