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The Complete Writer's Guide to Heroes and Heroines Dec 17 2021 Originally published: Hollywood, CA: Lone Eagle Pub., c2000.

The Emotional Wound Thesaurus: A Writer's Guide to Psychological Trauma Jun 11 2021 Readers connect to characters with depth, ones who have experienced life's ups and downs. To deliver key players that are both realistic and compelling, writers must know them intimately—not only who they are in the present story, but also what made them that way. Of all the formative experiences in a character's past, none are more destructive than emotional wounds. The aftershocks of trauma can change who they are, alter what they believe, and sabotage their ability to achieve meaningful goals, all of which will affect the trajectory of your story. Identifying the backstory wound is crucial to understanding how it will shape your character's behavior, and *The Emotional Wound Thesaurus* can help. Inside, you'll find:

- A database of traumatic situations common to the human experience
- An in-depth study on a wound's impact, including the fears, lies, personality shifts, and dysfunctional behaviors that can arise from different painful events
- An extensive analysis of character arc and how the wound and any resulting unmet needs fit into it
- Techniques on how to show the past experience to readers in a way that is both engaging and revelatory while avoiding the pitfalls of info dumps and telling
- A showcase of popular characters and how their traumatic experiences reshaped them, leading to very specific story goals
- A Backstory Wound Profile tool that will enable you to document your characters' negative past experiences and the aftereffects

Root your characters in reality by giving them an authentic wound that causes difficulties and prompts them to strive for inner growth to overcome it. With its easy-to-read format and over 100 entries packed with information, *The Emotional Wound Thesaurus* is a crash course in psychology for creating characters that feel incredibly real to

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readers.

The Writer's Guide to Everyday Life in the Wild West Apr 28 2020 Provides period information on clothes and accessories, food, architecture, medicine, education, communications, crime, and money

The Writer's Diet Aug 13 2021 This book offers an easy-to-follow set of writing principles. For example, use active verbs whenever possible, favour concrete language over vague abstractions, avoid long strings of prepositional phrases, employ adjectives and adverbs only when they contribute something new to the meaning of a sentence and reduce your dependence on the "waste words": 'it', 'this', 'that' and 'there'. The author also shows these rules in action through examples from famous authors such as Shakespeare and Emily Dickinson. The book includes a test to help you assess your own writing and get advice on problem areas.

The Story Book Jul 20 2019 ` 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.

A Writer's Guide to Nonfiction Mar 20 2022 A WRITER'S COMPASS Direction for your writing career Don't get lost on the publishing path. Just forge ahead with the Writer's Compass. Drawing on decades of professional experience as an author, editor, writing instructor, mentor, and marketing consultant, Elizabeth Lyon helps you navigate the art and craft of writing—with clear, easy-to-follow directions: NORTH Getting Your Bearings Understand your purpose and your audience; learn to refine your ideas, select effective titles, and find the best method of organization for any piece SOUTH Troubleshooting Use checklists and guidelines to spot weaknesses and problems in leads, organization, conclusions, and style—and find out how to correct them EAST Learning to Market Map a successful cover letter, query letter, or proposal, and discover a four-step process to facilitate publication and sales WEST Refining Your Vision Brainstorm to gain perspective on your writing—and how it fits with your values, goals, and dreams

A Writer's Guide to Fiction Feb 19 2022 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.

Scene of the Crime Aug 01 2020 Part of the Howdunit Series, Scene of the Crime is written by a professional in the field. It provides the inside details that writers need to weave a credible - and salable - story. essential buys for any serious author...Will cut research time in half! - Mystery Scene Magazine

A Writer's Guide To Persistence Nov 16 2021 Practice. Polish. Persist. Your writing journey can take you many places: hiking through steep mountains, traversing unknown territory, hurdling both roadblocks and rejections. Even the siren song of fame and fortune can distract you from

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your true purpose: to express yourself in an authentic and meaningful way, and to share your words with others. A Writer's Guide to Persistence is your road map through the rugged terrain of the writer's path. You'll discover advice and techniques for cultivating a fruitful, deeply meaningful writing life by practicing your craft, polishing your work, and persisting through even the toughest challenges. Inside you'll find:

- Practical ways to balance writing with the rest of your life: taming your busy schedule, increasing your productivity, and committing to a writing practice
- Advice for developing authentic work: finding your voice, writing bravely, and breaking the blocks to creative flow
- Methods for stretching your skills through craft and revision
- Thoughts on pushing through rejection and doubt, submitting strong, nourishing yourself to avoid burnout, and keeping your mind and body fit

