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Manuscript Makeover - Elizabeth Lyon

2008-04-01

Professional editor and author Elizabeth Lyon offers aspiring novelists the guidance and instruction they need to write and edit well-crafted and compelling stories that will stand out from the competition and attract the attention of agents and publishers, including:

- Stand-out style techniques, from accessing an authentic voice to applying techniques of "wordsmithing" that transform prose
- How to rewrite characterization for dimensionality, a universal need, and theme
- Adjustment suggestions to match the prose style and structure of specific genres
- Correct grammar, punctuation, spelling, and style
- Strategies to strengthen story beginnings and endings
- Methods for increasing plot stakes, creating movement, and adjusting pace for maximum suspense

Fire Up Your Writing Brain - Susan Reynolds

2015-09-21

Ignite Your Writing Brain! Whether you're an

experienced writer or just starting out, an endless number of pitfalls can trip up your efforts, from procrastination and writer's block to thin characters and uninspired plots. Luckily, you have access to an extraordinary writing tool that can help overcome all of these problems: your brain. *Fire Up Your Writing Brain* teaches you how to develop your brain to its fullest potential. Based on proven, easy-to-understand neuroscience, this book details ways to stimulate, nurture, and hone your brain into the ultimate writing tool. Inside, you'll learn how to:

- Identify the type of writer you are: Do you think or feel your way through writing a book? Are you a pantsier or a plotter?
- Develop writing models that accelerate your learning curve.
- Hardwire your brain for endurance and increased productivity.
- Brainstorm better character concepts and plot points.
- Learn to edit your manuscript on both a macro and micro level.
- Recharge a lagging brain to gain an extra burst of creativity. Filled with accessible

instruction, practical techniques, and thought-provoking exercises, *Fire Up Your Writing Brain* shows you how to become a more productive, creative, and successful writer--a veritable writing genius! "An excellent resource--the way that neuroscience and the art of writing are jointly explored allows for a new, unique, and practical integration of the two." --Teresa Aubele-Futch, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Neuroscience at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame and co-author of *Train Your Brain to Get Happy* and *Train Your Brain to Get Rich* "Full of neuroscience facts and tips, this inspiring book will change your brain--and your writing life. I learned techniques that I'll apply to my students and my own writing." --Linda Joy Myers, President of the National Association of Memoir Writers and award-winning author of *Don't Call Me Mother: A Daughter's Journey from Abandonment to Forgiveness*

Atomic Habits - James Clear 2018-10-16
The #1 New York Times bestseller. Over 4

million copies sold! *Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results* No matter your goals, *Atomic Habits* offers a proven framework for improving--every day. James Clear, one of the world's leading experts on habit formation, reveals practical strategies that will teach you exactly how to form good habits, break bad ones, and master the tiny behaviors that lead to remarkable results. If you're having trouble changing your habits, the problem isn't you. The problem is your system. Bad habits repeat themselves again and again not because you don't want to change, but because you have the wrong system for change. You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems. Here, you'll get a proven system that can take you to new heights. Clear is known for his ability to distill complex topics into simple behaviors that can be easily applied to daily life and work. Here, he draws on the most proven ideas from biology, psychology, and neuroscience to create an easy-to-understand guide for making good

habits inevitable and bad habits impossible. Along the way, readers will be inspired and entertained with true stories from Olympic gold medalists, award-winning artists, business leaders, life-saving physicians, and star comedians who have used the science of small habits to master their craft and vault to the top of their field. Learn how to: make time for new habits (even when life gets crazy); overcome a lack of motivation and willpower; design your environment to make success easier; get back on track when you fall off course; ...and much more. Atomic Habits will reshape the way you think about progress and success, and give you the tools and strategies you need to transform your habits--whether you are a team looking to win a championship, an organization hoping to redefine an industry, or simply an individual who wishes to quit smoking, lose weight, reduce stress, or achieve any other goal.

