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How to Read a Story

Dorothea Brande's *Becoming a Writer* remains evergreen decades after it was first written. Brande believed passionately that although people have varying amounts of talent, anyone can write. She also insists that writing can be both taught and learned. This is Dorothea Brande's legacy to all those who have ever wanted to express their ideas in written form. A sound, practical, inspirational and charming approach to writing, it fulfills on finding 'the writer's magic.'

Bird by Bird

Are you still dreaming about writing that book? Learning how to write your first novel can be overwhelming. You have to master outlining, writing, revising, and so much more and it can be scary if you've never done it before. While it seems daunting, writing your first novel is simple when you have someone experienced to help you through it. In this writer's guide, prolific writer M.L. Ronn shares an easy step-by-step process of writing compelling fiction that he's perfected after writing 40+ books. Write your first novel with structured advice tailored for beginners: Learn the basic building blocks of every story and how to put them together Develop an effective outline (or learn how to write without one!) Discover winning formulas that mega-bestsellers use to write their novels Navigate your novel's "murky middle" with 7 unorthodox strategies that will get you unstuck in no time Revise your story without fear Writing your first novel is life-changing. Download this writer's guide, follow the step-by-step instructions, and you'll wake up one morning very soon with a finished manuscript waiting for you.

How to Write Your First Novel

The pieces of a satisfying novel or story seem to fit together so effortlessly, so seamlessly, that it's easy to find yourself wondering, "How on earth did the author do this?" The answer is simple: He sat alone at his desk, considered an array of options, and made smart, careful choices. In *On Writing Fiction*, award-winning

author and respected creative writing professor David Jauss offers practical information and advice that will help you make smart creative and technical decisions about such topics as:

- Writing prose with syntax and rhythm to create a "soundtrack" for the narrative
- Choosing the right point of view to create the appropriate degree of "distance" between your characters and the reader
- Harnessing the power of contradiction in the creative process

In one thought-provoking essay after another, Jauss sorts through unique fiction-writing conundrums, including how to create those exquisite intersections between truth and fabrication that make all great works of fiction so much more resonant than fiction that follows the "write what you know" approach that's so often used.

All Stories Are Love Stories

Eve is an outcast. A chimera. After years of abuse and rejection, 19-year-old Evelyn Kingston is ready for a fresh start in a new city, where no one knows her name. The esteemed Billington University in Southern California seems like the perfect place to reinvent herself—to live the life of an ordinary human. But things at Billington aren't as they seem. In a school filled with prodigies, socialites, and the leaders of tomorrow, Eve finds that the complex social hierarchy makes passing as a human much harder than she had anticipated. Even worse, Billington is harboring a secret of its own: Interlopers have infiltrated the university, and their sinister plans are targeted at chimeras-like Eve. Instantly, Eve's new life takes a drastic turn. In a time filled with chaos, is the world focusing on the wrong enemy? And when the situation at Billington shifts from hostile to dangerous, will Eve remain in the shadows, or rise up and fight?

Writing a Novel

In this fascinating book, New Yorker business columnist James Surowiecki explores a deceptively simple idea: Large groups of people are smarter than an elite few, no matter how brilliant—better at solving problems, fostering innovation, coming to wise decisions, even predicting the future. With boundless erudition and in delightfully clear prose, Surowiecki ranges across fields as diverse as popular culture, psychology, and biology, behavioral economics, artificial intelligence, military history, and politics to show how this simple idea offers important lessons for how we live our lives, select our leaders, run our companies, and think about our world.