Filled with journaling exercises and much-needed motivation, as well as insights from best-selling writers in a variety of genres, A Writer's Guide to Persistence will help you find the joy and purpose inherent in a writer's life. Your journey to publication and success may take a lifetime, but you can sow the rewards of writing with every step. "A compassionate and intelligent guide for any writer who's just starting out or one who needs the understanding and encouragement of a great writing coach. Rosenfeld offers practical solutions for every concern, from how to find the time to write to getting through writer's block." --Patricia V. Davis, best-selling author

The Writer's Guide to Everyday Life in the Middle Ages May 30 2020 Gives an overview of life in Northwestern Europe from 500 to 1500 and provides details for writers to portray the lives and times of the Middle Ages accurately.

The Crime Writer Sep 21 2019 Awakening in a hospital with a scar on his head and no memory of being found holding a knife over his ex-fiancée's murdered body, crime novelist Drew Danner struggles to reconstruct clues to determine his own guilt or innocence. By the author of The Tower. Reprint.

Writer's Guide to Book Editors, Publishers and Literary Agents, 1999-2000 Oct 15 2021 This bestselling book names the editors at over 500 publishing houses, listing each editor's specific areas of interest, and provides over 121 insightful interviews with agents.

A Writer's Guide to Ancient Rome Sep 02 2020 'A really fun idea for a book - and full of great stuff.' Greg Jenner, Public Historian This is the perfect guide for any writer who wants to recreate the Roman world accurately in their fiction. It will aid any novelist, screenwriter, games designer or re-enactor in populating their story with authentic characters and scenes, costumes and locations. Written from a historian's perspective, this guide pulls back the curtain to show the reader what life in Ancient Rome was really like: what they wore, what they ate, and how they spent their time at work, at home, at war, and at play. Individual chapters focus on different aspects of Romans' lives, to give you specific knowledge of what they looked like and how they behaved, as well as a broad appreciation of what held their civilisation together, from religion, to the economy, to law and order. You may wish to work your way through the book from cover to cover, or focus specifically on individual chapters as you hone your creative writing skills. Covering the period between 200 BCE and 200 CE, A writer's guide to Ancient Rome surveys the vast amount of sources and scholarship on the Classical world so you don't have to! It outlines current scholarly debates and changing interpretations, suggests further reading, and recommends particular resources to mine for each topic. It gives you plenty to consider while you construct your own Roman world.

The Negative Trait Thesaurus: A Writer's Guide to Character Flaws Aug 21 2019 Crafting likable, interesting characters is a balancing act, and finding that perfect mix of strengths and weaknesses can be difficult. Not only does a well-drawn protagonist need positive attributes to help him succeed, he must also have flaws that humanize him and give him something to overcome. The same is true of villains and the rest of the story's supporting cast. So how can writers figure out which flaws best fit their characters? Which negative traits will create personality clashes and conflict while making success difficult? Nothing adds complexity like character flaws. Inside The Negative Trait Thesaurus you'll find: * A vast collection of flaws to explore when building a character's personality. Each entry includes possible causes, attitudes, behaviors, thoughts, and related emotions *

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Real examples from literature, film, or television to show how each flaw can create life challenges and relational friction * Advice on building layered and memorable characters from the ground up * An in-depth look at backstory, emotional wounds, and how pain twists a character's view of himself and his world, influencing behavior and decision making * A flaw-centric exploration of character arc, relationships, motivation, and basic needs * Tips on how to best show a character's flaws to readers while avoiding common pitfalls * Downloadable tools to aid writers in character creation The Negative Trait Thesaurus sheds light on your character's dark side. Written in list format and fully indexed, this brainstorming resource is perfect for creating deep, flawed characters readers will relate to.

