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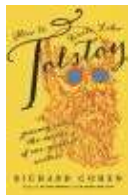
Brown, Laura

How to Write Anything: A Complete Guide

New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2014.

808.042 BRO

Provides a common-sense approach on how to write anything, from college applications to baby announcements.



Cohen, Richard

How to Write Like Tolstoy: A Journey into the Minds of Our Greatest Writers

New York: Random House, 2016.

808.3 COH

Discover the elements that made the prose of our greatest authors memorable.

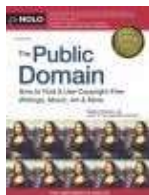
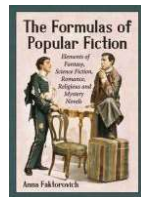
Faktorovich, Anna

The Formulas of Popular Fiction: Elements of Fantasy, Science Fiction, Romance, Religious and Mystery novels

Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, 2014.

808.3 FAK

Offers a formula for writing popular fictional genres: romance, religious, mystery, science fiction, horror, and fantasy.



Fishman, Stephen

The Public Domain: How to Find & Use Copyright-free Writings, Music, Art & More

Berkeley, CA: Nolo, 2014.

346.73 FIS

Covers everything you need to know about copyright and the public domain.



Jacob, Dianne

Will Write for Food : The Complete Guide to Writing Cookbooks, Blogs, Memoir, Recipes, and More

Boston, MA: Da Capo Lifeling, A Member of the Perseus Books Group, 2015.

808.066 JAC

Includes information on getting started in food writing, how to get published, and how to make money as a food writer.

Le Guin, Ursula K.

Steering the Craft: A Twenty-first Century Guide to Sailing the Sea of Story

Boston: Mariner Books, 2015.

808.02 LE

Presents advice on the basic elements of narrative prose, covering point of view, sentence length and complex syntax, indirect narration, grammar, punctuation, and the sound of writing.



McCormack, Joseph

Brief: Make a Bigger Impact By Saying Less

Hoboken: Wiley, 2014.

650.13 MCC

Resource to help you eliminate wasteful words and stand out from the rest.

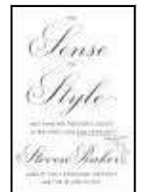
Pinker, Steven

The Sense of Style: The Thinking Person's Guide to Writing in the 21st Century

New York, New York: Viking, 2014.

808.042 PIN

Learn how to craft clear, coherent, and stylish prose.



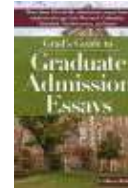
Reding, Colleen

Grad's Guide to Graduate Admissions Essays: More Than 50 Real-life Admissions Essays from Students Who Gained Admission to Harvard, Columbia, Stanford, Georgetown, and more

Waco, Tex.: Prufrock Press Inc., 2015.

378.1616 RED

Provides more than 50 successful admission essays straight from the source--recent college graduates making the transition to earning advanced degrees at highly selective graduate programs.



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Samaroo, Melissa

The Complete Guide to Writing a Successful Screenplay: Everything You Need to Know to Write and Sell a Winning Script

Ocala, Fla.: Atlantic Pub. Group, 2015.
791.437 SAM

Presents screenplay-specific information vital for any aspiring film writer.



Spencer, Linda

Writing Well in the 21st Century: The Five Essentials

Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2014.
808.042 SPE

Provides Students, Career Builders, and Professional Writers With the Basic Elements Needed for Writing in the 21st Century.

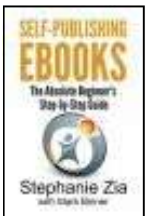
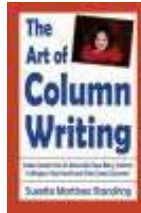
Standing, Suzette

Art of Column Writing: Insider Secrets from Art Buchwald, Dave Barry, Arianna Huffington, Pete Hamill and Other Great Columnists

Richmond, KY: RRP International Publishing, 2014.

808.066 STA

Everything you need to know to become a skilled columnist.



Zia, Stephanie

Self-Publishing eBooks: The Absolute Beginner's Step-by-Step Guide

London: Blackbird Digital Books, 2014.
070.593 ZIA

Learn how to format, hyperlink, create a cover for, publish, etc. your ebook.

Ebooks

Ebooks are available through the Library to download to your computer or mobile device. Ask a librarian how to access the following Ebooks or pick up an instruction sheet at the Library.



Ebooks



The Associated Press

The Associated Press Stylebook 2015

[S.I.] : Basic Books, 2015.

Overdrive

The style of the Associated Press is the gold standard for news writing. Ebook contains more than 3,000 A to Z entries detailing the AP's rules on grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization, abbreviation, and word and numeral usage.

