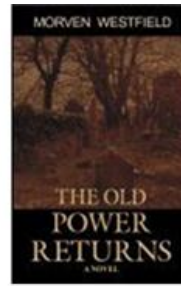
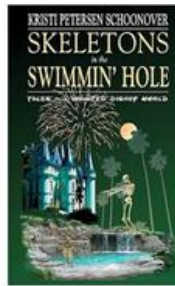
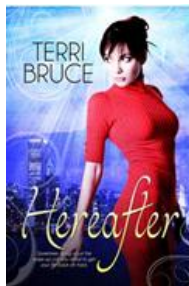


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# Ghosts, Spirits, and the Afterlife

*A literary discussion*

Just in time to celebrate Parentalia (February 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>), an ancient Roman festival commemorating the dead, join four New England authors for an informative and fun panel discussion on the challenges and opportunities of writing about ghosts—both real and imagined, the dead, and the afterlife. The authors will share their differing approaches to writing about the subject matter as well as their knowledge of various beliefs, myths, and customs ranging from the lighthearted to the downright scary, from real-life encounters to those that are completely fictitious. The presentation will be followed by a book signing. Copies of the authors' books will be available to purchase.



**Terri Bruce** ([terribruce.net](http://terribruce.net)) writes science fiction and fantasy stories from a haunted house in New Hampshire. Her debut novel, *Hereafter*, is about a woman stuck on earth as a ghost, searching for a way to cross over to the afterlife.

**Jennifer Pelland** ([jenniferpelland.com](http://jenniferpelland.com)) is a Nebula-nominated writer of speculative fiction. Her work includes "Sacrifice," a short story about dying and "Ghosts of New York," a short story about the afterlife.

**Kristi Petersen Schoonover** ([kristipetersenschoonover.com](http://kristipetersenschoonover.com)) is a Connecticut based author of horror and dark fiction. Her works includes *Skeletons in the Swimmin' Hole: Tales from Haunted Disney World*, a collection of ghost stories set in Disney Parks.

**Morven Westfield** ([morvenwestfield.com](http://morvenwestfield.com)) is the author of dark fantasy and horror stories featuring vampires and witches. Her work includes *Darksome Thirst*, a story combining vampires, Wiccans, and computers, and its sequel, *The Old Power Returns*.

**Saturday, February 23, 2013**

**Presentation: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Book Signing: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

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