A Thousand Paper Birds

This book walks you step by step through planning your novel to writing your novel. This book is full of personal stories, tips, and exercises to inspire you and to help you write your novel. This book is honest and realistic with an easy to follow step-by-step approach to writing a book. This book is for the writer who wants to follow their dream of completing a book but doesn't know where to start or where to find the time. This is more than just a book about writing, this is a book about surviving the writing process. THE BOOK IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR MAIN SECTIONS:

01 | THIS IS YOUR DREAM This section is all about discovering yourself within the writing world. It's about getting over your insecurities and creating your dream

writing life. 02 | PLAN IT ALL OUT This section teaches you to plot and plan your book. From time scheduling to discovering ideas and writing applications and resources. 03 | WRITE IT OUT This section covers the actual writing process that happens. 04 | WHEN THINGS GET TOUGH This is a survival guide to writing. This section of the book handles everything from writers block to loss of inspiration and falling behind schedule as well as when you're getting yourself down too. BONUS MATERIAL This is not called an interactive book for no reason. This book comes with access to a resource library of downloads like; word trackers, worksheets, charts, and checklists. And you will get a 28-day course to get you ready for writing.

How to Write a Novel in 100 Days

In his forty-third attempt to write a novel, Gordon recalls his childhood and tries to create his own assassin.

Lily Poole

There is a reason why Stephen King is one of the bestselling writers in the world, ever. Described in the Guardian as 'the most remarkable storyteller in modern American literature', Stephen King writes books that draw you in and are impossible to put down. Part memoir, part master class by one of the bestselling authors of all time, this superb volume is a revealing and practical view of the writer's craft, comprising the basic tools of the trade every writer must have. King's advice is grounded in the vivid memories from childhood through his emergence as a writer, from his struggling early career to his widely reported, near-fatal accident in 1999 - and how the inextricable link between writing and living spurred his recovery.

How to Write a Novel Using the Snowflake Method

Learn how to craft a killer pitch - and get your novel published today.
& break; & break; One of a writer's most difficult tasks is crafting a submission package. In order to get published you need to compose queries, synopses, and outlines that will prove irresistible to agents and editors. Give 'Em What They Want uses step-by-step instructions to break down the process, making it easier than you thought possible to put together a query packet, sample chapters, outlines, synopses - everything you need to interest an agent or editor in your novel. Inside you'll find: & break; & break; Dozens of samples complete with comments and suggestions for improvement & break; Successful submission techniques from published authors & break; Advice from well-respected agents and editors about avoiding common submission pitfalls & break; Information on working with agents and editors once your pitch is complete & break; And much more!
& break; & break; Give 'Em What They Want includes everything you need to know about approaching anyone in the publishing industry with your novel. Pitching your novel has never been easier!

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Shelf Help

The Writing Life

Shows how a program of education, discussion, and therapy works for many writers in mastering ideas such as patience, pacing, motivation, and resilience.

Writing the Breakout Novel

"When a story captures the imagination of millions, that's magic. Can you qualify magic? Archer and Jockers just may have done so."—Sylvia Day, New York Times bestselling author

Ask most people about massive success in the world of fiction, and you'll typically hear that it's a game of hazy crystal balls. The sales figures of E. L. James or Dan Brown seem to be freakish—random occurrences in an unknowable market. But what if there were an algorithm that could reveal a secret DNA of bestsellers, regardless of their genre? What if it knew, just from analyzing the words alone, not just why genre writers like John Grisham and Danielle Steel belong on the lists, but also that authors such as Junot Diaz, Jodi Picoult, and Donna Tartt had telltale signs of success all over their pages? Thanks to Jodie Archer and Matthew Jockers, the algorithm exists, the code has been cracked, and the results bring fresh new insights into how fiction works and why we read. The Bestseller Code offers a new theory for why *Fifty Shades of Grey* sold so well. It sheds light on the current craze for dark heroines. It reveals which themes tend to sell best. And all with fascinating supporting data taken from a five-year study of twenty thousand novels. Then there is the hunt for "the one"—the paradigmatic example of bestselling writing according to a computer's analysis of thousands of points of data. The result is surprising, a bit ironic, and delightfully unorthodox. This book explains groundbreaking text-mining research in accessible terms and offers a new perspective on the New York Times bestseller list. It's a big-idea book about the relationship between creativity and technology that will be provocative to anyone interested in how analytics have already transformed the worlds of finance, medicine, and sports. But at heart it is a celebration of books for readers and writers—a compelling investigation into how successful writing works, and a

fresh take on our intellectual and emotional response to stories.

