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Explains how to use various types of presses, and includes twenty projects ranging from cards and calendars to stationery and masks.

“Illuminates with cutting truth the layers of longing and grief which underlie a transracial adoption . . . sharply written, intense, and page-turning.” —Randy Susan Meyers, bestselling author of Waisted Rowan Kelly knows she’s lucky. After all, if she hadn’t been adopted, she could have spent her days in a rice paddy, or a windowless warehouse assembling iPhones—they make iPhones in Korea, right? Either way, slowly dying of boredom on Long Island is surely better than the alternative. But as she matures, she realizes that she’ll never know if she has her mother’s eyes, or if she’d be in America at all had her adoptive parents been able to conceive. Rowan sets out to prove that she can be someone’s first choice. After running away from home—and her parents’ rules—and ending up beaten, barefoot, and topless on a Pennsylvania street courtesy of Bad Boy Number One, Rowan attaches herself to Never-Going-to-Commit. When that doesn’t work out, she fully abandons self-respect and begins browsing Craigslist personals. But as Rowan dives deeper into the world of casual encounters with strangers, she discovers what she’s really looking for. With a fresh voice and a quick wit, Lauren J. Sharkey dispels the myths surrounding transracial adoption, the ties that

bind, and what it means to belong. A Finalist for Foreword Review's 2020 INDIES Book of the Year Award in Adult Fiction—Multicultural "Stirring . . . a moving account of Rowan's difficult reckoning with her identity. This is an adept portrayal of the long shadow of abuse and the difficulty of being an adoptee." —Publishers Weekly

#1 New York Times bestselling author and Eisner-nominated cartoonist Tom Hart has written a poignant and instructive guide for all aspiring graphic memoirists detailing the tenets of artistry and story-telling inherent in the medium. Hart examines what makes a graphic memoir great, and shows you how to do it. With two dozen professional examples and a deep-dive into his own story, Hart encourages readers to hone their signature style in the best way to represent their journeys on the page. With clear examples and visual aids, The Art of the Graphic Memoir is emotive, creative, and accessible. Whether you're a comics fan, comic book creator, memoirist, biographer or autobiographer, there's something inside for everyone.

Love—the one roadblock they never expected. Racing Love, Book 1 Aurelia is living her dream, teaching for a year in the south of France. Except it's all going wrong. The carefree culture is challenging her academic goals, and her students are so difficult that she wants the unthinkable: to give up and go home. Meeting Terrence doesn't help. When he's not training for the Tour de France, the cocky pro cyclist is flirting with Aurelia, but

she didn't cross an ocean to hook up with an American jock, even if he does have killer dimples and looks hot in spandex. Until the jock sets out to prove he's more than mere muscle. He wants to teach her what having fun really means, which could be as dangerous to her structured life as it is to her heart. As life hits unexpected roadblocks, they turn to one another for support, and flirtation becomes game-changing love. But Terrence is chasing his dream of being the fastest man on two wheels, and she isn't sure how far he'll go to win...or how far she's willing to follow.

Warnings: Includes a hopelessly romantic hero, a guilt-free sex proposition, a lot of orgasms, and, of course, croissants.

From NBC's TODAY coanchor Savannah Guthrie and educator Allison Oppenheim comes an empowering fairy tale with a twist. In the tradition of *Not All Princesses Dress in Pink* and *Princess in Black*, *Princesses Wear Pants* follows the unflappable Princess Penelope Pineapple, who knows how to get the job done while staying true to herself. Princess Penelope lives in a beautiful palace with a closet full of beautiful dresses. But being a princess is much, much more than beauty. In fact, every morning Princess Penelope runs right past her frilly dresses to choose from her beloved collection of pants! What she wears each day depends on which job she has to do. Will she command the royal air force sporting her sequined flight suit? Will she find her zen in her yoga pants and favorite tee? Or, will she work in the kingdom's vegetable garden with pocketed

overalls for all of her tools? Unfortunately for Princess Penelope, not everyone in the Pineapple Kingdom thinks pants are always appropriate princess attire. When the grand Lady Busyboots demands that Princess Penelope must wear a gown to the annual Pineapple Ball, the young royal finds a clever way to express herself. Penelope's courage (and style choices) result in her saving the day! In their debut children's picture book, Savannah Guthrie and Allison Oppenheim team up for a savvy and imaginative story that celebrates fashion and girl power. Perfect for fans of Nickelodeon's Nella the Princess Knight, Princesses Wear Pants challenges gender stereotypes in the name of individuality, showing girls it's not how they look but what they do that matters.

