

# SDSU Writers' Conference

## A Tale of Culture, Inventions, & Books

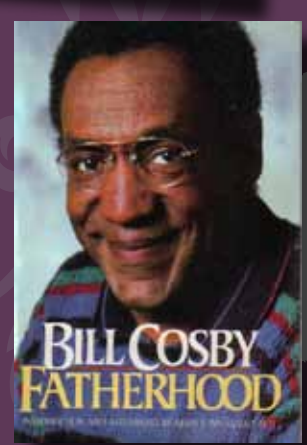


An attendee enjoys the conference mixer.

**1984**  
**Best Seller** • *The Talisman*  
**Invention** • Apple McIntosh and CD players are introduced  
**Culture** • The Olympic Games are held in L.A.  
**SDSU Writers' Conference** • Debut of conference held on SDSU campus



A speaker tells writers how to get published.



**1986**  
**Best Seller** • *Fatherhood*  
**Invention** • The disposable camera makes first appearance  
**Culture** • Pictionary creates a whole new craze as a popular party game  
**SDSU Writers' Conference** • First keynote speakers appear at conference

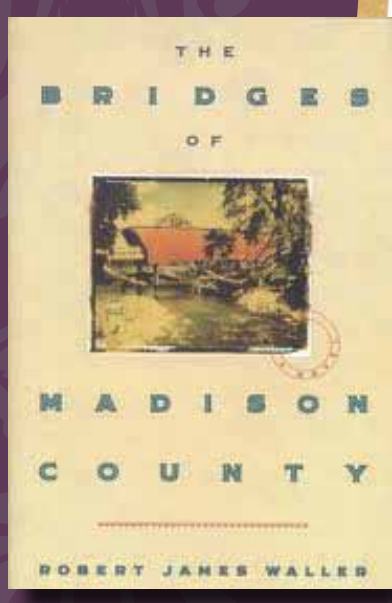


**1988**  
**Best Seller** • *The Cardinal of the Kremlin*  
**Invention** • Doppler radar is invented  
**Culture** • Women are invited to study at Magdalene College, Cambridge for the first time  
**SDSU Writers' Conference** • L.A. and NYC agents and editors are invited to the conference

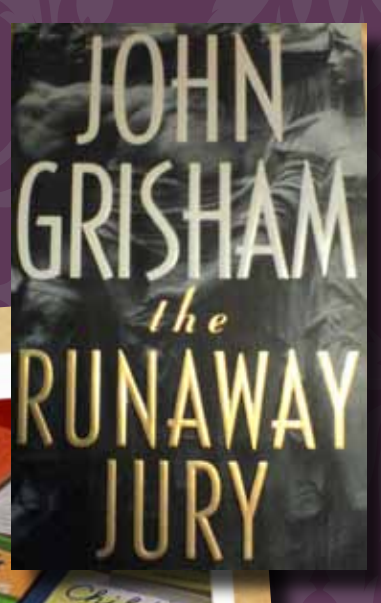


Attendees enjoy camaraderie during lunch.

**1989**  
**Best Seller** • *Clear and Present Danger*  
**Invention** • High-definition television invented  
**Culture** • Major movements occur to overthrow communist countries  
**SDSU Writers' Conference** • Conference moves from SDSU to a local hotel



**1990**  
**Best Seller** • *The Plains of Passage*  
**Invention** • The World Wide Web is born  
**Culture** • Texting makes its debut  
**SDSU Writers' Conference** • Debut of Consultation Office Hours – communication between editors/agents and writers



**1992**  
**Best Seller** • *The Bridges of Madison County*  
**Invention** • Beanie Babies are launched to consumers  
**Culture** • The largest shopping mall in the U.S., Minnesota's Mall of America begins its reign  
**SDSU Writers' Conference** • One-on-one sessions between agent/editor and attendees begin



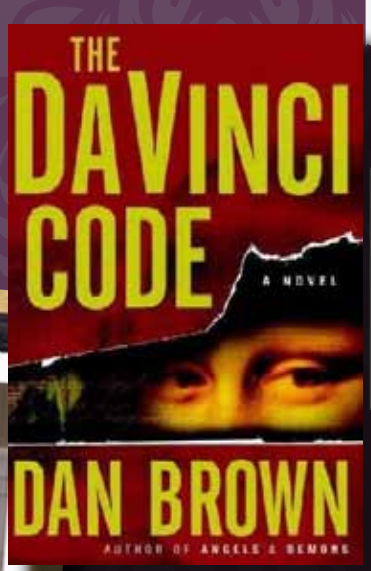
Myriad books are available for purchase.

**1995**  
**Best Seller** • *The Rainmaker*  
**Invention** • The digital video disc (DVD) is invented  
**Culture** • The Million Man March is held in Washington, D.C.  
**SDSU Writers' Conference** • Advanced Readings are held – participants submit first 10 pages of their manuscript to editor for review



**1996**  
**Best Seller** • *The Runaway Jury*  
**Invention** • Google is created in a dorm room at Stanford and eBay makes its debut  
**Culture** • Dolly the sheep, the first mammal to be successfully cloned from an adult cell, is born  
**SDSU Writers' Conference** • Research Emporium debuts

**2000**  
**Best Seller** • *The Brethren*  
**Invention** • The iPod is launched  
**Culture** • Republican George W. Bush defeats Democrat Vice President Al Gore for president  
**SDSU Writers' Conference** • The Night Owl Critique launches and Network Reception on Friday night is added



**2002**  
**Best Seller** • *The Summons*  
**Invention** • Toyota's hybrid car is sold  
**Culture** • Harley Davidson celebrates its 100th birthday  
**SDSU Writers' Conference** • To celebrate authors the Editor/Agent Choice Awards is established

**2004**  
**Best Seller** • *The Da Vinci Code*  
**Invention** • The Xbox 360 is unveiled  
**Culture** • Martha Stewart is convicted of a felony and is introduced to the prison system  
**SDSU Writers' Conference** • Scholarships are introduced



A one-on-one session in process.



**2010**  
**Best Seller** • *To the End of the Land*  
**Invention** • Google+ is introduced  
**Culture** • The Social Network about Facebook is up for Academy Award for Best Picture  
**SDSU Writers' Conference** • The event embraces social media via a Facebook page

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