Writing Your Story's Theme Jun 18 2019 Theme Is What Your Story Is Really About Theme-the mysterious cousin of plot and character. Too often viewed as abstract rather than actionable, theme is frequently misunderstood and left to chance. Some writers even insist theme should not be purposefully implemented. This is unfortunate, because in many ways theme is story. Theme is the heart, the meaning, the point. Nothing that important should be overlooked. Powerful themes are never incidental. They emerge from the conjunction of strong plots and resonant character arcs. This means you can learn to plan and implement theme. In doing so, you will deepen your ability to write not only stories that entertain, but also stories that stay with readers long after the end. Writing Your Story's Theme will teach you: How to create theme from plot and character. Why every supporting character and subplot should enhance the theme. How to prevent theme from seeming preachy or "on the nose." What to consider in identifying the best theme for any given story. And much more! Conscious mastery of theme will elevate every story you write and allow you to craft fiction of depth and meaning. Take Control of Your Story Via a Powerful Implementation of Theme

Writer's Guide to Character Traits Jun 23 2022 From Sex to Schizophrenia: Everything You Need to Develop Your Characters! What makes a person commit a white-collar crime? Who is a likely candidate to join a cult? Why do children have imaginary friends? How does birth order affect whether or not a person gets married? When does mind over matter become a crippling problem? Writer's Guide to Character Traits, 2nd edition answers all of these questions and many others. With more than 400 easy-to-reference lists of traits blended from a variety of behaviors and influences, you'll gain the knowledge you need to create distinctive characters whose personalities correspond to their thoughts and actions - no matter how normal or psychotic they might be. In this updated and expanded edition, you'll also find: • Comprehensive instruction on how to use this book • New statistical information to help you create true-to-life characters • Corresponding exercises that show you how to put the material to work in your stories • A quick-reference index to make cross-referencing a snap • Idea sparkers to get your thoughts out of your head and onto the page Plus, you'll learn about common - and not so common - psychological, physical, and relationship disorders; delve into the minds of criminals; find out what it takes to be a professional athlete, scientist, and truck driver; discover what life is like for a gang member, suicidal teen, and alcoholic; and more. In Writer's Guide to Character Traits, 2nd edition, note psychologist and author Dr. Linda Edelstein takes you beyond generic personality types and into the depths of the human psyche where you're sure to find the resources you need to make your characters stand out from the crowd.

The Writers and Artists Guide to How to Write Jan 18 2022 Presents tips and guidelines to writing effectively for publication, providing examples of proper character development, plot structure, and prose style, and includes techniques on editing and marketing the finished manuscript.

Jeff Herman's Guide to Book Publishers, Editors & Literary Agents Dec 05 2020 A guide to the names and specialties of American and Canadian publishers, editors, and literary agents includes information on the acquisition process and on choosing literary agents.

Writers' & Artists' Guide to Self-Publishing May 10 2021 Self-publishing is a growing area and writers need independent and reliable advice they can trust. This guide is full of practical, nuts-and-bolts information on each aspect of the DIY-publishing process, from editing and page layout, cover design and book production, publicity and selling. Each chapter is written by publishing professionals expert in supporting authors and is full of

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insights from successful self-published authors themselves. This guide is essential reading for any indie author who wants to go it totally alone, who wants to work with other independent professionals or who might choose to pay for self-publishing provider services. It gives the pros and cons and potential financial outlay for the various options available so writers can make informed decisions about the best approach for their own book.

The Urban Setting Thesaurus Feb 07 2021 Making readers care and feel like they're part of the story should be the number one goal for all writers. Ironically, many storytellers fail to maximize one of fiction's most powerful elements to achieve this: the setting. Not only can the right location become a conduit for emotion, it can also provide conflict, characterize the story's cast, reveal significant backstory, and trigger the reader's own emotional memories through sensory details and deep point of view. Inside The Urban Thesaurus, you'll find: A list of the sights, smells, tastes, textures, and sounds for over 120 urban settings Possible sources of conflict for each location to help you brainstorm ways to naturally complicate matters for your characters Advice on how to make every piece of description count so you can maintain the right pace and keep readers engaged Tips on utilizing the five senses to encourage readers to more fully experience each moment by triggering their own emotional memories Information on how to use the setting to characterize a story's cast through personalization and emotional values while using emotional triggers to steer their decisions A review of specific challenges that arise when writing urban locations, along with common descriptive pitfalls that should be avoided Downloadable tools to help you plan each setting so you can choose the right one for a scene, providing the biggest storytelling punch The Urban Setting Thesaurus helps you tailor each setting to your characters while creating a realistic, textured world readers will long to return to, even after the book closes.

Violence Jan 26 2020 Violence: A Writer's Guide (Second Edition) introduces writers to a world of terror, pain and blood. A world where lives are changed forever in a few desperate seconds. A world where innocent people, heroes, and the most depraved criminals live, thrive, suffer and die in a constant struggle for survival. This is your world. It's the real world. Bad things happen in the real world. This book is for writers who write about assault, fighting, war, and other conflict. For writers who write about violence.

