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What Would You Do in a Book about You? - Jean Reidy 2021-04-06
For fans of *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* and *The Wonderful Things You Will Be*, *What Would You Do in a Book About You?* will empower kids to reach for their dreams. From Zolotow Honor award-winning author Jean Reidy (Truman) and illustrated by Joey Chou, this lyrical picture book has pitch-perfect rhythm and rhyme and makes for a great read-aloud. No dream is too big or too small in this heartwarming, heart-building book about you! So, stop. Dream. Think it through. And remember, there is so much you can do. Here is an exuberant book that asks what wonderful, endless possibilities your story and your future might hold, making YOU the author of your own powerful tale. Perfect for a graduation, a new baby, a birthday, or any milestone in a child's or adult's life, this book celebrates everything you are capable of doing and becoming. For after all, the best stories are the ones that you will write . . .

City of a Thousand Dolls - Miriam Forster 2013-02-05
The girl with no past, and no future, may be the only one who can save their lives. Nisha was abandoned at the gates of the City of a Thousand Dolls when she was just a little girl. Now sixteen, she lives on the grounds of the isolated estate, where orphan girls apprentice as musicians, healers, courtesans, and, if the rumors are true, assassins. She makes her way as Matron's errand girl, her closest companions the mysterious cats that trail her shadow. Only when she begins a forbidden flirtation with the city's handsome young courier does she let herself imagine a life outside the walls. Until one by one, girls around her start to die. Before she becomes the next victim, Nisha decides to uncover the secrets that surround the girls' deaths. But by getting involved, Nisha jeopardizes not only her own future in the City of a Thousand Dolls—but also her life.

A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans - Laurence Yep 2016-02-02
Fans of *How to Train Your Dragon* will love this whimsical tale, the first in a series, by a Newbery Honor winner, featuring charming illustrations and pet "training tips" in each chapter. Crusty dragon Miss Drake has a new pet human, precocious Winnie. Oddly enough, Winnie seems to think Miss Drake is her pet—a ridiculous notion! Unknown to most of its inhabitants, the City by the Bay is home to many mysterious and fantastic creatures, hidden beneath the parks, among the clouds, and even in plain sight. And Winnie wants to draw every new creature she encounters: the good, the bad, and the ugly. But Winnie's sketchbook is not what it seems. Somehow, her sketchlings have been set loose on the city streets! It will take Winnie and Miss Drake's combined efforts to put an end to the mayhem . . . before it's too late. This refreshing debut collaboration by Laurence Yep, a two-time Newbery Honor winner and a Laura Ingalls Wilder Award winner, and Joanne Ryder features illustrations by Mary GrandPré. Praise for *A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans* *"Warm humor, magical mishaps, and the main characters' budding mutual respect and affection combine to give this opener for a planned series a special shine." -Booklist, Starred "Aternately comical, suspenseful and sometimes sweetly emotional." -Kirkus Reviews "With a black-and-white spot illustration opening most chapters, an engaging narrator, and a consistently fluid writing style, this title makes a fine dragon choice for readers." -School Library Journal "In this series launch, Yep and Ryder conjure up a world where dragons and humans interact, and the results are heartwarming and quite funny." -Publishers Weekly "A clever and amusing novel that imagines a magical world that nestles right up against our own and sometimes crosses over." -The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books Praise for *A Dragon's Guide to Making Your Human Smarter* "Yep and Ryder keep the magic coming with their whimsical fantasy, enhanced by Grandpré's sweet drawings. The story positively vibrates with fun." —Kirkus Reviews "Lighthearted