In Book Architecture: How to Plot and Outline Without Using a Formula, Stuart Horwitz returns with his trademark clarity to help writers craft a powerful plot and an effective outline for their works-in-progress. Along the way, Horwitz offers detailed, concrete examples that reveal how the Book Architecture Method works with everything from literary classics to blockbuster films.

Provides instructions for a variety of projects, including creating graffiti furniture, a notepad holder, a cardboard castle, customized shirts, and doll clothes.

Nautilus Book Award Silver Winner. Eric Hoffer Award Grand Prize Short List. Midwest Book Award Finalist/Reference. "Witty, audacious and wise."

Robin Metz, Winner of the Rainer Maria Rilke International Poetry Award. "This should be on every writer's bookshelf." Randy Richardson, President, Chicago Writers Association. By exploring the relationships between the writer and love, grief, place, family, race and violence, Rember helps writers dive deep into their own writing. "A big part of writing involves grappling with the terrors and discouragements that come when you have writing skills but can't project yourself or your work into the future," says Rember. "My hope is that MFA in a Box will help writers balance the despair of writing with the joy of writing. It's a book designed to help you to find the courage to put truth into words and to understand that writing is a life-and-death endeavor -- but that nothing about a life-and-death endeavor keeps it from being laugh-out-loud funny."

[The Beat of Black Wings](#)

[Interstellar Pig](#)

[Emerson on the Creative Process](#)

[Book Architecture](#)

[The Black Woman's Book of Travel and Adventure](#)

[Tell Your Story, Change Your Life](#)

[Querencia](#)

[The Manic Pixie Dream Boy Improvement Project](#)

[Finish Your Book in Three Drafts](#)

[How to Plot and Outline Without Using a Formula](#) [Racing to You](#) [A Novel](#)

A teenager becomes interested in a strange board game called "Interstellar Pig," the obsession of his new and unusual neighbors, and he soon stumbles into a nightmare when he discovers that the game is real.

Develop a voice that captures readers' attention! All writers bring a unique set of skills to their work: One author might write outstanding characters, while another might dazzle with dialogue. You don't have to master every aspect of the craft in order to succeed, but the one quality required of every writer is a compelling, original voice. Your voice, which is often difficult to define and even more difficult to master, can transform your writing from pedestrian to powerful. In *Writing Voice*, you'll discover effective instruction and advice from best-selling authors and instructors like Donal Maass, Adair Lara, Paula Munier, Dinty W. Moore, James Scott Bell, and many others, plus exercises, techniques, and examples for making your prose stand out, be it fiction or memoir. You'll learn how to:

- * Explore the unique way you write *
- * Study the distinctive styles of other writers to create your own voice *
- * Understand the nuances of voice, including the importance of word choice *
- * Develop the right voice for your genre *
- * Craft excellent narration that will keep readers coming back *
- * Choose the proper voice for your nonfiction

Constructing the voice that fits your style and your audience is paramount to crafting memorable, original work. *Writing Voice* gives you the tools to not only create that voice but perfect it.

Writing was the central passion of Emerson's life. While his thoughts on the craft are well

developed in “The Poet,” “The American Scholar,” Nature, “Goethe,” and “Persian Poetry,” less well known are the many pages in his private journals devoted to the relationship between writing and reading. Here, for the first time, is the Concord Sage’s energetic, exuberant, and unconventional advice on the idea of writing, focused and distilled by the preeminent Emerson biographer at work today. Emerson advised that “the way to write is to throw your body at the mark when your arrows are spent.” *First We Read, Then We Write* contains numerous such surprises—from “every word we speak is million-faced” to “talent alone cannot make a writer”—but it is no mere collection of aphorisms and exhortations. Instead, in Robert Richardson’s hands, the biographical and historical context in which Emerson worked becomes clear. Emerson’s advice grew from his personal experience; in practically every moment of his adult life he was either preparing to write, trying to write, or writing. Richardson shows us an Emerson who is no granite bust but instead is a fully fleshed, creative person disarmingly willing to confront his own failures. Emerson urges his readers to try anything—strategies, tricks, makeshifts—speaking not only of the nuts and bolts of writing but also of the grain and sinew of his determination. Whether a writer by trade or a novice, every reader will find something to treasure in this volume. Fearlessly wrestling with “the birthing stage of art,” Emerson’s counsel on being a reader and writer will be read and reread for years to come.