Becoming a Writer

You have a novel inside of you - a dream to tell your story - but you don't know where to start. Maybe you don't even know what to write. Perfect! This book will release the novel in you! From idea to first draft, you will learn what every story needs to be successful. You'll find your story and create three-dimensional characters people will want to read. You'll learn to hook your reader and how to structure and craft a dynamic and powerful, page-turning plot that will have readers wanting more. In addition, you'll review the mechanics of good writing and you'll learn to write in a way that will have your words jumping off the page and painting a picture in the reader's mind. Everything you need to get started on writing your novel is in this book. Don't put your dream off another day.

Self-editing for Fiction Writers

"What do you think of my fiction book writing?" the aspiring novelist extorted. "Darn," the editor hectored, in turn. "I can not publish your novel! It is full of what we in the business call 'really awful writing.'" "But how shall I absolve this dilemma? I have already read every tome available on how to write well and get published!" The writer tossed his head about, wildly. "It might help," opined the blonde editor, helpfully, "to ponder how NOT to write a novel, so you might avoid the very thing!" Many writing books offer sound advice on how to write well. This is not one of those books. On the contrary, this is a collection of terrible, awkward, and laughably unreadable excerpts that will teach you what to avoid—at all costs—if you ever want your novel published. In *How Not to Write a Novel*, authors Howard Mittelmark and Sandra Newman distill their 30 years combined experience in teaching, editing, writing, and reviewing fiction to bring you real advice from the other side of the query letter. Rather than telling you how or what to write, they identify the 200 most common mistakes unconsciously made by writers and teach you to recognize, avoid, and amend them. With hilarious "mis-examples" to demonstrate each manuscript-mangling error, they'll help you troubleshoot your beginnings and endings, bad guys, love interests, style, jokes, perspective, voice, and more. As funny as it is useful, this essential how-NOT-to guide will help you get your manuscript out of the slush pile and into the bookstore.

How To Write A Novel The Easy Way Using The Pulp Fiction Method To Write Better Novels

For anyone who has a story that needs to be told or who dreams of writing and publishing a novel or who has ever thought, "I could have written that book " now there is a practical, inspirational and dependable guidebook that will skillfully coach the first-time novelist from idea stage to publishable manuscript. In *HOW TO WRITE A NOVEL IN 100 DAYS*, bestselling author and veteran writing teacher John Coyne guides the beginning or experienced novelist with a proven daily formula that he has used to write and publish a dozen widely read novels. Packed with advice, tips, encouragement, tasks, wisdom, questions and inspiration from Day 1 to Day 100, Coyne's easy-to-follow manual will steer writers of all abilities to a

finished, full-length, publishable manuscript in as little as four months. "The only two things you need to write a novel are the ability to write a simple English sentence and the desire to write," says Coyne in the book's introduction. "You can do it." That fundamental belief and Coyne's unwavering encouragement permeate HOW TO WRITE A NOVEL IN 100 DAYS. It's like having your own personal writing coach constantly at your side. Coyne has devoted a lifetime to the written word - as a student, a journalist, an author, an editor and a teacher. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in English literature. He has been published in national magazines such as Smithsonian, Glamour, TV Guide and Travel & Leisure. He is the bestselling author of 12 novels and a total of more than 25 books of fiction and nonfiction in many genres, including mystery, horror, romance, sports, history and instructional/how to. Coyne's impressive teaching credentials are also evident in this, his newest book. He has taught creative writing at the high school and college levels, conducted writing workshops in major cities throughout the United States and online, and taught English and writing in Africa. HOW TO WRITE A NOVEL IN 100 DAYS is the culmination of Coyne's vast experience and success as a novelist and a teacher, an indispensable guide that will help "unlock" amazing stories waiting to be told by anyone who dares to be a writer.

Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin

Step One: Find a story. (A good one.) Step Two: Find a reading buddy. (Someone nice.) Step Three: Find a reading spot. (Couches are cozy.) Now: Begin. Accomplished storytellers Kate Messner and Mark Siegel chronicle the process of becoming a reader: from pulling a book off the shelf and finding someone with whom to share a story, to reading aloud, predicting what will happen, and—finally—coming to The End. This picture book playfully and movingly illustrates the idea that the reader who discovers the love of reading finds, at the end, the beginning. Plus, this is the fixed format version, which will look almost identical to the print version. Additionally for devices that support audio, this ebook includes a read-along setting.

The 90-Day Novel

Everything about John is off-kilter. He's sixteen now, out of school and out of work. It's the early 1970s: shipyards in Clydebank are no longer hiring and a long stretch on the dole is imminent. But on a day when the town is covered by a deluge of snow, his life is changed by an act of kindness: he helps a wee girl, Lily, get to school on time. She waits for him to meet her outside the school gates every day, but he seems to be the only one who can see her. This provokes a backlash that ripples out from concerned mothers at school to the parish priest of St Stephen's and invites institutional responses that involve the police and psychiatric care. The unspoken hope is that John can be 'cured' of what has seduced him. But Lily has bled into other parts of John's family life in an exploration of the physical and the psychological, of spiritual crises and the occult. Dark, haunting, and told by alternating narrators, Lily Poole disrupts your assumptions about mental health and who can be trusted when the truth becomes threadbare. This is a ghost story but nothing is as it seems.

The Darwin Elevator

Techniques of the Selling Writer provides solid instruction for people who want to write and sell fiction, not just to talk and study about it. It gives the background, insights, and specific procedures needed by all beginning writers. Here one can learn how to group words into copy that moves, movement into scenes, and scenes into stories; how to develop characters, how to revise and polish, and finally, how to sell the product. No one can teach talent, but the practical skills of the professional writer's craft can certainly be taught. The correct and imaginative use of these skills can shorten any beginner's apprenticeship by years. This is the book for writers who want to turn rejection slips into cashable checks.

Write Great Fiction - Plot & Structure

"Unlock the story within with over 200 new writing exercises"--Cover.

Writing Into the Dark: How to Write a Novel Without an Outline

Annie Dillard has written eleven books, including the memoir of her parents, *An American Childhood*; the Northwest pioneer epic *The Living*; and the nonfiction narrative *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*. A gregarious recluse, she is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Johnny Got His Gun

Want to write a novel? What's holding you back? Lack of confidence? Not sure where to start? There has never been a better time to be a writer, provided you know how best to go about it. In this short but to-the-point introduction, publisher, editor and writer, Jim Driver reveals the secrets the experts use to write bestselling novels. Taking inspiration from the classic Pulp Fiction writers of the golden era, Jim shows how to banish writers' block forever and reveals the easiest ways you can create and plot commercial novels. Don't let your doubts hold you back: let Jim show you how you can take action and start writing your profitable novel today. NEW 2019 EDITION Reviews of Previous Editions "Right to the point, no fluff or filler, just what I was looking for as a starter guide to writing. Will definitely read Jim's other books in the future." Amazon Customer, Amazon.com "I loved this book, I really did. I found it refreshing, full of no-nonsense honest advice that tells it like it is, a book in which the author likens the old pulp fiction books to modern Kindle short novels." Poet's Wife, Amazon.co.uk It's time to start your novel. Download your copy of *How To Write A Novel The Easy Way* today.

How to Write a Novel

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Jason M. Hough's pulse-pounding debut combines the drama, swagger, and vivid characters of Joss Whedon's *Firefly* with the talent of sci-fi author John Scalzi. In the mid-23rd century, Darwin, Australia, stands as the last human city on Earth. The world has succumbed to an alien plague, with most of the population transformed into mindless, savage creatures. The planet's refugees flock to Darwin, where a space elevator—created by the architects of this