Writing Short Stories Nov 23 2019 This new edition of Writing Short Stories has been updated throughout to include new and revised exercises, up-to-date coverage of emerging technologies and a new glossary of key terms and techniques. Ailsa Cox, a published short-story writer, guides the reader through the key aspects of the craft, provides a variety of case studies and examples of how others have approached the genre and sets a series of engaging exercises to help hone your skills. This inspiring book is the ideal guide for those new to the genre or for anyone wanting to improve their technique.

Writer's Guide to Places Mar 08 2021 A Writer's Magic Carpet Ride - Carry Your Readers from Coast to Coast without Leaving Home & break; & break; Fill your settings with the insider details readers love - without spending days in a library or weeks on the road. *Writer's Guide to Places* makes it easy! Featuring all fifty states, ten Canadian provinces, and fifty-one North American cities, this book provides a writer's eye view of hundreds of fascinating locales, from bustling cities and scenic landscapes to tourist traps and small town squares. & break; & break; You'll find detailed information on each area, including the best locations to set a scene, regional foods and slang, the people and places your characters love, and much more. & break; & break; Start saving valuable research time and create more realistic settings today. *Writer's Guide to Places* has all the information you need in a single volume.

Writer's Guide to Book Editors, Publishers, and Literary Agents, 2003-2004 Jul 24 2022 A comprehensive directory for aspiring writers lists names, addresses, phone and fax numbers, e-mail addresses, and Web sites for hundreds of North American publishing figures, offering on the accompanying CD-ROM a searchable database and other project management tools. Original.

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The Crime Writer's Guide to Police Practice and Procedure Oct 27 2022 This new, fully updated edition of The Crime Writer's Guide to Police Practice and Procedure is the essential detective in your pocket - something to reach for when your writing needs that short, sharp shock of modern-day investigating. Every writer has paused at some key point in the development of their story to wonder what happens in real life. How would the murder in my story be investigated by the police? How far can I go without leaving holes in the plot? Can I use low count DNA to identify the killer? How does a cop react to a bloated body or, even worse, just part of one? Written with answers to these questions in mind, this is the essential guide to police procedures and practice written specifically for writers. A handy reference book to dip into, or a textbook to guide you from the outset while you are still developing your plot, this second edition of The Crime Writer's Guide to Police Practice and Procedure will leave you confident that you have covered all angles of your thriller. It would be a crime not to read it!

The Writer's Guide to Wattpad Jun 30 2020 Engage with the Next Generation of Writers! Wattpad is an online storytelling community where users can post their writing, such as articles, stories, novels, fan fiction, and poems. This platform offers writers the chance to connect directly with readers, fans, and story enthusiasts. With the ability to release stories and chapters one at a time, authors can receive continual encouragement and real-time feedback on their work. The Wattpad staff supports successful writers through their Stars program, which provides them opportunities to work with successful brands, publish to print, connect to film and television industries, and more. The potential of Wattpad for writers is limitless, and, for the first-time ever, the staff, writers, and stars of Wattpad have created the guide to help you launch and sustain a successful writing career through this platform. In The Writer's Guide to Wattpad, you'll learn how to:

- Get started using Wattpad, prepare your writing to be published, and develop a unique cover design.
- Interact with readers, use multimedia to enhance and tell stories, and leverage social media to create a stronger platform.
- Attract the attention of an agent or publisher and sell copies of your work elsewhere.
- Tap into the brand of Wattpad to understand their Stars Program, brand campaigns, and what success looks like.

Written to be accessible to beginners and veterans alike, The Writer's Guide to Wattpad is your essential companion to navigating the Wattpad platform and brand, and leveraging your writing to millions of users worldwide.

The Art of Intentional Writing Oct 03 2020 Many people have come to me with the question: How can I write a self-help book like you do? I wrote hundreds and my creativity never ceases. But that's actually not what matters in this story. What truly matters is the reason why people keep buying and enjoying everything I have produced and still ask for more. And so, I decided to shine light on the reasons, by writing a book to those that wish to follow my footsteps. This manual and self-biographic explanation, gives a glimpse into my perspectives and lifestyle, while helping you, as a reader, fulfill your dream of accomplish success as a self-help author. In this book, you will learn the steps and strategies on how to become a successful author.

Material Writer's Guide Feb 25 2020 This book is designed for anyone interested in writing ESL textbooks for commercial publishers. A wide range of contributors discuss: developing a manuscript, working with a publisher, copyright law; the craft of materials writing; and publishing a second edition. Articles specifically address skill areas, such as culture, grammar, writing, reading, listening, pronunciation, and English for academic purposes.

