

## Sharon Cobb leads UNF Writers Conference

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The UNF Writers Conference last weekend was a great success, thanks to Sharon Cobb, creator of the comedy video website [FunnyFixx.com](http://FunnyFixx.com), and writer/director of the comedy webshow, *Thurapy*. Cobb, who lectures on writing in the US and abroad, has many credits to her name, including her British Romantic Comedy, [Lighthouse Hill](#), which was released on DVD in the US. She has sold a dozen projects to Hollywood, including *Return of the Sweet Birds* produced by Danny Glover and Babyface Edmonds.

In her workshop on Friday, *Characters on the Couch, Creating Characters from the Inside Out*, writers were able to create characters in a fun, new way. Cobb told her fellow writers, “Characters come from the inside of us,” and she kept them laughing as they worked.

Cobb was instrumental in bringing many top notch authors and speakers to this year’s conference, such as Steve Berry and Adrian Fogelin. Other workshop leaders included Kristin Harmel, author of six books in the Young Adult and “Chick Lit” genres, and local author Dante Amodeo, who sold his first script, [Secrets of the Mountain](#), which was made into a major TV movie for NBC.

At the end of the conference, attendees were encouraged to submit a pitch for a completed work, which will then be put together by Cobb into a book and delivered to agents, editors, and producers who are looking for new writers.

This year’s conference attendance doubled from last year and many participants said they would be returning in 2011.



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