The Art of Nonfiction - Ayn Rand 2001-02-01

A remarkable series of lectures on the art of

creating effective nonfiction by one of the 20th century's most profound writers and thinkers--now available for the first time in print. Culled from sixteen informal lectures Ayn Rand delivered to a select audience in the late 1960s, this remarkable work offers indispensable guidance to the aspiring writer of nonfiction while providing readers with a fascinating discourse on art and creation. Based on the concept that the ability to create quality nonfiction is a skill that can be learned like any other, The Art of Nonfiction takes readers through the writing process, step-by-step, providing insightful observations and invaluable techniques along the way. In these edited transcripts, Rand discusses the psychological aspects of writing, and the different roles played by the conscious and unconscious minds. From choosing a subject to polishing a draft to mastering an individual writing style--for authors of theoretical works or those leaning toward journalistic reporting--this crucial resource

introduces the words and ideas of one of our most enduring authors to a new generation.

It Was the Best of Sentences, It Was the Worst of Sentences - June Casagrande
2010-07-27

In this wickedly humorous manual, language columnist June Casagrande uses grammar and syntax to show exactly what makes some sentences great—and other sentences suck. Great writing isn't born, it's built—sentence by sentence. But too many writers—and writing guides—overlook this most important unit. The result? Manuscripts that will never be published and writing careers that will never begin. With chapters on “Conjunctions That Kill” and “Words Gone Wild,” this lighthearted guide is perfect for anyone who's dead serious about writing, from aspiring novelists to nonfiction writers, conscientious students to cheeky literati. So roll up your sleeves and prepare to craft one bold, effective sentence after another. Your readers will thank you.

[33 Ways Not to Screw Up Your Business Emails](#) - Anne Janzer 2021-09-15

Business runs on emails, yet we rarely give them enough thought. Too often, our messages are misunderstood, misfiled, or ignored. In a world filled with remote collaboration and virtual teams, people who master email writing rise above the noise. Learn how to make your emails work for you rather than against you with this short, practical guide. Topics include: Crafting effective subject lines Writing emails that people respond to Protecting yourself from accidental misfires Whether you're just starting in your career or are adjusting to a newly remote and virtual workplace, you'll find valuable advice and tips you can put into practice right away.

Take Joy - Jane Yolen 2003-01-01

- Author has won many major awards, including the Christopher Medal, the Caldecott Medal, the World Fantasy Award, and the Golden Kite Award

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through the creation of your own story, one that allows your audience to overcome their resistance and take up your call to action, not because you told them to, but because they want to. That is the power of story. Use it wisely.

Pictures of You - Caroline Leavitt 2011-01-01

After Isabelle accidentally kills April in a highway collision, Isabella must pick up the pieces of her own life and, with the help of April's husband and son, figure out where April was running to.

Story Genius - Lisa Cron 2016-08-09

Following on the heels of Lisa Cron's breakout first book, *Wired for Story*, this writing guide reveals how to use cognitive storytelling strategies to build a scene-by-scene blueprint for a riveting story. It’s every novelist’s greatest fear: pouring their blood, sweat, and tears into writing hundreds of pages only to realize that their story has no sense of urgency, no internal logic, and so is a page one rewrite. The prevailing wisdom in the writing community is

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Teething - Megha Rao 2021-12-20

A story told in verse, *Teething* begins when Kochu, a young boy in Kerala, is caught kissing the neighbour's son. All hell breaks loose, ending in Kochu taking his own life. Years after the scandal, after discovering his suicide note, his oldest sister, Achu, sets out to uncover the

mysteries of their dysfunctional family by putting pieces of their past back together. Along the way, she discovers things she never noticed - their mother's brokenness and obsession with the church, their father's disturbing secrecy inside the bedroom, and, of course, their own individual traumas that stopped time altogether. Soon, Achu realizes that none of them will ever truly grow up until they live their lives all over again, from the very beginning.