A Writer's Guide to Characterization Nov 04 2020 Develop compelling character arcs using the power of myth! In the best novels, characters undergo dramatic changes that keep readers turning pages. A Writer's Guide to Characterization shows you how to develop such meaningful character arcs in your own work--stories of transformation that will resonate with readers long after the story ends. In this comprehensive guide, author Victoria Lynn Schmidt examines cross-cultural archetypes to illustrate how they can make your work more powerful and compelling. Plus, you'll learn how to draw from Jungian psychology to add complexity and believability to your characters. Schmidt also provides:

- 40 lessons on character development (with

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examples from well-known films and novels) that you can apply to your own work • Questionnaires and exercises to help you select male and female archetypes and adapt them to your story • 15 classic animal archetypes (including the coyote, snake, tiger, and butterfly) you can use to build convincing character profiles With *A Writer's Guide to Characterization*, you'll have the information you need to infuse the development of your characters with drama and authenticity.

The Writer's Guide to Weapons May 22 2022 When it comes to writing weapons, most authors shoot from the hip--and miss. The *Writer's Guide to Weapons* will help you hit your target every time. Firearms and knives have starring roles in a wide range of genres--crime, thriller, war, mystery, Western, and more. Unfortunately, many depictions of weapons in novels and film are pure fiction. Knowing the difference between a shotshell and a slug, a pistol and a revolver, or a switchblade and a butterfly knife is essential for imbuing your story with authenticity--and gaining popularity with discerning readers. Inside you'll find: • An in-depth look at the basics of firearms and knives: how they work, why they work, what they look like, and how to depict them accurately in your stories. • The biggest weapons myths in fiction, TV, and film. • A surefire guide for choosing the correct weapon for your characters, no matter their skill level, strength, or background. • A review of major gun and knife laws, weapons safety tips, and common police tactics. • "The Hit List," showcasing the most popular weapons for spies, detectives, gunslingers, gangsters, military characters, and more. • Examples highlighting inaccurate vs. accurate weapons depictions. • An insightful foreword by David Morrell, the award-winning creator of Rambo. Equal parts accessible, humorous, and practical, *The Writer's Guide to Weapons* is the one resource you need to incorporate firearms and knives into your fiction like a seasoned professional.

Writer's Guide to Character Traits Apr 21 2022 From Sex to Schizophrenia: Everything You Need to Develop Your Characters! What makes a person commit a white-collar crime? Who is a likely candidate to join a cult? Why do children have imaginary friends? How does birth order affect whether or not a person gets married? When does mind over matter become a crippling problem? *Writer's Guide to Character Traits*, 2nd edition answers all of these questions and many others. With more than 400 easy-to-reference lists of traits blended from a variety of behaviors and influences, you'll gain the knowledge you need to create distinctive characters whose personalities correspond to their thoughts and actions - no matter how normal or psychotic they might be. In this updated and expanded edition, you'll also find: • Comprehensive instruction on how to use this book • New statistical information to help you create true-to-life characters • Corresponding exercises that show you how to put the material to work in your stories • A quick-reference index to make cross-referencing a snap • Idea sparkers to get your thoughts out of your head and onto the page Plus, you'll learn about common - and not so common - psychological, physical, and relationship disorders; delve into the minds of criminals; find out what it takes to be a professional athlete, scientist, and truck driver; discover what life is like for a gang member, suicidal teen, and alcoholic; and more. In *Writer's Guide to Character Traits*, 2nd edition, note psychologist and author Dr. Linda Edelstein takes you beyond generic personality types and into the depths of the human psyche where you're sure to find the resources you need to make your characters stand out from the crowd.

Show Don't Tell Dec 25 2019 If one hears one thing from every single writing instructor it's, "Show, don't tell." "Don't tell us he's afraid of losing her, show us!" "Don't tell us it's a richly decorated room, show us!" "Don't tell us the Russian tundra is cold, show us!" Easier said than done, and no one ever wrote a book on how to do it, that is until William Noble wrote this classic work a decade ago. From the use of dialogue to employing melodrama to developing incidents and anecdotes, *Show Don't Tell* explains how to entertain your readers instead of lecturing to them. Written in Noble's absorbing voice, *Show Don't Tell* illustrates how to develop a dramatic framework using similes and metaphors, a focused point of view, steady pacing, increasing tension, and an appeal to the senses to create solid dramatic impact. In other words, how to show, not tell! Perfect for novelists, short story writers, and those interested in writing creative nonfiction.