apocalypse, the Builders—emits a plague-suppressing aura. Skyler Luiken has a rare immunity to the plague. Backed by an international crew of fellow “immunes,” he leads missions into the dangerous wasteland beyond the aura’s edge to find the resources Darwin needs to stave off collapse. But when the Elevator starts to malfunction, Skyler is tapped—along with the brilliant scientist, Dr. Tania Sharma—to solve the mystery of the failing alien technology and save the ragged remnants of humanity. Praise for *The Darwin Elevator* “A hell of a fun book.”—James S. A. Corey, New York Times bestselling author of *Abaddon’s Gate* “[Jason M.] Hough’s first novel combines the rapid-fire action and memorable characters associated with Joss Whedon’s short-lived *Firefly* TV series with the accessibility and scientific acumen of [James S. A.] Corey’s ‘*Expanse*’ series.”—*Library Journal* (starred review) “The best part about alien stories is their mystery, and Jason Hough understands that like no other. Full of compelling characters and thick with tension, *The Darwin Elevator* delivers both despair and hope along with a gigantic dose of wonder. It’s a brilliant debut, and Hough can take my money whenever he writes anything from now on.”—Kevin Hearne, New York Times bestselling author of *The Iron Druid Chronicles* “Newcomer Hough displays a talent for imaginative plotting and realistic dialogue, and the brisk pacing and cliffhanger ending will keep readers enthralled and eagerly awaiting the next installment.”—*Publishers Weekly* “Jason M. Hough does a great job with this huge story. The world of Darwin and the Elevator is deliciously complex and satisfying. Skyler, Tania, and all the other characters are delightfully drawn and fun to spend time with. . . . The story unfolds with just the right balance of high adventure, espionage, humor, and emotional truth. . . . As soon as you finish, you’ll want more.”—*Analog* “A debut novel unlike any other . . . This is something special. Something iconic. *The Darwin Elevator* is full of majesty and wonder, mystery and mayhem, colorful characters and insidious schemes.”—*SF Signal* “Fun, action-packed and entertaining . . . a sure contender for science fiction debut of the year!”—*Pat’s Fantasy Hotlist* “Claustrophobic, intense, and satisfying . . . I couldn’t put this book down. *The Darwin Elevator* depicts a terrifying world, suspends it from a delicate thread, and forces you to read with held breath as you anticipate the inevitable fall.”—Hugh Howey, New York Times bestselling author of *Wool*

The Wisdom of Crowds

Writing A Novel is not a set of rules and regulations. It is an atlas, a guide to finding your own way over the treacherous passes of your first novel. Pulling together his years of experience as a novelist and a teacher, Richard Skinner covers the basics of writing great fiction - narrators, characters, settings - with charm and rigour. But more than that, he argues that the journey towards a final manuscript is as important as the finished article itself. His approach works: many of Richard's students have gone on to secure publishing deals and many more have left his courses with work to be proud of. With its balance of warmth and wisdom, *Writing a Novel* will give any aspiring writer the confidence to face the blank page -- and to fill it.

How Writers Journey to Comfort and Fluency

Have you ever wanted to learn how to write a book? This unpretentious little guide

through the perils of writing fiction follows the process through four stages: gathering the raw material, planning, rough draft writing, and revision. The principles and craft of novel writing can be taught - and with lots of practice you can learn how to write! Novelist Dan Brown shares not only his own experience on how to write a novel but also the thoughts of many classic masters of fiction. Teachers call it "common-sensical and wise," raising the right questions and offering suggestions, never rules. Beginning writers call it "reassuring" yet "demanding." Experienced writers say they dip into it again when beginning a novel "or just when I feel low." Beginning writers following this step by step plan will complete a finished novel by the end of this course of study. "Concise and to-the-point. This book is not just about writing; it's about being who you are and doing what you can." - Writer's Digest

On Writing Fiction

For a quarter century, more than a million readers—scribes and scribblers of all ages and abilities—have been inspired by Anne Lamott’s hilarious, big-hearted, homespun advice. Advice that begins with the simple words of wisdom passed down from Anne’s father—also a writer—in the iconic passage that gives the book its title: “Thirty years ago my older brother, who was ten years old at the time, was trying to get a report on birds written that he’d had three months to write. It was due the next day. We were out at our family cabin in Bolinas, and he was at the kitchen table close to tears, surrounded by binder paper and pencils and unopened books on birds, immobilized by the hugeness of the task ahead. Then my father sat down beside him, put his arm around my brother’s shoulder, and said, ‘Bird by bird, buddy. Just take it bird by bird.’” An essential volume for generations of writers young and old, *Bird by Bird* is a modern classic. This twenty-fifth anniversary edition will continue to spark creative minds for years to come.

