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## Erin O'Brien's Writing Biography

### **Selected Positions**

Writer/Editor, Museum of Contemporary Art (moCa) Cleveland,  
September 2019-September 2020

Managing Editor, Fresh Water Cleveland, February 2016-June 2017

Development News Editor, Fresh Water Cleveland, October  
2014-January 2016

Managing Editor, hiVelocity, May-Sept 2013

Freelance Contributor: CAN Journal, Destination Cleveland, Fresh  
Water Cleveland, hiVelocity, Ohio City Argus, Inside Business  
Magazine, private contract work, 2010 - present

### **Selected Nonfiction**

Feature, "Kimberly Chapman: Where Tragedy and Elegance  
Converge," CAN Journal, Editor Michael Gill, Fall 2021

More than 200 features and news stories, Fresh Water Cleveland,  
2010-2020

*Rust Belt Burlesque*: The softer side of a heavy metal town, Ohio  
University/Swallow Press, July 2019

Essay, "Hidden Lakewood: The Gold Coast," Lakewood Observer,  
Editor Jim O'Bryan, April 18, 2018

Essay, "Creative Fusion," CAN Journal, Editor Michael Gill,  
Summer, 2016

Essay, "Meet the ICA Art Conservationists," Belt Magazine,  
Editor, Anne Trubeck, April 2, 2014

Essay, "Made of Cleveland," CAN Journal, Editor Michael Gill,  
Winter 2012/2013

*The Irish Hungarian Guide to the Domestic Arts*, memoir, Red  
Giant Books, February 2012

Regular contributor, the Cleveland Scene, July 2008-Oct. 2010

2010 Lantern Award Recipient: "The Erin O'Brien Owner's Manual  
for Human Beings," Best Blog in Northeast Ohio, Sept. 11, 2010

Personal Essay, Los Angeles Times, Editor, David Ulin, August 1,  
2010

Op-ed essay, "Meanwhile, Back in Cleveland" New York Times,  
Editor, Clay Risen, July 9, 2010

"Rainy Day Woman" Columnist, the Cleveland Scene/Free Times,  
Editor, Frank Lewis, September 2006-2010

Cover Story/Feature, "Drill Baby Drill," Cleveland Scene,  
Editor, Frank Lewis, September 30, 2009

Cover Story/Feature, "The Croc Whisperer," Cleveland Scene,  
Editor, Frank Lewis, August 26, 2009

Personal Essay, Los Angeles Times, Editor, David Ulin, July 19,  
2009

Epilogue, *Leaving Las Vegas (Via Da Las Vegas)*, minimum fax,  
Translator: Raul Montanari, Rome, Italy, June 2009

Cover Story/Feature, "Leaving Las Vegas: Rearview," Cleveland  
Free Times, Editor, Frank Lewis, April 16, 2008

Cover Story/Feature, Cleveland Nite Moves Disco, Cleveland Free  
Times, Editor, Frank Lewis, February 13, 2008

Editor and regular contributor, the BroadView Journal, January  
2001-October 2006

Cover Story/Feature, Northeast Ohio Transgender Community,  
Cleveland Free Times, Editor, Frank Lewis, August 2, 2006

Personal Essay, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Editor Karen Sandstrom,  
March 4 and July 10, 2006, and December 19, 2004

Personal Essay, Cleveland Plain Dealer Sunday Magazine, Editor,  
Ellen Burbach, September 4 and October 30, 2005

Feature, Pro-Wrestler Dan Bobish, Northern Ohio Live, Editor,  
Kathryn DeLong, September 2003

### **Selected Readings-Appearances-Workshops**

More than 20 speaking engagements featuring *Rust Belt Burlesque*  
in Northeast Ohio, July 2019 through July 2020

Speaker, Advanced Writing Class, Ursuline College, Pepper Pike,  
OH. Nov. 15, 2017

Workshop Leader, "The Art of the Interview," Western Reserve  
Fall Writers' Conference, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland,  
OH. Sept. 26, 2015

Speaker, Monthly Meeting, College Club of Cleveland, Cleveland  
Heights, OH. June 1, 2015

Speaker, Write-in-the-Country Conference, Red Maple Inn, Burton,  
OH. Oct. 25, 2014

Speaker, 30th Western Reserve Fall Writers' Conference, Lakeland  
Community College, Kirtland, OH. Sept. 29, 2013

Workshop Leader, "Livin' the Online Life," Cuyahoga County  
Public Library, Middleburg Hts. Branch, Feb. 7, 2013

Featured Speaker, "Meet the Author," Lakewood Public Library,  
Lakewood, OH. October 17, 2012

Reading/Signing, Mac's Backs Books, Cleveland Hts., OH. March  
24, 2012

Featured Guest, WCPN 90.3 FM "Around Noon" with Dee Perry,  
Cleveland, OH Feb. 8, 2012, Sept. 7, 2010, July 20, 2009, May  
20, 2008 and June 2, 2006

Reading/Signing, Local Girl Gallery, Lakewood, OH. February 2,  
2012

Speaker, "The Power of Belief," House Kheperu Gathering,  
Cleveland, OH. May 15, 2011

Keynote Speaker and Presenter, In the Company of Women: A  
Writing Retreat, Maumee, OH. April 16-18, 2010

Featured Writer, 35 Year Anniversary Celebration, Cleveland's  
Literary Center, Cleveland, OH. November 7, 2009

Discussion Leader, "Illuminating Twilight," Cuyahoga County  
Public Library, 14 locations system-wide, Cuyahoga County, OH.  
October/November 2009

Keynote Speaker, 26th Western Reserve Writers' Conference and  
Workshop, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH. Sept. 19,  
2009

Speaker, "In Celebration of John O'Brien," Book Soup, Los  
Angeles, CA. July 16, 2009

Keynote Speaker, Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor  
Society, Ursuline College, Pepper Pike, OH. March 27, 2009

Featured Guest, WNCX 98.5 FM "The Morning Show," Cleveland, OH  
11 spots from November 2007 - March 2009

Reading/Signing, Mac's Backs Books, Cleveland Hts., OH. April  
19, 2008

Key Note Speaker, Women Writers' Winter Retreat, Willoughby, OH.  
Feb. 1, 2008

Panelist, "Successful Freelance Writing," Society of  
Professional Journalists; Cleveland Chapter, Independence, OH.  
June 23, 2007

Panelist, "Fiction Writers Unscripted," Poets' and Writers'  
League of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland, OH. March 8, 2007

Leader, Public Fiction Workshop, Cleveland State University,  
Cleveland, OH. 10 classes from March 22 - May 24, 2006

Reading/Signing, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.  
Nov. 15, 2005

Reading/Signing, Mac's Backs Books, Cleveland Hts., OH. Sept.  
20, 2005

### **Short Fiction**

"People Who Need People"  
Amazon Kindle  
September 2010

"Night Mourning"  
*Muse*  
July 2008

"Skywriting with King Tut down at the Little Egypt"  
*Santi: Lives of Modern Saints*  
January 2008

"Skeleton Mom"  
*Air in the Paragraph Line, Issue 12*  
September 2007

### **Novel**

*Harvey & Eck*  
Zumaya Publications  
August 2005

2006 Eppie Finalist

2006 PWLGC "Writers and Their Friends" Honoree