

Interview questions to make you both sound great: These work even if you haven't read the book No spoilers

- 1. How do you write without being able to see? Did you dictate your book? How do you make manuscript changes and work with an editor?
- 2. What motivates these senior citizens to sign up for your memoir-writing classes?
- 3. What benefits do older adults gain from writing memoir?
- 4. Why take a class? Why not just sit down at home and write your memoir?
- 5. Have any of your students published their memoirs?
- 6. Can you tell us a story about one of the writers in your classes?
- 7. Your husband can see, and you've been married over 30 years. Were you blind when you got married?
- 8. If you could still see when you first got married, how did life change after you became blind?
- 9. This is your second memoir. What made you decide to write another one? And how is this one different from the first one?
- 10. You live in Chicago. How do you get around safely in a big city like that? How do you get to classes?
- 11. What was the hardest thing about losing your sight?
- 12. You've been blind a long time now. How does blindness sit over the long haul?
- 13. Do your writers ever do things that drive you nuts?
- 14. Can you read an excerpt from *Writing Out Loud*? Wait, how can you read an excerpt? Do you have it in Braille?