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Kate Walker's 12 Point Guide to Writing Romance Mar 28 2020 Romantic Fiction is big business. This book will provide information and advice for anyone who wants to learn how to write romantic novels. Kate Walker's 12 Point Guide brings together all her experience as a successful romantic novelist with over sixty titles in print all over the world. It will give the aspiring novelist the essential skills needed to master this hugely popular genre.

A Writer's Guide to Active Setting Sep 26 2022 Enhance Your Fiction with the Power of an Active Setting! Setting is one of the most underutilized and misunderstood elements of the writing craft. And when writers do focus on setting, they often pull readers out of the narrative and jolt their attention from the action on the page. A Writer's Guide to Active Setting will show you how to create vivid, detailed settings that bring your story to life. You'll learn how to deepen character development, anchor readers to a specific time and place, reveal backstory without slowing things down, elevate action sequences, and more. Drawing upon examples from authors writing across a variety of genres, Mary Buckham will illustrate exactly how the proper use of setting can dramatically improve your story. You'll learn what's effective about each passage and how you can use those techniques to make your story shine. "Takes an all too often overlooked technique, and elevates it to a next-level game changer for powerful fiction." -Cathy Yardley, author of Rock Your Plot "A powerful combination of fresh insights, practical examples, and how-to advice on the often overlooked but critical element of setting...written in a quick-to-read and easy-to-understand style, and packed with useful application exercises." --Kelly L. Stone, author of Thinking Write: The Secret to Freeing Your Creative Mind "If you're a writer, then Mary Buckham's book is a must-have tool for your writer's toolkit. Creating settings that are rich and believable is not an easy task, but with this book, I found that each chapter gave me great tips that I could immediately implement in my manuscript." --Laurie G. Adams, author of Finding Atticus

A Writer's Guide to Powerful Paragraphs Sep 14 2021

The Writer's Guide to Psychology Aug 25 2022 An accurate and accessible survey of modern psychological theory and practice, this reference offers professional writers practical advice for incorporating psychological elements into their work. With easy-to-understand explanations and definitions, this book is an invaluable resource for any writer wishing to add realistic details to scenes that depict psychologists, mental illnesses and disorders, and psychotherapeutic treatments. Designed around the needs of professional fiction and nonfiction writers, this is an easy-to-use resource that includes historical and modern psychological treatments and terms and refutes popularly held misconceptions.

The Poets & Writers Complete Guide to Being a Writer Jul 12 2021 The definitive source of information, insight, and advice for creative writers, from the nation's largest and most trusted organization for writers, Poets & Writers. For half a century, writers at every stage of their careers have turned to the literary nonprofit organization Poets & Writers and its award-winning magazine for resources to foster their professional development, from writing prompts and tips on technique to informative interviews with published authors, literary agents, and editors. But never before has Poets & Writers marshaled its fifty years' worth of knowledge to create an authoritative guide for writers that answers every imaginable question about craft and career—until now. Here is the writing bible for authors of all genres and forms, covering topics such as how to: -Harness your imagination and jump-start your creativity -Develop your work from initial idea to final draft -Find a supportive and inspiring writing community to sustain your career -Find the best MFA program for you -Publish your work in literary magazines and develop a platform -Research writing contests and other opportunities to support your writing life -Decide between traditional publishing and self-publishing -Find the right literary agent -Anticipate what agents look for in queries and proposals -Work successfully with an editor and your publishing team -Market yourself and your work in a digital world -Approach financial planning and taxes as a writer -And much more Written by Kevin Larimer and Mary Gannon, the two most recent editors of Poets & Writers Magazine, this book brings an unrivaled understanding of the areas in which writers seek guidance and support. Filled with insider

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information like sample query letters, pitch letters, lists of resources, and worksheets for calculating freelance rates, tracking submissions, and managing your taxes, the guide does more than demystify the writing life—it also provides an array of powerful tools for building a sustainable career as a writer. In addition to the wealth of insights into creativity, publishing, and promotion are first-person essays from bestselling authors, including George Saunders, Christina Baker Kline, and Ocean Vuong, as well as reading lists from award-winning writers such as Anthony Doerr, Cheryl Strayed, and Natalie Diaz. Here, at last, is the ultimate comprehensive resource that belongs on every writer's desk.

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