episodes of unusual school lessons and field trips, illustrated by GrandPré's winsome spot art, are grounded by Miss Drake's more serious encounters with the goons...a gratifying development as this buoyant, fantastical series continues."—The Horn Book Review
The Great Big One - J. C. Geiger 2022-07-12
With natural disasters and nuclear war threatening their small town, two twin brothers find themselves enraptured by mysterious music that could change the course of their lives. Everyone in Clade City knows their days are numbered. The Great Cascadia Earthquake will destroy their hometown and reshape the entire West Coast—if they survive long enough to see it. Nuclear war is increasingly likely. Wildfires. Or another pandemic. To Griff, the daily forecast feels partly cloudy with a chance of apocalyptic horsemen. Griff's brother, Leo, and the Lost Coast Preppers claim to be ready. They've got a radio station. Luminous underwater monitors. A sweet bunker, and an unsettling plan for "disaster-ready rodents." But Griff's more concerned about what he can do before the end times. He'd like to play in a band, for one. Hopefully with Charity Simms. Her singing could make the whole world stop. When Griff, Leo, and Charity stumble upon a mysterious late-night broadcast, one song changes everything. It's the best band they've ever heard—on a radio signal even the Preppers can't trace. They vow to find the music, but aren't prepared for where their search will take them. Or for what they'll risk, when survival means finding the one thing you cannot live without.

Writing Great Books for Young Adults - Regina L Brooks 2014-10-07
Break into the Bestselling Young Adult Market with this IndispensableGuide! Whether you're just getting started or are on the hunt for an agent or publisher, *Writing Great Books for Young Adults* is your completeinsider source on how to succeed in the flourishing world of YA fiction andnonfiction. In this updated and revised edition, veteran literary agent ReginaL. Brooks offers invaluable advice for YA writers on everything from shapingyour novel to crafting the perfect pitch for your book. Learn How To: •Develop an authentic, engaging voice and writing style •Construct dynamic plots that will resonate with readers •Avoid common pitfalls related to tone and point of view •Navigate the emerging genres of YA nonfiction and New Adult •Create an exceptional query letter and proposal that willgrab the attention of agents and publishers You'll also discover how successful film adaptations like *Harry Potter* and *The Hunger Games* have broadened the market for your book.Filled with tips and advice from agents, editors, and popular YA authors,*Writing Great Books for Young Adults* is your ticket to an incredible YA career! "Brooks offers writers who are serious about attractingteen readers solid guidance through the creation process of writing YA fiction."—LibraryJournal

This Land Was Made for You and Me (But Mostly Me) - Bruce McCall 2013-11-05
The billionaire Russian "oiligarch" whose replica of Czar Alexander II's yacht plies a vast man-made Crimean lake, brimming not with water but billions of gallons of petroleum from his own pipeline... The packaged-suttee mogul Sir Sith Ram Pramba, who sliced the top off Mount Everest and installed it on his terrace atop a Park Avenue apartment building... The heir to a California railroad spike fortune who uses a private cross-country tunnel, assembled from giant redwoods laid end to end, for 120-mph runs in cars from his exotic équipe between San Francisco and New York... The vast Montana lodge where Gulfstreams land in the living room and an ex-CIA drone ferries fresh casks of Côtes du Rhône along the three-mile route between the wine cellar and the dining hall... The unsinkable forty-room polystyrene iceberg cum floating vacation retreat where Claude Ste. Nervous, the Quebec Styrofoam king, cruises the Arctic Ocean in high summer and, riding on his tamed polar bear, hunts for baby seals... These and dozens more of that new breed of

swashbuckling post-millennial Midases dedicated to self-indulgent fun—whatever the cost in money, ecological mayhem, environmental devastation, and other such nuisances—are celebrated in *This Land Was Made for You and Me (but Mostly Me)*, this lavishly illustrated chronicle that nobody expected or even wanted, but that Bruce McCall and David Letterman went ahead and created anyway.

Developing a Written Voice - Dona J. Hickey 1993

This practical, student-centered text for advanced composition courses helps students develop a distinctive voice—the quality that distinguishes excellent writing from competent writing. It invokes both traditional rhetoric and exploratory individual and collaborative settings in a workshop—rather than rulebook—approach.

