

# Everything You Need to Know to Write a Novel

## WRITING RESOURCES

### General

- *Bird by Bird* by Anne Lamott
- *Elements of Style* by E.B. White
- *The Emotion Thesaurus* by Becca Puglisi and Angela Ackerman
- *How to Write a Damn Good Novel* by James N. Frey
- *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
- *The Writer's Little Helper* by James V. Smith, Jr.
- *Writing the Breakout Novel* by Donald Maass
- *52 Ways to Get Unstuck: Exercises to Break Through Writer's Block* by Chris Mandeville
- [kobowritinglife.com](http://kobowritinglife.com)
- [nanowrimo.org](http://nanowrimo.org)
- [writersdigest.com](http://writersdigest.com)

### The Story Idea

- *Developing Story Ideas* by Michael Rabiger
- *The Writer's Idea Thesaurus* by Fred White
- [blog.nathanbransford.com/2013/10/how-to-choose-idea-for-novel](http://blog.nathanbransford.com/2013/10/how-to-choose-idea-for-novel)
- [jerichowriters.com/ideas-for-writing-a-book](http://jerichowriters.com/ideas-for-writing-a-book)
- [wikihow.com/Brainstorm-Ideas-for-a-Novel](http://wikihow.com/Brainstorm-Ideas-for-a-Novel)
- [writersdigest.com/tip-of-the-day/the-best-ways-to-find-ideas-for-a-good-story](http://writersdigest.com/tip-of-the-day/the-best-ways-to-find-ideas-for-a-good-story)

### Genre

- [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_writing\\_genres](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_writing_genres)
- [resources.writersonlineworkshops.com/resources/definitions-of-fiction-categories-and-genres](http://resources.writersonlineworkshops.com/resources/definitions-of-fiction-categories-and-genres)
- [susandennard.com/2011/12/reader-expectations](http://susandennard.com/2011/12/reader-expectations)
- [stevelaube.com/reader-expectations](http://stevelaube.com/reader-expectations)
- [writetodone.com/pick-right-genre-novel](http://writetodone.com/pick-right-genre-novel)

### Story Structure/Story Planning

- *Outlining Your Novel: Map Your Way to Success* by K.M. Weiland
- *Plot & Structure: Techniques and Exercises for Crafting a Plot That Grips Readers from Start to Finish* by James Scott Bell
- *Save the Cat: The Last Book on Screenwriting You'll Ever Need* by Blake Snyder
- *Scene & Structure* by Jack M. Bickham
- *Techniques of the Selling Writer* by Dwight V. Swain
- *The Writer's Journey* by Christopher Vogler

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- [allwritfictionadvice.blogspot.com/2012/09/basic-narrative-structure.html](http://allwritfictionadvice.blogspot.com/2012/09/basic-narrative-structure.html)
- [advancedfictionwriting.com/articles/snowflake-method](http://advancedfictionwriting.com/articles/snowflake-method)
- [advancedfictionwriting.com/articles/writing-the-perfect-scene](http://advancedfictionwriting.com/articles/writing-the-perfect-scene)
- [kobowritinglife.com/2015/03/24/your-mission-should-you-choose-to-accept-it](http://kobowritinglife.com/2015/03/24/your-mission-should-you-choose-to-accept-it)

#### Characters

- *Bullies, Bastards & Bitches: How To Write The Bad Guys Of Fiction* by Jessica Morrell
- *Character Arcs* by Jordan McCollum
- *Characters & Viewpoint* by Orson Scott Card
- *Characters, Emotion & Viewpoint* by Nancy Kress
- *The Complete Writer's Guide to Heroes and Heroines* by Cowden, LaFever, Viders
- *Crafting the Character Arc* by Jennie Jarvis
- *Creating Characters, How to Build Story People* by Dwight V. Swain
- *Creating Unforgettable Characters* by Linda Seger
- *Dynamic Characters* by Nancy Kress
- *Fiction is Folks: How to Create Unforgettable Characters* by Robert Newton Peck
- *Getting Into Character, Seven Secrets a Novelist Can Learn from Actors* by Brandilyn Collins
- *GMC: Goal, Motivation and Conflict* by Debra Dixon
- *Inner Drives:* by Pamela Jaye Smith
- *The Writer's Guide to Character Traits* by Linda N. Edelstein, Ph.D
- *Writer's Little Helper*, by Jim Smith
- *10 Steps to Creating Memorable Characters* by Viders, Storey, Gorman, Martinez
- [kobowritinglife.com/2015/04/20/gmc-the-swiss-army-knife-of-writing-tools](http://kobowritinglife.com/2015/04/20/gmc-the-swiss-army-knife-of-writing-tools)
- [writingclasses.com/toolbox/character-questionnaire](http://writingclasses.com/toolbox/character-questionnaire)

#### Naming Characters

- *The Baby Name Wizard* by Laura Wattenberg
- *The Character Naming Sourcebook* by Sherrilyn Kenyon
- *From Aaron to Zoe: 15,000 Great Baby Names* by Daniel Avram Richman
- *100,000+ Baby Names* by Bruce Lansky
- [babynames.com](http://babynames.com)
- [characternames.com](http://characternames.com)
- [finelines.org/2015/04/the-rabbithole-of-naming-characters](http://finelines.org/2015/04/the-rabbithole-of-naming-characters)
- [thinkbabynames.com](http://thinkbabynames.com)
- [writersdigest.com/online-editor/the-7-rules-of-picking-names-for-fictional-characters](http://writersdigest.com/online-editor/the-7-rules-of-picking-names-for-fictional-characters)

