



Beaufort writer Cassandra King will celebrate the launch of the essay and photograph collection *Carolina Writers at Home* with a holiday signing event at McIntosh's Book Shoppe, 917 Bay Street, on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 2-3 p.m.

In the book, King writes about her courtship with Pat Conroy, to whom she's now married, and his insistence that she have a writing room in the house they share together.

"He'd been appalled to hear I'd never had one," she writes. "The truth was, I'd never been brave enough to demand a writing room of my own. Like most instructors of freshman composition, I'd taught Virginia Woolf's landmark essay on the subject, then followed up by assigning a paper on the importance of nurturing one's creativity, valuing it enough to demand time and a place for it. I'd read hundreds of student responses, and scribbled encouraging comments in the margins: 'Good for you, Susie – I hope you'll continue to nourish your artistic side!' If I'd been reacting to my own essay, the comment would have been more succinct: 'You hypocrite!'"

Cassandra King at Home

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