Is This Tomorrow - Caroline Leavitt
2013-05-07

In 1956, Ava Lark rents a house with her twelve-year-old son, Lewis, in a desirable Boston suburb. Ava is beautiful, divorced, Jewish, and a working mom. She finds her neighbors less than welcoming. Lewis yearns for his absent father, befriending the only other fatherless kids: Jimmy and Rose. One afternoon, Jimmy goes missing. The neighborhood—in the throes of Cold War paranoia—seizes the opportunity to further ostracize Ava and her son. Years later, when

Lewis and Rose reunite to untangle the final pieces of the tragic puzzle, they must decide: Should you tell the truth even if it hurts those you love, or should some secrets remain buried? [The Storytelling Animal](#) - Jonathan Gottschall 2012

Explores the latest beliefs about why people tell stories and what stories reveal about human nature, offering insights into such related topics as universal themes and what it means to have a storytelling brain.

Wired for Story - Lisa Cron 2012-07-10

This guide reveals how writers can utilize cognitive storytelling strategies to craft stories that ignite readers' brains and captivate them through each plot element. Imagine knowing what the brain craves from every tale it encounters, what fuels the success of any great story, and what keeps readers transfixed. *Wired for Story* reveals these cognitive secrets—and it's a game-changer for anyone who has ever set pen to paper. The vast majority of writing advice

focuses on “writing well” as if it were the same as telling a great story. This is exactly where many aspiring writers fail—they strive for beautiful metaphors, authentic dialogue, and interesting characters, losing sight of the one thing that every engaging story must do: ignite the brain's hardwired desire to learn what happens next. When writers tap into the evolutionary purpose of story and electrify our curiosity, it triggers a delicious dopamine rush that tells us to pay attention. Without it, even the most perfect prose won't hold anyone's interest. Backed by recent breakthroughs in neuroscience as well as examples from novels, screenplays, and short stories, *Wired for Story* offers a revolutionary look at story as the brain experiences it. Each chapter zeroes in on an aspect of the brain, its corresponding revelation about story, and the way to apply it to your storytelling right now.

[The Poppy War](#) - R. F. Kuang 2018-05-01

“I have no doubt this will end up being the best

fantasy debut of the year [...] I have absolutely no doubt that [Kuang's] name will be up there with the likes of Robin Hobb and N.K. Jemisin." - Booknest A Library Journal, Paste Magazine, Vulture, BookBub, and ENTROPY Best Books pick! Washington Post "5 Best Science Fiction and Fantasy Novel" pick! A Bustle "30 Best Fiction Books" pick! A brilliantly imaginative talent makes her exciting debut with this epic historical military fantasy, inspired by the bloody history of China's twentieth century and filled with treachery and magic, in the tradition of Ken Liu's *Grace of Kings* and N.K. Jemisin's *Inheritance Trilogy*. When Rin aced the Keju—the Empire-wide test to find the most talented youth to learn at the Academies—it was a shock to everyone: to the test officials, who couldn't believe a war orphan from Rooster Province could pass without cheating; to Rin's guardians, who believed they'd finally be able to marry her off and further their criminal enterprise; and to Rin herself, who realized she

was finally free of the servitude and despair that had made up her daily existence. That she got into Sinegard—the most elite military school in Nikan—was even more surprising. But surprises aren't always good. Because being a dark-skinned peasant girl from the south is not an easy thing at Sinegard. Targeted from the outset by rival classmates for her color, poverty, and gender, Rin discovers she possesses a lethal, unearthly power—an aptitude for the nearly-mythical art of shamanism. Exploring the depths of her gift with the help of a seemingly insane teacher and psychoactive substances, Rin learns that gods long thought dead are very much alive—and that mastering control over those powers could mean more than just surviving school. For while the Nikara Empire is at peace, the Federation of Mugen still lurks across a narrow sea. The militarily advanced Federation occupied Nikan for decades after the First Poppy War, and only barely lost the continent in the Second. And while most of the people are

complacent to go about their lives, a few are aware that a Third Poppy War is just a spark away . . . Rin's shamanic powers may be the only way to save her people. But as she finds out more about the god that has chosen her, the vengeful Phoenix, she fears that winning the war may cost her humanity . . . and that it may already be too late.