Hope in the Mail - Wendelin Van Draanen 2021-09-28

Want to write a novel? This book is the motivation you need! Part writing guide and part memoir, this inspiring book from the author of *Flipped* and *The Running Dream* is like *Bird by Bird* for YA readers and writers. Wendelin Van Draanen didn't grow up wanting to be a writer, but thirty books later, she's convinced that writing saved her life. Or, at least, saved her from a life of bitterness and despair. Writing helped her sort out what she thought and felt and wanted. And digging deep into fictional characters helped her understand the real people in her life better as well. Wendelin shares what she's learned—about writing, life, and what it takes to live the writing life. This book is packed with practical advice on the craft: about how to create characters and plot a story that's exciting to read. But maybe even more helpful is the insight she provides into the persistence, and perseverance, it takes to live a productive, creative life. And she answers the age-old question Where do you get your ideas? by revealing how events in her own life became the seeds of her best-loved novels. *Hope in the Mail* is a wildly inspirational read for anyone with a story to share.

Poet's Market 34th Edition - Robert Lee Brewer 2021-12-07

The Most Trusted Guide to Publishing Poetry, fully revised and updated. Want to get your poetry published? There's no better tool for making it happen than *Poet's Market*, which includes hundreds of publishing opportunities specifically for poets, including listings for book and chapbook publishers, print and online poetry publications, contests, and more. These listings include contact information, submission preferences, insider tips on what specific editors want, and—when offered—payment information. In addition to the completely updated listings, the 34th edition of *Poet's Market* offers: Hundreds of updated listings for poetry-related book publishers, publications, contests, and more. Insider tips on what specific editors want and how to submit poetry. Articles devoted to the craft and business of poetry, including how to track poetry submissions, perform poetry, and find more readers. 77 poetic forms, including guidelines for writing them. 101 poetry prompts to inspire new poetry.

1 Zany Zoo - Lori Degman 2010-07-20

When one fearless fox grabs the zookeeper's keys and opens all the cages, increasing numbers of animals behave in most unusual ways, in a counting book complete with crazy creatures creating chaos!

Rules for the Dance - Mary Oliver 1998

An introduction to the sound, rhyme, meter, and scansion of metrical poetry with examples from the Elizabethan Age to Elizabeth Bishop.

Geeks, Girls, and Secret Identities - Mike Jung 2012-10-01

Can knowing the most superhero trivia in the whole school be considered a superpower? If so, Vincent Wu is invincible. If not (and let's face it, it's "not"), then Vincent and his pals Max and George don't get any props for being the leaders (and, well, sole members) of the (unofficial) Captain Stupendous Fan Club. But what happens when the Captain is hurt in an incident involving BOTH Professor Mayhem and his giant indestructible robot AND (mortifyingly) Polly Winnicott-Lee, the girl Vincent totally has a crush on? The entire city is in danger, Vincent's parents and his friends aren't safe, the art teacher has disappeared, and talking to Polly is REALLY, REALLY AWKWARD. Only Vincent Wu has what it takes to save the Captain, overcome Professor Mayhem, rally his friends, and figure out what to say to Polly. But will anyone take him seriously? Seriously. Anyone?? Find out in this action-packed super comedy debut.

The Author Training Manual - Nina Amir 2014-02-18

If you want to write a book that's going to sell to both publishers and readers, you need to know how to produce a marketable work and help it become successful. It starts the moment you have an idea. That's when you begin thinking about the first elements of the business plan that will make your project the best it can be. The reality is that you don't want to spend time and energy writing a book that will never get read. The way to avoid that is to create a business plan for your book, and evaluate it

(and yourself) through the same lens that an agent or acquisitions editor would. The *Author Training Manual* will show you how to get more creative and start looking at your work with those high standards in mind. Whether you're writing fiction or non-fiction, or intend to publish traditionally or self-publish, author Nina Amir will teach you how to conduct an effective competitive analysis for your work and do a better job at delivering the goods to readers than similar books that are already on the shelf. Packed with step-by-step instructions, idea evaluations, sample business plans, editor and agent commentaries, and much more, *The Author Training Manual* provides the information you need to transform from aspiring writer to career author.

