

## **Gwendolen Gross -- Author of The Other Mother -- Speaks to Rockaway MOMS group**

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The conversation touched on how each mom viewed the two main characters: Amanda — a high-powered book editor and conflicted mother from New York City and Thea — a suburban stay-at-home super-mom. Ms. Gross confirmed the group's thoughts on how the women are both drawn to and repelled by each other. She voiced how many mothers struggle with balancing work and family, and that all mothers share in many of the same joys and regrets.

Gwendolen Gross, an award-winning writing instructor, is now offering a **free online writing workshop for moms** at <http://gwendolengross.typepad.com>. Here, mothers write stories inspired by their experiences and choices.

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Gwendolen Gross is the author of the novels *Field Guide*, *Getting Out*, and most recently *The Other Mother*. Booklist calls her new novel "an electrifyingly complex and explosively gripping portrait of contemporary, have-it-all motherhood." Ms. Gross received her undergraduate degree from Oberlin College, and a Masters Degree in poetry and fiction from Sarah Lawrence College. She lives Bergen County, New Jersey with her family.

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