How do you write a book? Stuart Horwitz helps you do it in three drafts. Three drafts: that's all you need. - The messy draft: which is all about getting it down. - The method draft: which is all about making sense. - The polished draft: which is all about making it good. *Finish Your Book in Three Drafts* is for outliners who meticulously script every writing session and pantsers who

pilot solely by feel. It will help you get past the fear that can land a first draft in the trashcan, and the confusion that can send a second draft into a dizzying tailspin. Because you don't want to be writing the same book for the rest of your life. You can Finish Your Book in Three Drafts provided you approach each draft in the right spirit, and know what action steps to take between drafts. With clarity, honesty, humor, and even videos, Horwitz discusses the best outlook and direction for each of the three drafts so that you can increase your efficiency, satisfaction, and engagement with both your writing process and your final product.

There's a new player in the gig economy that's perfect for people who love books. It's called book coaching, and you really do get to read books all day and get paid for it. A book coach is a strategic professional who guides a writer through the creative process of developing a book -- helping them define the project, design the best narrative structure to tell their tale, and build both their confidence and their editorial skills as they write forward. Part project manager, part editor, part cheerleader, being a book coach is intellectually stimulating, soulful, satisfying work that you can do on your own time from the comfort of your own home. In *Read Books All Day and Get Paid For It: The Business of Being a Book Coach*, Jennie Nash, a multiple six-figure book coach and the founder and CEO of Author Accelerator, shares the nuts and bolts of the book coaching business -- touching on everything from pricing and processes to marketing and mindset. Jennie has trained more than 50 book coaches in how to coach fiction and nonfiction writers, and now she is sharing her secrets about how to run a successful side hustle or full-time book coaching business.

A witch is cursed to relive a doomed love affair through many lifetimes, as both troubled muse and frustrated artist, in this haunting debut novel. Helen Lambert has lived several lives-a

young piano virtuoso in 1890s Paris, an actress in 1930's Hollywood, a rock star in 1970s Los Angeles -- only she doesn't know it. Until she meets a strange man who claims he's watched over her for centuries, bound to her from the beginning. At first, Helen doesn't believe him. Her life is as normal as any other modern career woman's. Then she begins having vivid dreams about ill-fated love and lives cut short. Caught in a curse, Helen will be forced to relive the same tragic events that ruined her previous lives. But with each rebirth, she's developed uncanny powers. And as the most powerful version of herself, Helen must find a way to break the curse before her time runs out. *A Witch in Time* is a bewitching tale of passion, reincarnation, and magic perfect for fans of *A Secret History of Witches* and *Outlander*. Praise for *A Witch in Time*: "A sweeping story of magical, star-crossed love, as glamorous as it is romantic. Prepare to be dazzled." Alma Katsu, author of *The Hunger* "Incredibly engrossing and decadent in all the best ways, *A Witch in Time* is a sumptuous story of love and loss that's perfect for fans of historical fiction with a touch of fantasy." Hypable "A narrative rich in historical detail, brightened by flashes of humor, and filled with colorful characters and fascinating settings. A most rewarding read!" Louisa Morgan, author of *A Secret History of Witches* For more from Constance Sayers, check out *The Ladies of the Secret Circus*. Celebrate diversity, math, and the power of storytelling! For the Hindu holiday of Raksha Bandhan, Bina is determined to make beaded bracelets for her brothers all by herself. She finds out which colors her brothers like and dislike and sets to work. Working with her every-other-one beading pattern causes Bina to discover something new about patterns--and her brothers. *Storytelling Math* celebrates children using math in their daily adventures as they play, build, and discover the world around them. Joyful stories and hands-on activities make it

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easy for kids and their grown-ups to explore everyday math together. Developed in collaboration with math experts at STEM education nonprofit TERC, under a grant from the Heising-Simons Foundation.