The Pen Commandments - Steven Frank 2007-12-18

Steven Frank has a new approach to writing: fun first, rules to follow, success for all. In *The Pen Commandments*, his offbeat and entertaining guide, he's given us a book that all writers can turn to for help and a good laugh. With outrageous anecdotes (how a kid's oral surgery led to the ultimate writing assignment) and irreverent advice (Thou Shalt Not Kill Thy Sentences), Frank shows how to conquer writer's block, make friends with punctuation, and live forever in words. If you want to inspire your kids or just want to brush up on your own skills, *The Pen Commandments* will change—and enliven—the way you write forever.

How to Hire an Editor - Sarah Kolb-Williams 2014-04-18

"The first critical step in self-publishing your book is finding a great editor. Sarah's book will pay for itself 100 times over." —Mark Levine, CEO of Hillcrest Media Group and author of *The Fine Print of Self-Publishing*. Even in self-publishing—perhaps especially in self-publishing—editing remains a critical step toward publishing a high-quality, professional book. But how do new authors go from finishing their first manuscripts to actually working with an editor? For authors new to independent publishing, the idea of hiring a professional editor can be daunting. Concerns may include: What does an editor do? Do I really need an editor for my book? How do I know what kind of editing my book needs? Where can I find beta readers? How can I find a great editor when I'm not an editor myself? *How to Hire an Editor* shows authors new to the publishing process how to make sure their manuscripts receive the editorial attention they deserve, even with a self-publisher's unique production schedule, budget constraints, and publishing goals. Author and editor Sarah Kolb-Williams provides an in-depth look at the editing process squarely from a self-publishing perspective. She breaks the complex world of editing down into manageable pieces, making the entire process a little more accessible and a little less overwhelming for authors who have never worked with a professional editor before. If you know you need editing but you're just not sure where to start, *How to Hire an Editor* will demystify the process. You'll discover effective ways to self-edit, work with beta readers, avoid scams and unqualified editors, and find the perfect editor for your book.

The Breakout Novelist - Donald Maass 2015-01-01

The must-have reference for novel writers! If you're serious about transforming your writing into vibrant, engaging, and marketable fiction, you've found the right book. *The Breakout Novelist* gives you the craft and business know-how you need to make your stories stand out. Veteran literary agent Donald Maass brings together the best innovative and practical information from his previous books and workshops to help you set your novel apart from the competition. Maass shares examples from successful and contemporary writers across all genres to equip you with strategies for crafting compelling fiction—from core elements like character, setting, description, and plot, to more advanced techniques including theme, tension, and suspense. Plus, you'll find over 70 practical exercises to help you evaluate your writing to the breakout level. You'll also learn from Maass's experiences from more than three decades in the publishing industry. Get straight talk from an insider about agents, contracts, industry changes, and how to be the kind of author who builds a successful career book after book. If your goal is to craft powerful stories that capture your audience's attention from the first page to the last, then *The Breakout Novelist* is an indispensable reference.

Love, Aubrey - Suzanne LaFleur 2009-06-09

"I had everything I needed to run a household: a house, food, and a new family. From now on it would just be me and Sammy—the two of us, and no one else." A tragic accident has turned eleven-year-old Aubrey's world upside down. Starting a new life all alone, Aubrey has everything she thinks she needs: SpaghettiOs and Sammy, her new pet fish. She cannot talk about what happened to her. Writing letters is the only thing that feels right to Aubrey, even if no one ever reads them. With the aid of her loving grandmother and new friends, Aubrey learns that she is not alone, and gradually, she finds the words to express feelings that once seemed

impossible to describe. The healing powers of friendship, love, and memory help Aubrey take her first steps toward the future. Readers will care for Aubrey from page one and will watch her grow until the very end, when she has to make one of the biggest decisions of her life. Love, Aubrey is devastating, brave, honest, funny, and hopeful, and it introduces a remarkable new writer, Suzanne LaFleur. No matter how old you are, this book is not to be missed.