Bates, Joseph

Writing Your Novel from Start to Finish

[S.I.] : F+W Media, 2015.

Overdrive

Navigate the intricacies of crafting a complex work of fiction and complete the journey with confidence and precision.



Karr, Mary

The Art of Memoir

[S.I.] : HarperCollins, 2015.

Overdrive

Breaks down the key elements of great literary memoir, breaks open our concepts of memory and identity, and illuminates the cathartic power of reflecting on the past.

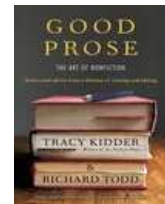
Kidder, Tracy

Good Prose: The Art of Nonfiction

New York: Random House, 2013.

Overdrive

Provides background and setting for some profound ideas about factual writing.



Petit, Zachary

The Essential Guide to Freelance Writing

[S.I.] : F+W Media, 2015.

Overdrive

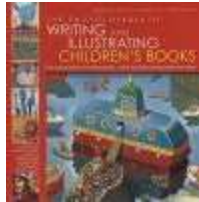
Covers everything from breaking in to navigating the basics of the business.

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Special Section: Writing For Children

McCannon, Desdemona
Encyclopedia of Writing and Illustrating Children's Books
 Philadelphia: Running Press, 2008.
 808.068 MCC

Features a step-by-step guide to making magical picture books, from creating characters to developing stories.

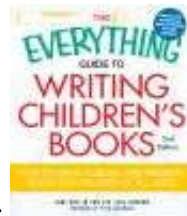


Paul, Ann Whitford
Writing Picture Books: A Hands-On Guide from Story Creation to Publication
 Cincinnati, Ohio: Writer's Digest Books, 2009.
 808.068 PAU
 Learn the writing and revision process that will lead to creating more salable picture book manuscripts.



Wallin, Luke
The Everything Guide to Writing Children's Books
 Avon, Mass.: Adams Media, 2011.
 808.068 WAL

Learn how to write and promote a children's book that will impress a publisher.

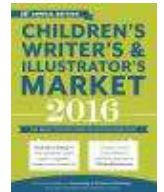


Writer's Digest Market Books

Writer's Digest Books
Children's Writer's & Illustrator's Market 2016

Cincinnati, OH: Writer's Digest Books, 2015.
 070.502 TWO 2016

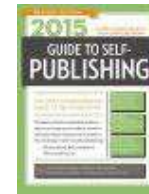
The most trusted guide to the world of children's publishing if you write or illustrate for young readers with the hope of getting published.



Writer's Digest Books
Guide to Self-Publishing 2015

Cincinnati, OH: Writer's Digest Books, 2014.
 070.5 GUI

Essential resource for writers who are taking their publishing futures into their own hands.



Writer's Digest Books
Novel and Short Story Writer's Market 2017

Cincinnati, OH: Writer's Digest Books, 2016.
 808.02 NOV 2017

Lists publishers, magazines, and other markets that publish fictional works.



Writer's Digest Books
Poet's Market 2015

Cincinnati, OH: Writer's Digest Books, 2014.
 070.502 TWO 2015

The most trusted guide for publishing poetry.



Writer's Digest Books
Writer's Market 2017

Cincinnati, OH: Writers Digest Books, 2016.
 808.02 TWO 2016

Complete up-to-date contact information and submission guidelines for thousands of market listings, including literary agents, book publishers, magazines, newspapers, production companies, theaters, greeting card companies, and more.



Internet Resources

Poets & Writers Magazine

www.pw.org

Features tools for writers, an events calendar, and more.

The Writer Magazine

www.writermag.com

Features writing resources, writing prompts, and contests.

Writer's Digest Magazine

www.writersdigest.com

Features writing tips, online forum, publishing advice, and critique services.

The Blue Book

www.grammarbook.com

Includes grammar and punctuation rules, examples, and quizzes.

Merriam-Webster Online

www.merriam-webster.com

Features free searchable online dictionary and thesaurus and more.

Daily Writing Tips

www.dailywritingtips.com

Blog features simple yet effective tips to help improve writing.

Gotham Writers' Workshop

www.writingclasses.com/resources

Features Writer's Toolbox with helpful articles, useful writing tips, and more.

Amazon's CreateSpace

www.createspace.com

Provides an online self-publishing tool that can help you complete and sell your work.

Magazine articles on writing can be accessed online through our website www.dewlib.org. Click on the Research Databases link on our Home page. Then choose Magazines and Journals. Have your library card number and PIN handy to access the databases.



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