"Riley, a Manic Pixie Dream Boy, lives in Trope Town, where he makes a living appearing as a side character in novels--until he and his fellow manic pixies must ban together to save themselves from retirement"--

[MFA in a Box](#)

[The Complete Guide to Creating a Presence on the Page and Engaging Readers](#)

[Story Engineering](#)

[Crime Fiction Inspired by the Songs of Joni Mitchell](#)

[D.I.Y.: Kids](#)

[The Damascus Cover](#)

[The Creative Writing MFA Handbook](#)

[Read Books All Day and Get Paid For It: The Business of Book Coaching](#)

[Eat This Poem](#)

[How to Be a Writer](#)

[Write with Focus, Read with Purpose, Build Your Community](#)

[Writing Voice](#)

"Wenstrom's debut is the catalyst for a planned series of fantasy war tales, kicked off with this thoroughly expanded retelling of the Orpheus myth." —Publishers Weekly Winner of the Royal Palm Literary Award for Book of the Year and First

Place for Fantasy Torn apart by war and abandoned by the gods, only one hope remains to save humanity. But the savior isn't human at all. Trapped by his maker's dark command to protect a mysterious box, Adem—an unlikely hero—is forced to kill anyone who tries to steal it. When a young boy chances upon Adem's temple, he resists the lure of curiosity and temptation, intriguing the golem. The boy and his sister convince Adem to go against his maker's edict, leaving the refuge of the temple. But their adventure soon lands them in a web of trouble. Now Adem will do whatever is necessary to keep his new young charges safe, even if it means giving up the only thing he's ever truly wanted . . . a chance at a soul of his own. "There's something primal in Mud. It's a reverent, mythical story of supernatural beings who justify desperate measures in their quest to feel complete. They struggle with emotions we all understand, even as they challenge the very rules that govern all of creation." —Robert Wiesehan, author of *Aurora Knights: Loyalties* "I really like books about uncommon supernatural creatures, so, when I saw Mud had a golem as the protagonist, I jumped at the chance to read it. A well-written and enjoyable read." —*Metaphors and Moonlight*

Writing page-turning fiction depends on your ability to create rock-solid, believable scenes. Scenes act as dynamic structures that thrust both your characters and readers forward through conflict, baiting them with goals that may—and break; In *Novelist's Essential Guide to Crafting Scenes*, Raymond Obstfeld leads you through

the creation process, examining all the elements that go into making scenes successful, cohesive and compelling. Tackling topics like finding a scene's "hot spot," identifying its dominating purpose and avoiding a cliched ending, Obstfeld provides essential reading for novice and novelist alike. Using examples from film, short stories, and best-selling fiction, he documents why and how scenes work. You'll learn: – what is (and isn't) a scene– how to make scenes memorable– how to use point of view– how to focus on character, plot and theme– how to make scenes pay off– how to structure a scene– how to use setting– how to revise a scene– the importance of first impressions ––Every page of Novelist's Essential Guide to Crafting Scenes opens a new window of opportunity for writers by offering valuable insight, articulate advice and expert examples. It's a reference, a road map and a romp, all rolled into one. So go on—make a scene. And make it unforgettable. Athletes practice. Musicians practice. As a writer you need to do the same. Whether you have dreams of writing a novel or a memoir or a collection of poems, or you simply want to improve your everyday writing, this innovative book will show you how to build your skills by way of practice. Through playful and purposeful exercises, you'll develop your natural aptitude for communication, strengthening your ability to come up with things to say, and your ability to get those things into the minds (and the hearts) of readers. You'll learn to:

- Train and develop your

writer's powers—creativity, memory, observation, imagination, curiosity, and the subconscious • Understand the true nature of the relationship between you and your readers • Find your writer's voice • Get required writing projects done so you have more time for the writing you want to do • And much more Empowering and down-to-earth, *How to Be a Writer* gives you the tools you need, and tells you what (and how) to practice so that you can become the writer you want to be.