The Secrets of Story - Matt Bird 2016-11-01

You've just boarded a plane. You've loaded your phone with your favorite podcasts, but before you can pop in your earbuds, disaster strikes: The guy in the next seat starts telling you all about something crazy that happened to him--in great detail. This is the unwelcome storyteller, trying to convince a reluctant audience to care about his story. We all hate that guy, right? But when you tell a story (any kind of story: a novel, a memoir, a screenplay, a stage play, a comic, or even a cover letter), you become the unwelcome storyteller. So how can you write a story that audiences will embrace? The answer is simple:

Remember what it feels like to be that jaded audience. Tell the story that would win you over, even if you didn't want to hear it. The Secrets of Story provides comprehensive, audience-focused strategies for becoming a master storyteller. Armed with the Ultimate Story Checklist, you can improve every aspect of your fiction writing with incisive questions like these:

- **Concept:** Is the one-sentence description of your story uniquely appealing?
- **Character:** Can your audience identify with your hero?
- **Structure and Plot:** Is your story ruled by human nature?
- **Scene Work:** Does each scene advance the plot and reveal character through emotional reactions?
- **Dialogue:** Is your characters' dialogue infused with distinct personality traits and speech patterns based on their lives and backgrounds?
- **Tone:** Are you subtly setting, resetting, and upsetting expectations?
- **Theme:** Are you using multiple ironies throughout the story to create meaning? To succeed in the world of fiction and film, you have to work on

every aspect of your craft and satisfy your audience. Do both--and so much more--with *The Secrets of Story*.

[Glitter and Glam](#) - Melanie Mills 2013-09-03

Dazzling Makeup Tips for Date Night, Club Night, and Beyond Maximize the glam, access your inner diva, grab the glitter, and get excited about makeup! With stunning photos, featuring stars like Jennette McCurdy, Ariana Grande, Brandy, and Willa Ford, and easy-to-follow step-by-step instructions, Melanie Mills shows you the makeup techniques for creating fun, trendsetting looks inspired by rock 'n' roll vixens and fairy tale characters. She inspires you to experiment with stunning makeup for all occasions, from a party or a night out with friends to a special date or anytime you want to amplify your look. Melanie offers advice on makeup for any skin tone, and shows you how to master color combinations, taking you through a rainbow of shades to inspire you to break out of your everyday color palette. These looks are

stunning, sometimes wild, and guaranteed to make a statement!

Writing to Be Understood - Anne H. Janzer 2018-08-09

Have you ever wondered what makes your favorite nonfiction books so compelling, understandable, or enjoyable to read? They connect with you, as a reader. This book will help you recognize and apply the methods of your favorite writers to your own work. *Writing To Be Understood* is the thinking writer's guide to effective nonfiction writing techniques, such as: - Using analogies effectively to illustrate unseen concepts - Appealing to the reader's innate curiosity - Balancing humility with credibility For each topic, the book combines insights from cognitive science with advice from writers and expert practitioners in fields of psychology, technology, economics, medicine, policy, and more. Whether you're an expert trying to communicate with a mainstream audience or a nonfiction writer hoping to reach

more people, Writing to be Understood will help you expand the impact of your words. Gold medal winner, 2019 Independent Publisher Book Awards

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Tower of Babylon - Ted Chiang 2016-05-04
A Vintage Shorts “Short Story Month” Selection
Together with a crew of other miners and cart-pullers, Hillalum is recruited to climb the Tower of Babylon and unearth what lies beyond the vault of heaven. During his journey, Hillalum discovers entire civilizations of tower-dwellers on the tower—there are those who live inside the mists of clouds, those who raise their vegetables above the sun, and those who have spent their lives under the oppressive weight of an endless, white stratum at the top of the universe. “Tower

of Babylon” is a rare gem—a winner of the prestigious Nebula award, the first story Ted Chiang ever published, and the brilliant opening piece to Chiang’s much-lauded first collection, *Stories of Your Life and Others*, which is soon to be a major motion picture starring Amy Adams. An ebook short.