All the King's Tights - Maudie Smith 2016-06-02

A charming new red Early Reader story from OPAL MOONBABY author Maudie Smith, and talented illustrator Ali Pye, about friendship, kindness and tights! Early Readers are stepping stones from picture books to reading books, perfect for building confidence in new readers and reluctant readers. A blue Early Reader is perfect for sharing and reading together. A red Early Reader is the next step on your reading journey. Kit has an important new job; Keeper of the King's Tights. More than anything he wants to do his best, but with so many of the King's subjects in need of Kit's help, he finds himself in need of a little help himself. . . A warm, funny story for beginner readers from an exciting new author and illustrator team.

You Can Write Children's Books Workbook - Tracey Dils 2004-01-20

Turn your dream of writing a successful children's book into a reality & break;& break; From the author of the best-selling *You Can Write Children's Books*, this workbook provides you with hands-on instruction for finishing your manuscript, preparing it for publication, and getting it published. & break;& break; Step-by-step instruction, 48 main exercises, and countless enlightening tasks will guide you through: & break;& break; Identifying a project& break; Writing and revising a manuscript& break; Researching genre and marketplace& break; Targeting publishers& break; Preparing a professional submission & break;& break; Take your writing aspirations to the next level. *You Can Write Children's Books Workbook* will give you the concrete instruction, experience, and inspiration you need to confidently submit your work and get it published.

Children's Writer's Word Book - Alijandra Mogilner 1999-07-15

Provides writing samples and vocabulary appropriate for grades one through six and lists synonyms of various reading levels for hundreds of words

2013 Children's Writer's & Illustrator's Market - Chuck Sambuchino 2012-08-24

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, the 2013 Children's Writer's & Illustrator's Market is the trusted resource you need. Now in its 25th edition, CWIM is the definitive publishing guide for anyone who seeks to write or illustrate for kids and young adults. Inside you'll find more than 650 listings for children's book markets (publishers, agents, magazines and more) - including a point of contact, how to properly submit your work, and what categories they're looking for. You'll also find: • Profiles of debut authors who succeeded, as well as interviews with acclaimed novelists such as Garth Nix (*The Old Kingdom* and *Seventh Tower* series), Tamora Pierce (*Song of the Lioness* series) and Marissa Meyer (*Cinder*) • A special roundup with more than 20 SCBWI advisors worldwide who share their best advice on how to get your children's book published and break out • In-depth articles on topics such as picture book pacing, illustration, query letters, finding an agent, social media, craft and voice, writers' conferences and more! PLEASE NOTE: Free subscriptions are NOT included with the e-book edition of this title.

Raising Readers - Megan Daley 2019-04-02

Some kids refuse to read, others won't stop - not even at the dinner table! Either way, many parents question the best way to support their child's literacy journey. When can you start reading to your child? How do you find that special book to inspire a reluctant reader? What can you do to keep your tween reading into their adolescent years? Award-winning teacher librarian Megan Daley, the passionate voice behind the *Children's Books Daily* blog, has the answers to all these questions and more. She unpacks her twenty years of experience into this personable and accessible guide, enhanced with up-to-date research and firsthand accounts from well-known Australian children's authors. It also contains practical tips, such as suggested reading lists and instructions on how to run book-themed activities. *Raising Readers* is a must-have resource for parents and educators to help the children in their lives fall in love with books.

Writing Young Adult Fiction For Dummies - Deborah Halverson 2011-07-05

Your hands-on, friendly guide to writing young adult fiction With young

adult book sales rising, and bestselling authors like J.K. Rowling and Stephenie Meyer exploding onto the scene, aspiring YA writers are more numerous than ever. Are you interested in writing a young adult novel, but aren't sure how to fit the style that appeals to young readers?