How to Write a Damn Good Novel

'A masterful exploration of love, loss and the healing power of the natural world. Heartbreaking and uplifting in equal measure' Observer **ONGLISTED FOR THE AUTHORS' CLUB BEST FIRST NOVEL AWARD 2018** Jonah roams Kew Gardens trying to reassemble the shattered pieces of his life after the death of his wife, Audrey. Weathering the seasons and learning to love again, he meets Chloe, an enigmatic origami artist who is hesitant to let down her own walls. In the gardens he also meets ten-year-old Milly, and Harry, a gardener, both of whom have secrets of their own to keep - and mysteries to solve.

How Not to Write a Novel

Craft an Engaging Plot How does plot influence story structure? What's the difference between plotting for commercial and literary fiction? How do you revise a plot or structure that's gone off course? With *Write Great Fiction: Plot & Structure*, you'll discover the answers to these questions and more. Award-winning author James Scott Bell offers clear, concise information that will help you create a believable and memorable plot, including:

- Techniques for crafting strong beginnings, middles, and ends
- Easy-to-understand plotting diagrams and charts

- Brainstorming techniques for original plot ideas
- Thought-provoking exercises at the end of each chapter
- Story structure models and methods for all genres
- Tips and tools for correcting common plot problems

Filled with plot examples from popular novels, comprehensive checklists, and practical hands-on guidance, *Write Great Fiction: Plot & Structure* gives you the skills you need to approach plot and structure like an experienced pro.

Eve

In this thoughtful, mesmerizing tale with echoes of *Station Eleven*, the author of *An Uncommon Education* follows a group of survivors thrown together in the aftermath of two major earthquakes that strike San Francisco within an hour of each other—an achingly beautiful and lyrical novel about the power of nature, the resilience of the human spirit, and the enduring strength of love. On Valentine's Day, two major earthquakes strike San Francisco within the same hour, devastating the city and its primary entry points, sparking fires throughout, and leaving its residents without power, gas, or water. Among the disparate survivors whose fates will become intertwined are Max, a man who began the day with birthday celebrations tinged with regret; Vashti, a young woman who has already buried three of the people she loved most . . . but cannot forget Max, the one man who got away; and Gene, a Stanford geologist who knows far too much about the terrifying earthquakes that have damaged this beautiful city and irrevocably changed the course of their lives. As day turns to night and fires burn across the city, Max and Vashti—trapped beneath the rubble of the collapsed Nob Hill Masonic Auditorium—must confront each other and face the truth about their past, while Gene embarks on a frantic search through the realization of his worst nightmares to find his way back to his ailing lover and their home.

Writing a Novel

"The first truly comprehensive, honest, objective guide to publishing I've seen" - Polly Courtney
Confused and bamboozled by the wide world of self-publishing? Written a book but have no idea how to get it onto shelves? Disillusioned by traditional publishing and want something better? Well, you're in the right place. *Shelf Help* is the brand new and comprehensive guide to becoming a professional indie author. This handy little pocket guide will tell you in great detail exactly how to go from manuscript to royalty cheque. With *Shelf Help*, you'll learn how to self-publish the DIY way - retaining all your rights, royalties, and utter creative control whilst keeping it cheap, quick, and above all, professional. So whether it's cover design that's foxed you, or eBooks that give you a headache, self-publishing consultant Ben Galley has the answers. Also featuring interviews with best-selling authors and self-publishing gurus: Hugh Howey, Joanna Penn, and Polly Courtney.

How to Write a Book

WHAT IS THE STORY GRID? The Story Grid is a tool developed by editor Shawn Coyne to analyze stories and provide helpful editorial comments. It's like a CT Scan that takes a photo of the global story and tells the editor or writer what is working, what is not, and what must be done to make what works better and fix what's not.