The Story Book - David Baboulene 2010
`Fantastic. A bible for writers.` Bookshelf
Author, scriptwriter, story consultant and Ph.D scholar of narrative theory, David Baboulene, helps you to understand what makes stories that grip. With invaluable new thinking on subtext plus insights on story success from: Bob Gale: Legendary Hollywood scriptwriter and producer of the *Back to the Future* trilogy. Lee Child: 16 million *Jack Reacher* novels sold in 43 countries and 29 languages. Willy Russell: celebrated playwright and film maker of classics such as *Shirley Valentine*, *Educating Rita*, *Blood Brothers*... John Sullivan: television comedy writing legend - *Only Fools and Horses*, *Citizen*

Smith, *Just Good Friends*... Simply a must-read for anyone wanting to understand how to turn ideas into stories that sell. "Receiving a publishing deal was a dream turned reality, and *The Story Book* helped me obtain this achievement. A practical, yet engaging guide, every writer should read. "David Baboulene is truly a master when it comes to the science behind storytelling." Craig Hinde (Director). Here is what I have in my acknowledgment page: 'David Baboulene-I did it and you're a heck of a teacher!' " Kerri Cuevas - Author of *Deadly Kisses*.

No Witnesses to Nothing - Garry Rodgers
2013-01-07

BASED ON A TRUE CRIME STORY STRAIGHT OUT OF CSI OR THE X-FILES WHERE MANY BELIEVE PARANORMAL INTERVENTION OCCURRED. Do you believe in Ghosts? Sergeant Sharlene Bate of I-HIT, Vancouver's Integrated Homicide Investigation Team, pries open Pandora's Box when two drug informers are

brutally executed and where two young Mounties attempt to capture a madman terrorizing the Canadian Yukon Wilderness. No ordinary madman, the Tlingit people say. It's The Kushtaka. The Wildman-of-the-Woods. The mythical being who tricks you. Kills you. And steals your soul. Sergeant Bate exhumes more of the Aboriginal legend: After a gun-fight with the shapeshifter, the police officers souls are trapped in a twilight-zone - the world in-between. So begins a life and death quest for the truth of why the informants had to be murdered. From the treacherous Hells Angels conspiracy in the prisons of America and the jungles of Colombia, to the spiritual journey in a Shaman's sweatlodge deep in the Australian Outback - is there a supernatural entity now hunting for Sharlene Bate's soul? Truth can be stranger than fiction. Sergeant Sharlene Bate's investigation reveals a secret bridge connecting science and spirit along the pathway to understanding the essence to our existence - the soul.

A Writer's Guide to Fiction - Elizabeth Lyon
2004-06-01

The second book in the Writer's Compass series from professional writing instructor Elizabeth Lyon offers both aspiring and established authors the fundamentals of writing and selling a great novel or short story. In addition to the basics of characterization, plot, pacing, and theme, A Writer's Guide to Fiction also features a plan for revising fiction, a guide to marketing, samples of cover and query letters, and methods of honing the writing craft.

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[Differently Wired](#) - Deborah Reber 2018-06-12
Today millions of kids are stuck in a world that doesn't respect, support, or embrace who they really are—these are what Deborah Reber is calling the “differently wired” kids, the one in five children with ADHD, dyslexia, Asperger's,

giftedness, anxiety, sensory processing disorder, and other neurodifferences. Their challenges are many. But for the parents who love them, the challenges are just as hard—struggling to find the right school, the right therapist, the right parenting group while feeling isolated and harboring endless internal doubts about what's normal, what's not, and how to handle it all. But now there's hope. Written by Deborah Reber, a bestselling author and mother in the midst of an eye-opening journey with her son who is twice exceptional (he has ADHD, Asperger's, and is highly gifted), *Differently Wired* is a how-to, a manifesto, a book of wise advice, and the best kind of been-there, done-that companion. On the one hand it's a book of saying NO, and how it's time to say no to trying to fit your round-peg kid into society's square holes, no to educational and social systems that don't respect your child, no to the anxiety and fear that keep parents stuck. And then it's a book of YES. By offering 18 paradigm shifts—what she calls “tilts”—Reber

shows how to change everything. How to “Get Out of Isolation and Connect.” “Stop Fighting Who Your Child Is and Lean In.” “Let Go of What Others Think.” “Create a World Where Your Child Can Feel Secure.” “Find Your People (and Ditch the Rest).” “Help Your Kids Embrace Self-Discovery.” And through these alternative ways of being, discover how to stay open, pay attention, and become an exceptional parent to your exceptional child.