Writing Young Adult Fiction For Dummies gives you tricks of the trade and proven tips on all the steps to write a YA book, from developing an idea to publication. Unique writing exercises to help you find your own authentic teen voice Tips to avoid when submitting manuscripts How to break into the flourishing young adult market With the help of this step-by-step guide, you'll have all the skills to write an inspiring and marketable young adult novel.

Sunny Day Scavenger Hunt - Meredith Rusu 2018

"The rain has finally stopped and the WellieWishers are playing a special game to celebrate! Each girl picks a color. Whoever finds the most things in the garden in her color wins. But what happens when one friend can't find anything orange? Can the WellieWishers find a way to make their sunny day scavenger hunt fun for everyone?"--Page 4 of cover.

Writing Picture Books Revised and Expanded Edition - Ann Whitford Paul 2018-11-13

Master the Art of Writing Enthralling Tales for the Youngest pre-and emerging readers! Fully updated and thoroughly revised, *Writing Picture Books Revised and Expanded Edition* is the go-to resource for writers crafting stories for children ages two to eight. You'll learn the unique set of skills it takes to bring your story to life by using tightly focused text and leaving room for the illustrator to be creative. Award-winning author Ann Whitford Paul helps you develop the skills you need by walking you through techniques and exercises specifically for picture book writers. You'll find: • Instruction on generating ideas, creating characters, point-of-view, beginnings and endings, plotting, word count, rhyme, and more • Unique methods for using poetic techniques to enrich your writing • Hands-on revision exercises (get out your scissors, tape, and highlighters) to help identify problems and improve your picture book manuscripts • Updated tips for researching the changing picture book market, approaching publishers, working with an agent, and developing a platform • All new quizzes and examples from picture books throughout • New chapters cover issues such as page turns, agents, and self-publishing Whether you're just starting out as a picture book writer or have tried unsuccessfully to get your work published, *Writing Picture Books Revised and Expanded Edition* is just what you need to craft picture books that will appeal to young children and parents, and agents and editors.

The Magic Words: Writing Great Books for Children and Young Adults - Cheryl Klein 2016-09-06

This master class in writing children's and young adult novels will teach you everything you need to know to write and publish a great book. The best children's and young adult novels take readers on wonderful outward adventures and stirring inward journeys. In *The Magic Words*, editor Cheryl B. Klein guides writers on an enjoyable and practical-minded voyage of their own, from developing a saleable premise for a novel to finding a dream agent. She delves deep into the major elements of fiction—intention, character, plot, and voice—while addressing important topics like diversity, world-building, and the differences between middle-grade and YA novels. In addition, the book's exercises, questions, and straightforward rules of thumb help writers apply these insights to their own creative works. With its generous tone and useful tools for story analysis and revision, *The Magic Words* is an essential handbook for writers of children's and young adult fiction.

Writer to Writer - Gail Carson Levine 2014-12-23

Bestselling author of *Ella Enchanted* and fairy-tale master Gail Carson Levine shares her secrets of great writing in this companion to the popular *Writing Magic*. Have you ever wanted to captivate readers with a great opening, create spectacular and fantastical creatures, make up an entire country, realize a dastardly villain, write an epic love story, or make your characters leap off the page? If you answered yes to any of these questions, Gail Carson Levine can help you achieve your goals. Newbery Honor author Gail Carson Levine offers a behind-the-scenes take on writing and teaches you how to become a world-class author. Drawing from her popular blog, Gail answers readers' fiction- and poetry-writing questions and dives into how to make a story come alive. If you're interested in writing prose and poetry or just want to be a better and more rounded writer, this book will help you on your creative journey. With her trademark humor and vast writing knowledge, Gail Carson Levine reveals the tricks of her trade, writer to writer. Supports the Common Core State Standards

The Bestseller Code - Jodie Archer 2016-09-20

"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.

