

# KPL Writer-in-Residence Evaluation Form

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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

yes, very informative, relaxed. Rob was very open and willing to answer even personal questions

3) What did you like about the experience?

The critique was helpful, thorough, encouraging.

4) What should we change?

Don't see a need for any changes to be made.

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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

Yes - solid recommendations

3) What did you like about the experience?

concrete ways to improve the book

4) What should we change?

nothing -

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Yes. Very motivating, prompting me to continue on with my work. Interesting to see an objective evaluation from an author of another genre.

3) What did you like about the experience?

#1 - conversation with an author I truly admire  
#2 - insight into the writing process

4) What should we change?

Nothing. High marks all around.

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EXTRAORDINARILY. HIS EXPERIENCE SHINES THROUGH EVERY  
COMMENT AND ~~THE~~ EDITORIAL MARK. ESPECIALLY  
ABOUT POV

3) What did you like about the experience?

MEETING AN AUTHOR WHOSE WORK I'VE ENJOYED.  
GETTING A NON-PARTISAN AFFIRMATION OF MY SKILL.

4) What should we change?

COMFORT LEVEL OF MEETING ROOM.

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VERY HELPFUL! HIS INTEREST IN MY IDEAS,  
SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND COMMENTS  
ABOUT FORM/STRUCTURE/VOICE MOTIVATED MY  
THOUGHTS FOR FURTHER WRITING.

3) What did you like about the experience?

IT WAS OPEN, ENGAGING, SUPPORTIVE  
AND ABOVE ALL, ENCOURAGING.  
YOU INCLUDED MY WIFE AS WELL!  
THANKS.

4) What should ~~we~~<sup>I</sup> change?

FIRST OF ALL, MY SELFDUBT ABOUT THE  
EFFECTIVENESS OF MY WRITING. WITH NEW  
CONFIDENCE I SHALL MOVE ON WITH MORE  
WRITING AND EVEN DIRECTING MY DRAMAS.

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Yes. Good level of feedback (not too much  
on the details.) Some good hints & tips

3) What did you like about the experience?

Nice to have some feedback, to  
understand where I'm heading to improve  
and ~~to~~ to get some information on  
how to proceed.

4) What should we change?

No comment at this time.

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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

Yes - it was great to go over my writing with someone who really knew what they were talking about.

3) What did you like about the experience?

It was a good experience because it helped me figure out how to improve my writing.

4) What should we change?

I think that it was fine the way it was. 😊

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Very! ~~Also~~ I learned a lot in the  
time allotted. Lots of good, sound  
and applicable advice.

3) What did you like about the experience?

- personable, kind, encouraging while  
still giving honest feedback  
- he pointed out technical advice that  
I know will be useful in future submissions  
- very frank

4) What should we change?

Nothing! 😊 I'm so grateful for the  
opportunity. Thanks for  
supporting K-W writers.

Kim Feick.



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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

*- extremely - he offered concrete feedback  
+ valid suggestions*

3) What did you like about the experience?

*- inspirational  
- offered suggestions re: rewriting*

4) What should we change?

*- continue offering this service -  
much appreciated*

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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

Yes. Lots of constructive criticism.

3) What did you like about the experience?

Unique experience.

4) What should we change?

Nothing

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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

Excellent & Beyond!

3) What did you like about the experience?

His generous spirit  
His vast knowledge & expertise.  
His clarity when expressing himself.

4) What should we change?

It would be wonderful if students  
at the high school level could be  
made aware of Robert Sawyers  
talent ... possibly workshops at the schools?

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VERY MUCH SO. IN ADDITION TO CRITIQUING MY STORY,  
HE HELPED PROVIDE ME WITH A STRUCTURED APPROACH  
TO FURTHERING MY WRITING CAREER.

3) What did you like about the experience?

I VERY MUCH ENJOYED THAT ROB <sup>IS</sup> ~~WAS~~ A SCIENCE  
FICTION AUTHOR. AS HE HAS EXPERIENCE WRITING IN  
MY GENRE, IT WAS VERY INFORMATIVE AND THERE  
WERE SOME EXCELLENT CRITIQUES.

