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General

- *Bird by Bird* by Anne Lamott
- *Elements of Style* by E.B. White
- *How to Write a Damn Good Novel* by James N. Frey
- *How to Write Your First Novel* by M.L. Ronn
- *The Kick-Ass Writer* by Chuck Wendig
- *On Writing* by Stephen King
- *Show, Don't Tell* by William Noble
- *Stein On Writing* by Sol Stein
- *Story Engineering* by Larry Brooks
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- writersdigest.com

The Story Idea

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Genre

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Story Structure/Story Planning

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- *The Heroine's Journey: For Writers, Readers, and Fans of Pop Culture* by Gail Carriger
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- *The Pocket Guide to Pantsing* by M.L. Ronn
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- *Save the Cat! Writes a Novel* by Jessica Brody

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- *Scenes and Sequels: How to Write Page-Turning Fiction* by Mike Klassen
- *Techniques of the Selling Writer* by Dwight V. Swain
- *The Virgin's Promise: Writing Stories of Feminine Creative, Spiritual, and Sexual Awakening* by Kim Hudson
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- *Character Arcs* by Jordan McCollum
- *Characters & Viewpoint* by Orson Scott Card
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Naming Characters

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- *The Character Naming Sourcebook* by Sherrilyn Kenyon
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Personality Types

- *Dynamics of Personality Type* by Linda V. Berens
- *Essentials of Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Assessment* by Naomi L. Quenk
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Personality Tests

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- *Jungian 16 Types Personality Test* by Richard N. Stephenson
- *Who Are You? 101 Ways of Seeing Yourself* by Malcolm Godwin
- *Wired That Way Personality Profile* by Marita Littauer

Point of View

- *Characters & Viewpoint: Proven advice and timeless techniques for creating compelling characters* by Orson Scott Card
- *Characters, Emotion & Viewpoint* by Nancy Kress
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Beginnings

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- *Revision and Self Editing for Publication* by James Scott Bell
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