The story of Hollywood has been told many times, but what is the tale of Hollywood’s storytellers? Miranda Banks spoke with over 60 writers and uncovered 85 forgotten oral histories with American film and television writers for her book, *The Writers: A History of American Screenwriters & Their Guild*. Banks tells the story of five watershed moments that changed the industry and the profession of writing: the advent of sound, World War II, the blacklist, ascension of television, the American New Wave, the rise and fall of VHS and DVD, and the boom of streaming media. During every generation, writers have grappled with traditional definitions of authorship, insider status, and creativity. It’s time their story is told.

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