The Magic of Memoir - Linda Joy Myers 2016-11-15

The Magic of Memoir is a memoirist's companion for when the going gets tough. Editors Linda Joy Myers and Brooke Warner have taught and coached hundreds of memoirists to the completion of their memoirs, and they know that the journey is fraught with belittling messages from both the inner critic and naysayers, voices that make it hard to stay on course with the writing and completion of a book. In *The Magic of Memoir*, 38 writers share their hard-won wisdom, stories, and writing tips. Included are Myers's and Warner's interviews with best-selling and widely renowned memoirists Mary Karr, Elizabeth Gilbert, Dr. Azar Nafisi, Dani Shapiro, Margo Jefferson, Raquel Cepeda, Jessica Valenti, Daisy Hernández, Mark Matousek, and Sue William Silverman. This collection has something for anyone who's on the journey or about to embark on it. If you're looking for inspiration, *The Magic of Memoir* will be a valuable companion. Contributors include: Jill Kandel, Eanlai Cronin, Peter Gibb, Lynette Charity, Lynette Charity, Roseann M. Bozzone, Carol E. Anderson, Bella Mahaya Carter, Krishan Bedi, Sarah Conover, Leza Lowitz, Nadine Kenney Johnstone, Lynette Benton, Kelly Kittel, Robert W. Finertie, Rita M. Gardner, Robert Hammond, Marina Aris, LaDonna Harrison, Jill Smolowe, Alison Dale, Vanya Erickson, Sonvy Sammons, Laurie Prim, Ashley Espinoza, Jing Li, Nancy Chadwick-Burke, Dhana Musil, Crystal-Lee Quibell, Apryl Schwab, Irene Sardanis, Jude Walsh, Fran Simone, Rosalyn Kaplus, Rosie Sorenson, Rosie Sorenson, Jerry Waxler, and Ruthie Stender.

How To Say Goodbye In Robot - Natalie Standiford 2010-02-01

From bestselling author Natalie Standiford, an amazing, touching story of two friends navigating the dark waters of their senior year. New to town, Beatrice is expecting her new best friend to be one of the girls she meets on the first day. But instead, the alphabet conspires to seat her next to Jonah, aka Ghost Boy, a quiet loner who hasn't made a new friend since third grade. Something about him, though, gets to Bea, and soon they form an unexpected friendship. It's not romance, exactly - but it's definitely love. Still, Bea can't quite dispel Jonah's gloom and doom - and as she finds out his family history, she understands why. Can Bea help Jonah? Or is he destined to vanish?

Creating Characters Kids Will Love - Elaine Marie Alphin 2000

A guide, for writers of children's literature, to creating characters that both kids and publishers will like.

Revision and Self Editing for Publication - James Scott Bell 2012-12-31

Take your first draft from so-so to sold! You've finished the first draft of your novel--congratulations! Time to have a drink, sit back...and start revising. But the revision process doesn't have to be intimidating. *Revision and Self-Editing for Publication, Second Edition* gives you the tools and advice you need to transform your first draft into a finished manuscript that agents and editors will fight for. Inside you'll find: • Self-

editing techniques for plot, structure, character, theme, voice, and more that can be applied as you're writing to reduce your revision workload. • Methods for fine-tuning your first draft into a tight, well-developed piece of literature. • The Ultimate Revision Checklist, which seamlessly guides you through the revision process, step by step. • New Chapter! Exercises and techniques for "deepening" your work to engage and excite readers like never before. Whether you're writing a novel currently or have finished the first draft, *Revision and Self-Editing for Publication, Second Edition* will give you the guidance you need to revise your manuscript into a novel ready to be sold.