4) What should we change?

GENRE SPECIFIC AUTHORS ARE VERY HELPFUL TO PEOPLE  
WRITING IN THAT GENRE. ~~IT~~ AS MUCH AS I WOULD LOVE  
TO SEE ANOTHER SCI FI AUTHOR NEXT YEAR, HOWEVER,  
A DIFFERENT GENRE WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR  
OTHERS.

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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

I think it was very helpful to talk to someone who knew the industry + how it worked also he had some interesting tips and ideas on how to edit your work yourself. The suggestions weren't bad either.

3) What did you like about the experience?

I liked that he was positive + gave constructive criticism which would help you improve.

4) What should we change?

seems pretty good as is

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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

*Yes. His insights were excellent & his attention to detail was extremely helpful. I will be taking his comments to heart as I continue working on the novel.*

3) What did you like about the experience?

*Rob's enthusiasm and his focus on both the positive & what needs changing sent me away ready to dig into my manuscript & keep working.*

4) What should we change?

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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

He's a very nice man.  
Absolutely. He offered constructive criticism, ideas and encouragement. I'll go back to my writing with renewed vigour.

3) What did you like about the experience?

The opportunity to have feedback from a professional writer, free of charge, in Kitchener.

4) What should we change?

Nothing, in my opinion.

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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

yes. To hear the comments from someone who knows was great He was unbiased and honest.

3) What did you like about the experience?

The comfort level Robert was very down to earth.

4) What should we change?

Nothing



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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

very much so

3) What did you like about the experience?

very good useful feedback  
with one or one trip

4) What should we change?

more lectures!

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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

Yes!

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3) What did you like about the experience?

Rob's attentive, positive approach +  
concern - attention to  
detail - his interest & the opportunity  
to discuss detailed & specific  
concerns with a professional of his  
ability & caliber.

4) What should we change?

Nothing - that I'm aware of.

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*Sorry I can't rate*

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*Yes*

3) What did you like about the experience?

*Rob + his wife Carolyn went over quite a few different ways of looking at the life of a poet.*

*Ideas in my head I will now change concerning exactly what I was going to do with this*

4) What should we change?

*Thanks Rob + Carolyn.*

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*Very!*

3) What did you like about the experience?

*He was very positive in his suggestions - a lot of good ones. Made me see my story in a new light. I am very excited about going at it again.*

4) What should we change?

*Nothing.*

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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

*ABSOLUTELY*

3) What did you like about the experience?

*Extremely detailed critique of my work and Rob's extensive industry knowledge.*

4) What should we change?

*Nothing. Get him back again next year!*

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Very. He was very knowledgeable  
and had plenty of clear suggestions  
for improvement.

3) What did you like about the experience?

Rob explained problems in my story  
and offered ideas about how to  
change them - way more constructive  
than just saying "this needs to be  
changed"

4) What should we change?

Great program! Thanks!

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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

Very helpful. Rob is an excellent teacher who provided invaluable information ~~about~~ and critique about my submitted work and the industry in general.

3) What did you like about the experience?

honest and direct.

4) What should we change?

A longer residency perhaps? Was a great experience as is.

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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

Very helpful. The explanations were very clear and thought provoking. I like Rob's openness and willingness to answer any questions I had.

3) What did you like about the experience?

I found the experience motivating and enlightening. I found new directions <sup>for my work</sup>, I have a greater understanding of ideas that need to be worked on with my work.

4) What should we change?

Nothing, except maybe add 2 more workshops.



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*extremely*

3) What did you like about the experience?

*thorough, insightful, balanced,  
encouraging, realistic*

4) What should we change?

*"It ain't broke."*

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all I had hoped for. Constructive - helpful and  
to the point.

3) What did you like about the experience?

The one on one contact - the ability to ask and  
receive answers from questions.

