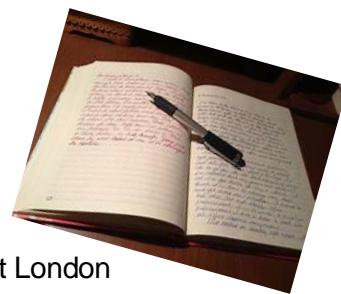


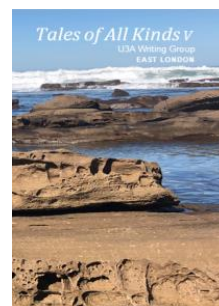
# The Writing Group

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Here is a 'tempting' excerpt for you:

## The Temptation of Eve

by *Sobhna Poona*

Eve lives in the village of Eden. The gardens bask in the sight, smells and decibels of spring. Flowers flirt with bursting colour and fragrances waft into the air. Eve enjoys the symphony of sounds as she picks delicate buds and fragrant herbs, and places them in her basket. Suddenly she hears a deep voice. "Hello Eve, my dear." Eve spins around. There's nobody there.

"Hello Eve," the voice repeats. Eve moves towards the sound of the voice. Still, she sees no one. Then she hears a slithering sound, "SSSSSSS." She looks up. There curled along a tree branch lies a snake with its head held high, its eyes darting from side to side. Eve is entranced. The snake smiles, its tongue licks the air in sensuous flicks as it eyes the low lying fruit. "Are you hungry Eve?" the snake asks.

Eve sees the apples that hang temptingly low from her neighbour's tree, their rosy skins glisten in the sunlight. "Take one, Eve. Take one, my dear," the snake repeats. Eve loves apples. She relishes the thought of spicy steamed apples and baked apple crumble. Her tummy gurgles. She is hungry. She quickly grabs the delicious treasure, stuffs it in her basket and hurries back indoors.

What do you think happens?

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