A literary cookbook that celebrates food and poetry, two of life's essential ingredients. In the same way that salt seasons ingredients to bring out their flavors, poetry seasons our lives; when celebrated together, our everyday moments and meals are richer and more meaningful. The twenty-five inspiring poems in this book—from such poets as Marge Piercy, Louise Glück, Mark Strand, Mary Oliver, Billy Collins, Jane Hirshfield—are accompanied by seventy-five recipes that bring the richness of words to life in our kitchen, on our plate, and through our palate. *Eat This Poem* opens us up to fresh ways of accessing poetry and lends new meaning to the foods we cook.

Get the core knowledge of a prestigious MFA education without the tuition. Have you always wanted to get an MFA, but couldn't because of the cost, time commitment, or admission requirements? Well now you can fulfill that dream without having to devote tons of money or time. *The Portable MFA* gives you all of the essential information you would learn in the MFA program in one book.

Covering fiction, memoirs, personal essays, magazine articles, poetry, and playwriting, this book provides you with:

- Inspiration and tips on revision, stamina, and productivity
- Clear instruction on the craft behind the art
- Detailed reading lists to expand your literary horizons
- Exercises to improve your writing endeavors

By heeding the advice in *The Portable MFA*, you will gain the wisdom and experience of some of today's greatest teachers, all for just the price of a book.

A novel by Bernard Cornwell that follows the enormous success of his Arthurian trilogy (*The Winter King*, *Enemy of God*, and *Excalibur*) tells the tale of three brothers and of their rivalry that creates the great temple.

The first travel book for the sisters!

Author of the extremely successful blog *Stirrup Queens and Sperm Palace Jesters*, Melissa Ford presents readers with a guide for navigating the complex world of infertility. *The Land of If* got its name not only because "IF" is the abbreviation for "infertility" in the online world, but also because there are so many "ifs" inherent in being here. No stranger to the Land of If herself, Ford shares her hard-earned knowledge and insights, helping couples struggling with infertility understand the lingo, learn the details doctors tend to leave out, and keep their emotional sanity despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles. *Navigating the Land of If* gives the nitty-gritty on injections, rejections, biting your tongue during happy parent-to-be conversations, and trying not to cry over baby shower invitations. With chapters

that include how-to's for same-sex couples, and present adoption or remaining child-free as plausible alternatives, Ford tells you exactly what you need to know, from one infertile to another.

[The Portable MFA in Creative Writing](#)

[A DIY Guide to New & Old Printing Methods](#)

[The Midnight Man](#)

[Building Your Creative Skills Through Practice and Play](#)

[A why to Write Book](#)

[Novelist's Essential Guide to Crafting Scenes](#)

[Heroine Of Her Own Life](#)

[A Witch in Time](#)

[Bracelets for Bina's Brothers](#)

[Inconvenient Daughter](#)

[Stonehenge: A Novel of 2000 BC](#)

[Bronte's Mistress](#)

In early 20th century Belfast, working class Meg Preston struggles to accept her own sexuality and yearns for forbidden love. Battling the customs and hardships of their time, Meg pursues a relationship with her childhood friend, Lillian Watson. But soon, tribulations of war, violence, and emigration threaten to tear everything apart. Seeking refuge for herself, her love, and her family, can Meg find the courage to become the

heroine of her own life? This is the clear print edition of Heroine Of Her Own Life, with a 14pt font size for easier reading.

"Dean Goodnight, the first Choctaw Indian employed by the Oklahoma County public defender's office, pulls a new case--the brutal murder of a once-promising basketball star. The only witness is Caleb, the five-year-old son of the prime suspect. Investigating the murder, Dean draws four strangers into his client's orbit, each of whom becomes deeply involved in the case--and in Caleb's fate. There's Aura Jefferson, the victim's sister, a proud black nurse struggling with the death of her brother; Aura's patient Cecil Porter, a bigoted paraplegic whose own dreams of playing professional basketball were shattered fifty years ago; Cecil's shady brother, the entrepreneur and political manipulator "Big" Ben Porter; and Ben's wife Becca, who uncovers a link between the young Caleb and her own traumatic past. As the trial approaches, these five are forced to confront their deepest disappointments, hopes, and fears. And when tragedy strikes again, their lives are forever entwined"--

