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### **ASPIRING NOVELISTS CAN LEARN SECRETS OF CRAFT VIA E-MAIL**

#### **MISSOULA--**

Back this semester from The University of Montana's Center for Continuing Education is a popular course for aspiring novelists who want to learn the secrets of their craft without commuting to campus.

Available through e-mail or regular mail, *The Secret of Writing a Novel That Plays Like a Film in Your Head* is designed to help students learn the craft and technique to begin a novel and develop the confidence to end it, keeping the reader's attention throughout. Novelist Colin Hester, author of "Diamond Sutra," is the instructor.

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The course, ENCR 395, offers three undergraduate credits, costs \$495 and will start as soon as 10 students register. Students will receive the list of required texts and a reading list upon receipt of paid registration.

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