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**AUTHOR KATHLEEN JONES DISCUSSES HER NOVEL  
“LOVE IS THE PUNCH LINE”**



**Date:** Tuesday, May 29, 2018

**Time:** 3:00 - 4:30pm

**Location:** 333 Wilson Avenue, Suite 406, Toronto, ON M3H 1T2

Do you want to write? Is there a good story inside you ready to burst out? In this month's Tuesdays with OSSCO, you'll learn from Kathleen Jones a former book editor and technical that you can always fulfill your dreams. A late bloomer like her characters Josh and Holly in *Love is a Punch Line*, Kathleen shares with us how she got started “late in life” as a novelist. Kathleen shares:

- Why she waited until mid-life to pursue a career as a novelist
- Preparations and challenges transitioning to this new career
- Difficulties selling the novel to literary agents and book publishers, and, overcoming age bias against romance novels featuring older characters
- Success! Selling the novel to a publisher, and discovering an online audience eager for midlife romance novels

**Registration is required for this workshop *free* for 50+. Call 416-785-8570 or email [ocsc@ocsc.ca](mailto:ocsc@ocsc.ca) or Evenbrite <https://bit.ly/2Hq5Ypi>. Stay for the book signing by author Kathleen Jones after workshop with light refreshments. This workshop also launches OSSCO' own story telling and writing program offered *free of charge*, to people 50+ and seniors starting in June.**

### **Author Biography**

Kathleen always wanted to write novels, but she needed to pay her bills, so she put off her dream to enter the corporate world. After 50 long years, Kathleen's lifelong dream is finally coming true: her first novel, *Love Is the Punch Line*, was published by Moonshine Cove ([Moonshinecovepublishing.com](http://Moonshinecovepublishing.com)) in April 2018. The book will be available in both trade paperback and e-book formats.

Kathleen Jones graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in English literature and completed Ryerson University's Certificate in Publishing program. Kathleen writes for a number of popular book blogs, including Romance Junkies and the blogs of Jane Friedman and British novelist



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Tony Riches. She also contributes monthly book reviews to Goodreads. Kathleen lives in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

### **Information About the Novel *Love Is the Punch Line* by Kathleen Jones**

The novel, *Love Is the Punch Line*, is a midlife romance set in the world of stand-up comedy.

Middle-aged stand-up comedian Josh Steinberg, the “Jewish Comedy King” and formerly the star of his own popular TV series, finds himself struggling to keep his career alive, playing seedier and seedier clubs. Plump, balding, and plain-looking, he has never had much luck with women. That is, until Josh meets Holly Brannigan while performing his stand-up act in a club. Holly, an attractive, intelligent, and divorced 50-year-old businesswoman, becomes instantly smitten with Josh and even finds his unconventional looks wildly sexy.

The lonely and vulnerable Josh soon falls in love with Holly, even though she’s not the statuesque type he usually goes for. But Josh, terrified of being hurt and discarded by yet another woman, hides his feelings for Holly by making fun of her in his stand-up act. And Holly, taking Josh’s words to heart, starts to wonder if she means anything to him at all.

Holly soon sees past Josh’s wisecracks and becomes aware of his true feelings for her, and Josh, slowly and painfully, learns that he can trust Holly. Josh also discovers that Holly has faith in his ability to reinvent himself. With her support and encouragement, Josh writes a screenplay for his “comeback” movie, then tries to bring his vision to life, battling dismissive Hollywood studios, hostile movie directors and paparazzi, and his own ongoing depression and deep insecurities about his looks. Together, Josh and Holly work to rebuild Josh’s faded career—and to build a future with each other.