4) What should we change?

I have no suggestions.

What I experienced was complete.

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Extremely. Identified weaknesses I  
had not contemplated in a tactful  
way

3) What did you like about the experience?

Thorough critique; suggestions  
for publication, tips on research

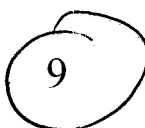
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Yes, he opened my eyes to  
what I need to do.

3) What did you like about the experience?

Gave me some direction.  
It was nice to talk to a  
published writer.

4) What should we change?

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extremely. I felt like I  
got some great feedback.  
It was appreciated that his  
comments were tended with  
kindness and to the point. He  
was very thorough in his experience.

3) What did you like about the experience?

Timing. I had just finished  
writing my first novel. It was  
great in editing tips, sales tip from  
the seminars. I enjoyed the whole  
experience. Thank you so much.

4) What should we change?

I really don't know what would  
be a better choice. I felt the  
program ~~was~~ went smoothly.  
~~Maybe~~ Maybe an editing class  
would help? I was happy  
with my experience.  
again thank you!!

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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

IT WAS HELPFUL ON EVERY POINT. VERY  
CLEAR, VERY THOROUGH. NOTHING  
LEFT UNTURNED. ROB EXPLAINED EVERY-  
THING I WANTED TO UNDERSTAND, AND  
MORE. HE SPOTTED EVERYTHING THAT NEEDED  
IMPROVEMENT.

3) What did you like about the experience?

IT GAVE ME A FOCUS I NEVER HAD BEFORE.  
I SAW THE WEAKNESSES IN MY MANUSCRIPT  
WITH A LOT OF CLARITY BECAUSE ROB IS  
A VERY ANIMATED SPEAKER, AND THAT ~~MAKES~~ <sup>MADE</sup>  
EVERYTHING HE SAID LEAVE A DEEPER IMPRESSION.

4) What should we change?

MAYBE A SECONDARY STAGE OF REVIEWING  
THE REVISED MANUSCRIPTS, TO POINT OUT  
POTENTIAL CONFUSION IN APPLYING  
THE ADVICE, BUT THIS IS A MATTER OF  
TIME CONSTRAINTS, NOT ANYTHING THAT NEEDS IMPROVING  
WITH THE EVALUATION ITSELF.

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YES VERY

3) What did you like about the experience?

ENCOURAGEMENT

CONCISE APPROACH

4) What should we change?

DON'T KNOW

NO BASIS FOR COMPARISON

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*Absolutely*

3) What did you like about the experience?

*Time to talk with a professional  
& get his views on the industry &  
my work.*

4) What should we change?

*It was great! Thank you  
very much.*



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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

Most helpful! He ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> generously ~~attended~~  
~~answered~~ my questions with information  
that will take me to a new level  
with my writing.

3) What did you like about the experience?

- the expertise he shared  
- the encouragement he gave

4) What should we change?

not a thing - Thanks!

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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

Absolutely! No holds barred critique.  
Rob saw many issues I wouldn't  
have seen in revising/editing  
my own.

3) What did you like about the experience?

Rob was very precise and accurate  
in his critiques.

4) What should we change?

No need to change any of it.

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2) Was your consultation with Rob helpful?

I have never had so much thoughtful, detailed, positive feedback. He has no agenda but to improve you and your work. He has an amazing eye for both the ~~micro~~ <sup>micro</sup> and the macro - scopic aspects of your manuscript. From commas to concepts he had looked and thought about everything

3) What did you like about the experience?

~~Not gives~~ Straight forward advice delivered by a total professional. He was encouraging in a realistic fashion. Never pandered nor patronized. I left with much to think about, buoyed up and encouraged.

4) What should we change?

Robert J. Sawyer should be at my side everyday while I'm writing... okay that's a bit unrealistic. But after today, I feel he will be. Change nothing! I also want to thank Rob for scheduling a special appointment for me after a death in the family prevented me from attending my original appointment. What a pro!!!