#### Name Generators

- [babynamesearch.com/name-generator.htm](http://babynamesearch.com/name-generator.htm)
- [blog.reedsy.com/character-name-generator](http://blog.reedsy.com/character-name-generator)
- [fantasynamgenerators.com](http://fantasynamgenerators.com)
- [namenerds.com/uucn/randname.html](http://namenerds.com/uucn/randname.html)

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### Archetypes

- *Archetypes: Characters, Narrative and Mind* by Melanie Anne Phillips
- *Archetypes for Writers* by Jennifer Van Bergen
- *Archetypes of the Zodiac* by Kathleen A. Burt
- *The Complete Writer's Guide to Heroes and Heroines* by Cowden, LaFever, and Viders
- *The Writer's Journey* by Christopher Vogler
- [soulcraft.co/essays/the\\_12\\_common\\_archetypes.html](http://soulcraft.co/essays/the_12_common_archetypes.html)

### Stereotypes

- *The Bigger Little Book of Hollywood Cliches* by Roger Ebert
- *Hechinger's Field Guide to Ethnic Stereotypes* by Kevin Hechinger and Curtis Hechinger
- [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_stock\\_characters](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_stock_characters)
- [veronicasicoe.com/blog/2013/02/how-to-use-stereotypes-in-writing-fiction](http://veronicasicoe.com/blog/2013/02/how-to-use-stereotypes-in-writing-fiction)
- [writersdigest.com/qp7-migration-books/characters-and-viewpoint-excerpt](http://writersdigest.com/qp7-migration-books/characters-and-viewpoint-excerpt)

### Personality Types

- *Dynamics of Personality Type* by Linda V. Berens
- *Personality Self Portrait, Why You Think, Work, Love, and Act the Way You Do* by John M. Oldman and Lois B. Morris
- *Please Understand Me: Character and Temperament Types* by David Keirsey, Marilyn Bates

### Personality Tests

- *The Big Book of Personality Tests* by Salvatore V. DiDato
- *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
- [psychwriter.com.au/2017/02/05/3-top-personality-tests-to-nail-your-character](http://psychwriter.com.au/2017/02/05/3-top-personality-tests-to-nail-your-character)
- [2knowmyself.com/a\\_b\\_c\\_d\\_personality\\_type](http://2knowmyself.com/a_b_c_d_personality_type)

### Myers-Briggs Temperaments

- *Essentials of Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Assessment* by Naomi L. Quenk
- *Gifts Differing: Understanding Personality Type* by Isabel Myers Briggs
- *Type Talk: The 16 Personality Types That Determine How We Live, Love, and Work* by Otto Kroeger and Janet M. Thuesen
- [myersbriggs.org/my-mbti-personality-type/mbti-basics](http://myersbriggs.org/my-mbti-personality-type/mbti-basics)
- [personalitypathways.com](http://personalitypathways.com)

### Point of View

- *Characters & Viewpoint: Proven advice and timeless techniques for creating compelling characters* by Orson Scott Card
- *Characters, Emotion & Viewpoint* by Nancy Kress
- *The Power Of Point Of View: Make Your Story Come To Life* by Alicia Rasley

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- [selfpublishingadvice.org/writing-when-to-use-first-person](http://selfpublishingadvice.org/writing-when-to-use-first-person)
- [sfwriter.com/ow07.htm](http://sfwriter.com/ow07.htm)
- [writersdigest.com/writing-articles/by-writing-goal/improve-my-writing/what-point-of-view-should-you-use-in-your-novel](http://writersdigest.com/writing-articles/by-writing-goal/improve-my-writing/what-point-of-view-should-you-use-in-your-novel)

#### Conflict & Tension

- *Conflict, Action and Suspense* by William Noble
- *GMC: Goal, Motivation and Conflict* by Debra Dixon
- *Writing with Emotion, Tension and Conflict* by Cheryl St. John
- [kobowritinglife.com/2015/04/20/gmc-the-swiss-army-knife-of-writing-tools](http://kobowritinglife.com/2015/04/20/gmc-the-swiss-army-knife-of-writing-tools)
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#### Beginnings

- *Beginnings, Middles & Ends* by Nancy Kress
- *The First Five Pages: A Writer's Guide To Staying Out of the Rejection Pile* by Noah Lukeman
- *Hooked* by Les Edgerton
- [freelancewriting.com/articles/041113-importance-of-novel-beginnings.php](http://freelancewriting.com/articles/041113-importance-of-novel-beginnings.php)
- [terribleminds.com/ramble/2012/05/29/25-things-to-know-about-writing-the-first-chapter](http://terribleminds.com/ramble/2012/05/29/25-things-to-know-about-writing-the-first-chapter)
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- [writerunboxed.com/2013/04/22/april](http://writerunboxed.com/2013/04/22/april)

#### Editing/Revision

- *Intuitive Editing: A Creative & Practical Guide to Revising Your Writing* by Tiffany Yates Martin
- *The Novel Editing Workbook* by Kris Spisak
- *Revision and Self Editing for Publication* by James Scott Bell
- *Self-Editing for Fiction Writers* by Renni Browne
- [blog.reedsy.com/how-to-revise-a-novel-step-by-step-guide](http://blog.reedsy.com/how-to-revise-a-novel-step-by-step-guide)
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- [writersdigest.com/editor-blogs/there-are-no-rules/7-tips-for-revising-a-novel](http://writersdigest.com/editor-blogs/there-are-no-rules/7-tips-for-revising-a-novel)