Write Great Fiction - Description & Setting - Ron Rozelle 2005-03-15

Build a Believable World How essential is setting to a story? How much description is too much? In what ways do details and setting tie into plot and character development? How can you use setting and description to add depth to your story? You can find all the answers you need in *Write Great Fiction: Description & Setting* by author and instructor Ron Rozelle. This nuts-and-bolts guide - complete with practical exercises at the end of each chapter - gives you

all the tips and techniques you need to:

- Establish a realistic sense of time and place
- Use description and setting to drive your story
- Craft effective description and setting for different genres
- Skillfully master showing vs. telling

With dozens of excerpts from some of today's most popular writers, *Write Great Fiction: Description & Setting* gives you all the information you need to create a sharp and believable world of people, places, events, and actions.

Presentation Zen - Garr Reynolds 2009-04-15
FOREWORD BY GUY KAWASAKI
Presentation designer and internationally acclaimed communications expert Garr Reynolds, creator of the most popular Web site on presentation design and delivery on the Net — presentationzen.com — shares his experience in a provocative mix of illumination, inspiration, education, and guidance that will change the way you think about making presentations with PowerPoint or Keynote. *Presentation Zen*

challenges the conventional wisdom of making "slide presentations" in today's world and encourages you to think differently and more creatively about the preparation, design, and delivery of your presentations. Garr shares lessons and perspectives that draw upon practical advice from the fields of communication and business. Combining solid principles of design with the tenets of Zen simplicity, this book will help you along the path to simpler, more effective presentations.

Help! For Writers - Roy Peter Clark 2011-09-21

The craft of writing offers countless potential problems: The story is too long; the story's too short; revising presents a huge hurdle; writer's block is rearing its ugly head. In *HELP! FOR WRITERS*, Roy Peter Clark presents an "owner's manual" for writers, outlining the seven steps of the writing process, and addressing the 21 most urgent problems that writers face. In his trademark engaging and entertaining style, Clark offers ten short solutions to each problem.

Out of ideas? Read posters, billboards, and graffiti. Can't bear to edit yourself? Watch the deleted scenes feature of a DVD, and ask yourself why those scenes were left on the cutting-room floor. *HELP! FOR WRITERS* offers 210 strategies to guide writers to success.

The Emotional Craft of Fiction - Donald Maass 2016-12-30

Engage Your Readers with Emotion While writers might disagree over showing versus telling or plotting versus pantsing, none would argue this: If you want to write strong fiction, you must make your readers feel. The reader's experience must be an emotional journey of its own, one as involving as your characters' struggles, discoveries, and triumphs are for you. That's where *The Emotional Craft of Fiction* comes in. Veteran literary agent and expert fiction instructor Donald Maass shows you how to use story to provoke a visceral and emotional experience in readers. Topics covered include:

- emotional modes of writing
- beyond showing

versus telling • your story's emotional world • moral stakes • connecting the inner and outer journeys • plot as emotional opportunities • invoking higher emotions, symbols, and emotional language • cascading change • story as emotional mirror • positive spirit and magnanimous writing • the hidden current that makes stories move Readers can simply read a novel...or they can experience it. The Emotional Craft of Fiction shows you how to make that happen.

Plan Your Novel Like a Pro: And Have Fun Doing It! - Ezra Barany 2018-11-17

This book will help you get excited to plan your novel. The tools shared here are designed to spark your muse and give you confidence when you sit down to write your story. Plan Your Novel Like A Pro: And Have Fun Doing It! is for organic writers and pansters who want a roadmap to follow, so that they can let their creativity loose. "Beth's book is like plotting for pantsers!"-Tess Rider, Science Fantasy Romance