The Story Grid breaks down the component parts of stories to identify the problems. And finding the problems in a story is almost as difficult as the writing of the story itself (maybe even more difficult). The Story Grid is a tool with many applications: 1. It will tell a writer if a Story ?works? or ?doesn't work. 2. It pinpoints story problems but does not emotionally abuse the writer, revealing exactly where a Story (not the person creating the Story'the Story) has failed. 3. It will tell the writer the specific work necessary to fix that Story's problems. 4. It is a tool to re- envision and resuscitate a seemingly irredeemable pile of paper stuck in an attic drawer. 5. It is a tool that can inspire an original creation.

Arcade, Or, How to Write

With more than a hundred published novels and more than seventeen million copies of his books in print, USA Today bestselling author Dean Wesley Smith knows how to outline. And he knows how to write a novel without an outline. In this WMG Writer's Guide, Dean takes you step-by-step through the process of writing without an outline and explains why not having an outline boosts your creative voice and keeps you more interested in your writing. Want to enjoy your writing more and entertain yourself? Then toss away your outline and Write into the Dark.

The Bestseller Code

On Writing

A Magical Key to Unlock Your Creative Wizard Are you writing a novel, but having trouble getting your first draft written? You've heard of "outlining," but that sounds too rigid for you. You've heard of "organic writing," but that seems a bit squishy to you. Take a look at the wildly popular Snowflake Method—ten battle-tested steps that jump-start your creativity and help you quickly map out your story. All around the world, novelists are using the Snowflake Method right now to ignite their imaginations and get their first drafts down. In this book, you'll follow the story of a fictitious novelist as she learns to tap into the amazing power of the Snowflake Method. Almost magically, she finds her story growing from a simple idea into a deep and powerful novel. And she finds her novel changing her—into a stronger, more courageous person. Zany, Over the Top, and Just Plain Fun How to Write a Novel Using the Snowflake Method is a "business parable"—a how-to guide written in story form. It's zany. It's over the top. It's just plain fun. It shows you how it's done, rather than tells you. You'll learn by example how to grow your story idea into a sizzling first draft. You'll discover: How to define your "target audience" the right way, so you know exactly how your ideal readers think and feel. Forget what the experts tell you about "demographics." How to create a dynamite selling tool that will instantly tell people whether they'll love your story or hate it. And you want them to love it or hate it. How to get inside the skin of each of your characters—even your villain. Especially your villain. How to find a deep, emotively powerful theme for your story. Do you know the best point in your novel to unveil your theme? How to know when to backtrack, and why backtracking is essential to writing great fiction. How to fire-test each scene to ensure it's high-impact—before you write it. ExcerptGoldilocks had always wanted to write a novel. She learned to

read before she went to kindergarten. In grade school, she always had her nose in a book. In junior high, the other kids thought she was weird, because she actually liked reading those dusty old novels in literature class. All through high school, Goldilocks dreamed of writing a book of her own someday. But when she went to college, her parents persuaded her to study something practical. Goldilocks hated practical, and secretly she kept reading novels. But she was a very obedient girl, so she did what her parents told her. She got a very practical degree in marketing. After college, she got a job that bored her to tears—but at least it was practical. Then she got married, and within a few years, she had two children, a girl and then a boy. She quit her job to devote full time to them. As the children grew, Goldilocks took great joy in introducing them to the stories she had loved as a child. When her son went off to kindergarten, Goldilocks thought about looking for a job. But her resume now had a seven-year hole in it, and her practical skills were long out of date. The only jobs Goldilocks could qualify for were minimum wage. She suddenly realized that being practical had made her horribly unhappy. On a whim, Goldilocks decided to do the one thing she had always wanted more than anything else—she was finally going to write a novel. She didn't care if it was impractical. She didn't care if nobody would ever read her novel. She was going to do it just because she wanted to. For the first time in years, she was going to do something just for herself. And nobody was going to stop her.

Techniques of the Selling Writer

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- explore universal themes that will interest a broad audience of readers
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- develop an inspired premise that sets your novel apart from the competition

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