Writers talk about their work in many ways: as an art, as a calling, as a lifestyle. Too often missing from these conversations is the fact that writing is also a business. The reality is, those who want to make a full- or part-time job out of writing are going to have a more positive and productive career if they understand the basic business principles underlying the industry. The Business of Being a Writer offers the business education writers need but so rarely receive. It is meant for early-career writers looking to develop

a realistic set of expectations about making money from their work or for working writers who want a better understanding of the industry. Writers will gain a comprehensive picture of how the publishing world works—from queries and agents to blogging and advertising—and will learn how they can best position themselves for success over the long term. Jane Friedman has more than twenty years of experience in the publishing industry, with an emphasis on digital media strategy for authors and publishers. She is encouraging without sugarcoating, blending years of research with practical advice that will help writers market themselves and maximize their writing-related income. It will leave them empowered, confident, and ready to turn their craft into a career.

*“A beautifully written, highly seductive debut....The chemistry between Branwell and Lydia positively crackles on the page....Masterful storytelling which is sure to delight fans of the Brontës and of historical fiction.” –Hazel Gaynor, New York Times bestselling author of *The Lighthouse Keeper’s Daughter* This dazzling debut novel for fans of Mrs. Poe and Longbourn explores the scandalous historical love affair between Branwell Brontë and Lydia Robinson, giving voice to the woman who allegedly corrupted her son’s innocent tutor and brought down the entire Brontë family. Yorkshire, 1843: Lydia Robinson—mistress of Thorp Green Hall—has lost her precious young daughter and her mother within the same year. She returns to her bleak home, grief-stricken and unmoored. With her teenage daughters rebelling, her testy mother-in-law scrutinizing her every move, and her marriage grown cold, Lydia is restless and yearning for something*

*more. All of that changes with the arrival of her son's tutor, Branwell Brontë, brother of her daughters' governess, Miss Anne Brontë and those other writerly sisters, Charlotte and Emily. Branwell has his own demons to contend with—including living up to the ideals of his intelligent family—but his presence is a breath of fresh air for Lydia. Handsome, passionate, and uninhibited by social conventions, he's also twenty-five to her forty-three. A love of poetry, music, and theatre bring mistress and tutor together, and Branwell's colorful tales of his sisters' elaborate play-acting and made-up worlds form the backdrop for seduction. But Lydia's new taste of passion comes with consequences. As Branwell's inner turmoil rises to the surface, his behavior grows erratic and dangerous, and whispers of their passionate relationship spout from her servants' lips, reaching all three protective Brontë sisters. Soon, it falls on Lydia to save not just her reputation, but her way of life, before those clever girls reveal all her secrets in their novels. Unfortunately, she might be too late. Meticulously researched and deliciously told, Brontë's *Mistress* is a captivating reimagining of the scandalous affair that has divided Brontë enthusiasts for generations and an illuminating portrait of a courageous, sharp-witted woman who fights to emerge with her dignity intact. Born in Boston, Stephen Bodio wandered into Magdalena, New Mexico, in the 1970s while on his way to Montana and never left. He was accompanied by Betsy Huntington, who was twenty years his senior; the couple had been inseparable from the day they met. After stumbling upon a vintage home along the highway, they settled into a country*

life; it was the perfect way for the two of them to make their lives together in an out-of-the-way place. It's through Bodio that Betsy's story is painted in such memorable passages that soon captivate readers. Together they made their home among the mountains of New Mexico, returning to a simple life of hunting, falconry, and becoming acquainted with the local reptiles and insects of the desert. A lover of nature, Bodio here explains in vivid detail his time spent in the wilderness. He found himself the center of his neighbors' attention when they discovered his endless fascination with the local fauna, from snakes and birds to coursing dogs. He became accustomed to Magdalena through the people and wildlife, even joining in the biggest festival on the calendar: the Quemado Rodeo, better known by locals as the Street Dance and Brawl. From the Spanish term meaning "the heart's true home," Querencia captivates and settles the heart. It is an astonishing read for those looking for an escape from the hustle of the big city, or just seeking to find solitude in the country life.