AuthorPlan your novel, write with confidence, and have fun doing it!We know that you have other activities in your life besides writing, and that writing your novels is important to you. How can you manage your writing and still meet your other obligations?Well, you can, in small, manageable bite-sized pieces. Each lesson in this book can be done in as little as 15-20 minutes.You can plan your novel in a way that fits into your life. We know, because we've done it, multiple times!Based on the popular course, Plan Your Novel: 30-Day Writing Challenge, this book is organized into 4 sections, so that you can do the exercises over a one-month period.If you're planning to participate in National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) or Camp NaNo, this course will get you ready and give you everything you need to write a novel in 30 days.This book is for you: ... if you have never written a novel, have always wanted to, and still feel lost on how to go from brilliant idea to The End, then you will be stretched in new and

different ways.... if you're an experienced novelist, with 1 or 2 completed or partially completed novels under your bed, and you're stuck somehow. You may find this course structured in a way that's new to you and yet familiar....if you have 3 or more unfinished novels sitting in a drawer, and always hit that sagging middle and lose focus or lose interest, this course will help you dream up exciting ways to torture, I mean challenge, your characters all the way to story resolution. With this book, you'll be able to: -- Believe that you can write a novel-- Step into a sense of satisfaction and creative accomplishment-- Get excited for NaNoWriMo-- Plan your novel FOR AUTHORS WHO WRITE: - Novels, novellas, and short stories-Page-turning fiction like mystery, thriller, romance, suspense, fantasy, science fiction, women's fiction, and mash-ups of these -For Adult, Young Adult, New Adult, and Middle Grade Readers How this book is organized: Introduction & Essential Tips Introduction Chapter 1: Essential Character

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StoryBranding - Jim Signorelli 2012-01-01

Until this book was written, the phrase "brands are stories" was merely a marketing cliché. Having delved into how stories influence our behavior, however, the author asserts that the association between stories and brands deserves far more than that stock phrase. Among the many books about branding directed toward marketing and advertising practitioners and students, none is like *StoryBranding*. Modeled after the way stories work, this book provides a unique planning process for creating authentic brand identities. It also reveals a number of concealed traps that other branding approaches often overlook. Drawing on the persuasive power of

stories, the author argues that a great deal of wasted effort is put into creating advertising messages that do too much "telling" and too little "showing." To help brands resonate with their audiences, the author takes you step-by-step through *StoryBranding's* six C's—a process that shows how to approach the development of all brand communications the way story writers approach their characters, plots, and themes. He includes sample "Story Briefs" and "I AM" statements that help brands achieve a greater degree of authenticity than traditional creative or brand briefs have.

Wired for Story - Lisa Cron 2012-07-10

This guide reveals how writers can utilize cognitive storytelling strategies to craft stories that ignite readers' brains and captivate them through each plot element. Imagine knowing what the brain craves from every tale it encounters, what fuels the success of any great story, and what keeps readers transfixed. *Wired for Story* reveals these cognitive secrets—and

it's a game-changer for anyone who has ever set pen to paper. The vast majority of writing advice focuses on "writing well" as if it were the same as telling a great story. This is exactly where many aspiring writers fail—they strive for beautiful metaphors, authentic dialogue, and interesting characters, losing sight of the one thing that every engaging story must do: ignite the brain's hardwired desire to learn what happens next. When writers tap into the evolutionary purpose of story and electrify our curiosity, it triggers a delicious dopamine rush that tells us to pay attention. Without it, even the most perfect prose won't hold anyone's interest. Backed by recent breakthroughs in neuroscience as well as examples from novels, screenplays, and short stories, *Wired for Story* offers a revolutionary look at story as the brain experiences it. Each chapter zeroes in on an aspect of the brain, its corresponding revelation about story, and the way to apply it to your storytelling right now.

The Psychology Student Writer's Manual and Reader's Guide - Jill M. Scott 2018-03-02

This is a supplemental text for all psychology courses that facilitates, invigorates, and enhances student learning by teaching students to read and write effectively.

Wanderings on Writing - Jane Lindskold
2014-11-24

Whether You Live to Write or Write to Live, This is the Book for You... *Wanderings on Writing* is not just a "how to write book." It's also a window into how one writer has managed to fit writing in around the demands of "real" life. Over fifty essays address topics as diverse as hooking a reader, presenting conflict, creating vivid characters, and research strategies. Throughout, Lindskold provides examples of the unique challenges faced by writers of science fiction and fantasy. Lindskold also examines less commonly addressed topics, such as making time to write and organizing a developing project. Jane Lindskold is a New York Times

bestselling, award-winning author. She has had published over twenty novels and sixty-some short stories, as well as numerous works of non-fiction. "I adore Jane Lindskold's writing. Her novels are a rarity for me - fat, engrossing novels that still don't seem long enough."

Charles deLint "Lindskold is a writer with strong world-building skills and a knack for intricate yet comprehensible plots." Romantic Times

BOOKreviews "The characterization is superb, the plotting swift, and the prose a pleasure to read." VOYA on Child of a Rainless Year

Telling Stories - Joyce Carol Oates 1998

Using the reading list for her writing seminar at Princeton University, Joyce Carol Oates presents over 90 works of narrative art. Here are classics and relative unknowns, short vignettes and long genre fiction, tragic tales and humorous character sketches. Oates chose pieces that will inspire beginning and experienced writers alike. In special sections, Oates offers her understanding of the storyteller's craft.

The Handbook of Good English - Edward Johnson 1991-03

From Simon & Schuster, *The Handbook of Good English* is Edward D. Johnson's comprehensive, easy-to-use guide to modern grammar, punctuation, usage, and style. Now substantially revised and updated, this essential guide is arranged in an easy-to-follow, topical style that takes readers from the rules governing basic sentence structure to methods of achieving effective expression.

The Science of Storytelling - Will Storr 2020-03-10

The compelling, groundbreaking guide to creative writing that reveals how the brain responds to storytelling. Stories shape who we are. They drive us to act out our dreams and ambitions and mold our beliefs. Storytelling is an essential part of what makes us human. So, how do master storytellers compel us? In *The Science of Storytelling*, award-winning writer and acclaimed teacher of creative writing Will Storr

applies dazzling psychological research and cutting-edge neuroscience to our myths and archetypes to show how we can write better stories, revealing, among other things, how storytellers—and also our brains—create worlds by being attuned to moments of unexpected change. Will Storr’s superbly chosen examples range from Harry Potter to Jane Austen to Alice Walker, Greek drama to Russian novels to Native American folk tales, King Lear to Breaking Bad to children’s stories. With sections such as “The Dramatic Question,” “Creating a World,” and “Plot, Endings, and Meaning,” as well as a practical, step-by-step appendix dedicated to “The Sacred Flaw Approach,” The Science of Storytelling reveals just what makes stories work, placing it alongside such creative writing classics as John Yorke’s *Into the Woods: A Five-Act Journey into Story* and Lajos Egri’s *The Art of Dramatic Writing*. Enlightening and empowering, *The Science of Storytelling* is destined to become an invaluable resource for

writers of all stripes, whether novelist, screenwriter, playwright, or writer of creative or traditional nonfiction.

On Writing - Stephen King 2014-12

The Plot Whisperer - Martha Alderson
2011-09-15

Discover how to create stories that build suspense, reveal character, and engage your audience with this ultimate guide to writing. When it comes to writing bestsellers, it’s all about the plot. Trouble is, plot is where most writers fall down—but you don’t have to be one of them. With this book, you’ll learn how to create stories that build suspense, reveal character, and engage readers—one scene at a time. Celebrated writing teacher and author Martha Alderson has devised a plotting system that’s as innovative as it is easy to implement. With her foolproof blueprint, you’ll learn to devise a successful storyline for any genre. She shows how to: -Use the power of the Universal

Story -Create plot lines and subplots that work together -Effectively use a scene tracker for maximum impact -Insert energetic markers at the right points in your story -Show character transformation at the book's climax This is the ultimate guide for you to write page-turners that sell!

The Borowitz Report - Andy Borowitz

2010-05-11

Prepare to be shocked. From the man The Wall

Street Journal hailed as a "Swifitean satirist" comes the most shocking book ever written! The Borowitz Report: The Big Book of Shockers, by award-winning fake journalist Andy Borowitz, contains page after page of "news stories" too hot, too controversial, too -- yes, shocking -- for the mainstream press to handle. Sample the groundbreaking reporting from the news organization whose motto is "Give us thirty minutes -- we'll waste it."