Get the Knowledge Without the College! You are a writer. You dream of sharing your words with the world, and you're willing to put in the hard work to achieve success. You may have even considered earning your MFA, but for whatever reason--tuition costs, the time commitment, or other responsibilities--you've never been able to do it. Or maybe you've been looking for a self-guided approach so you don't have to go back to school. This book is for you. DIY MFA is the do-it-yourself alternative to a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing. By combining the three main components of a traditional MFA--writing,

reading, and community--it teaches you how to craft compelling stories, engage your readers, and publish your work. Inside you'll learn how to:

- *Set customized goals for writing and learning.*
- *Generate ideas on demand.*
- *Outline your book from beginning to end.*
- *Breathe life into your characters.*
- *Master point of view, voice, dialogue, and more.*
- *Read with a "writer's eye" to emulate the techniques of others.*
- *Network like a pro, get the most out of writing workshops, and submit your work successfully.*

Writing belongs to everyone--not only those who earn a degree. With DIY MFA, you can take charge of your writing, produce high-quality work, get published, and build a writing career.

Provides aspiring Creative Writing graduate students with all the information they need on which low-residency program is best suited to them.

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 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.

[*The Business of Being a Writer*](#)

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[*A Guide for Prospective Graduate Students*](#)

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[*The Unreal and the Real*](#)

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[*The Art of the Graphic Memoir*](#)

A collection of short stories by the legendary and iconic Ursula K. Le Guin—selected with an introduction by the author, and combined in one volume for the first time. *The Unreal and the Real* is a collection of some of Ursula K. Le Guin's best short stories. She has won multiple prizes and accolades from the Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters to the Newbery Honor, the Nebula, Hugo, World Fantasy, and PEN/Malamud Awards. She has had her

work collected over the years, but this is the first short story volume combining a full range of her work. Stories include: -Brothers and Sisters -A Week in the Country -Unlocking the Air -Imaginary Countries -The Diary of the Rose -Direction of the Road -The White Donkey -Gwilan's Harp -May's Lion -Buffalo Gals, Won't You Come Out Tonight -Horse Camp -The Water Is Wide -The Lost Children -Texts -Sleepwalkers -Hand, Cup, Shell -Ether, Or -Half Past Four -The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas -Semely's Necklace -Nine Lives -Mazes -The First Contact with the Gorgonids -The Shobies' Story -Betrayals -The Matter of Seggri -Solitude -The Wild Girls -The Flyers of Gy -The Silence of the Asonu -The Ascent of the North Face -The Author of the Acacia Seeds -The Wife's Story -The Rule of Names -Small Change -The Poacher -Sur -She Unnames Them -The Jar of Water

Based on Gabriela Pereira's popular website and course, DIY MFA advocates "knowledge without the college" by providing tools and techniques for serious writers. It combines the three main elements of a traditional Masters in Fine Arts--writing, reading, and community--in one easy-to-access, portable book.

1/3 of the author royalties will be donated to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation in Joni Mitchell's name. ****WINNER**** 2021 Derringer Award for Best Short Story: Stacy Woodson for "River"
****NOMINATED**** 2021 Anthony Award for Best Anthology
****NOMINATED**** 2021 International Thriller Awards for Best Short Story: Elaine Viets for "Dog Eat Dog" ****NOMINATED**** 2021 Macavity Award for Best Short Story: Elaine Viets for "Dog Eat Dog" With nine Grammys, multiple lifetime achievement awards, inductions into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame, and a Top Ten ranking on Rolling Stone's "100 Greatest Songwriters of All Time," Joni Mitchell has established herself as one of the most important singer/songwriters, not only of her generation, but in the history of popular music. In this collection, 28 crime writers pay tribute to Joni's musical legacy with short stories inspired by her lyrics, representing each of her seventeen studio albums from 1968's Song to a Seagull to 2007's Shine. Many of the classics are represented here, including "Both Sides, Now" (in the first literary collaboration between Art Taylor and Tara Laskowski, who have each won major awards for their fiction), "Big Yellow Taxi" (by Kathryn

O'Sullivan, author of the Colleen McCabe series), and "River" (by Stacy Woodson, winner of the 2019 Readers Choice Award from Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine), plus such equally fascinating titles as "Cold Blue Steel and Sweet Fire" (by Donna Andrews, author of the award-winning Meg Lanslow series), "The Dry Cleaner From Des Moines" (by Amber Sparks), and "Ray's Dad's Cadillac" (by Michael Bracken).

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