The Penderwicks - Jeanne Birdsall 2009-01-16

With over one million copies sold, this series of modern classics about the charming Penderwick family from National Book Award winner and New York Times bestseller Jeanne Birdsall is perfect for fans of Noel Streatfeild and Edward Eager. This summer the Penderwick sisters have a wonderful surprise: a holiday on the grounds of a beautiful estate called Arundel. Soon they are busy discovering the summertime magic of Arundel's sprawling gardens, treasure-filled attic, tame rabbits, and the cook who makes the best gingerbread in Massachusetts. But the best discovery of all is Jeffrey Tifton, son of Arundel's owner, who quickly proves to be the perfect companion for their adventures. The icy-hearted Mrs. Tifton is not as pleased with the Penderwicks as Jeffrey is, though, and warns the new friends to stay out of trouble. Which, of course, they will—won't they? One thing's for sure: it will be a summer the Penderwicks will never forget. Deliciously nostalgic and quaintly witty, this is a story as breezy and carefree as a summer day.

2014 Children's Writer's & Illustrator's Market - Chuck Sambuchino 2013-08-21

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, the 2014 Children's Writer's & Illustrator's Market is the trusted resource you need. Now in its 26th edition, CWIM is the definitive publishing guide for anyone who seeks to write or illustrate for kids and young adults. Inside you'll find more than 650 listings for children's book markets (publishers, agents, magazines, and more)—including a point of contact, how to properly submit your work, and what categories each market accepts. You'll also find: • Interviews with some of today's hottest authors and illustrators, including author R.L. Stine (the *Goosebumps* series), author Marie Lu (*Legend*), author Beth Revis (*Across the Universe*), and illustrator Debbie Ridpath (I'm Bored, written by Michael Ian Black). • The ever-popular "First Books" article, where debut writers and illustrators explain what they did right and how you can follow in their footsteps to success. • In-depth articles on picture books, query letters, novel voice, author platform, the status of indie-publishing, literary agents, and more. Includes "New Agent Spotlights"—profiles on literary reps actively seeking new writers of children's books right now. "I buy a copy of Children's Writer's & Illustrator's Market every single year. It's the definitive, must-have resource for children's publishing." -- Jesse Klausmeier, author of the picture book *Open This Little Book* "Children's Writer's & Illustrator's Market is a great resource for artists and writers who are ready to share their talent with the world." --Meg Cabot, author of *The Princess Diaries*

Gayle Forman - Susan Meyer 2015-12-15

Her fans—and she has many—love Gayle Forman for her tear-jerking books about teenagers living through life-changing experiences. The free-spirited child of supportive, unconventional parents, Forman spent years traveling the world as a young woman. Though Forman is now a major YA novelist, she started out as a journalist. Her first big success was the novel *If I Stay*, which was subsequently made into a movie starring Chloë Grace Moretz. The novels *Where She Went*, *Just One Day*, *Just One Year*, and *I Was Here* followed. Forman is big believer in the intelligence of teens and the worth of YA literature. Sure to be a hit with Forman's many enthusiastic fans.

Create Your Writer Platform - Chuck Sambuchino 2012-10-26

Creating a platform isn't just beneficial--it's essential! In today's world of blogging, websites, Twitter feeds, and Facebook updates, building a writer platform from the ground up can seem a daunting task. Never fear--author and editor Chuck Sambuchino provides expert, practical advice for increasing your visibility, selling more books, and launching a successful career. In *Create Your Writer Platform*, you'll learn: • The definition of a platform--and why you should start building one now. • How to harness the 12 Fundamental Principles of Platform. • "Old School" and "New School" approaches to platform, from article writing and conference speaking to website development, blog posts, and social media avenues. • How to develop a platform for nonfiction, fiction, and

memoir. In addition to Chuck's invaluable insights, you'll also find 12 case studies from authors with effective platforms, as well as professional advice from literary agents. If you're serious about building a platform tailored to you and your writing--a platform that's going to help you succeed as a writer--look no further than Create Your Writer Platform.

Writing And Selling The Young Adult Novel - K L Going 2008-04-04
Get schooled in the art of writing fiction for teens Writing & Selling the YA Novel offers a complete lesson plan for writing and publishing fiction for teens. Structured like a day of high school, award-winning young adult novelist K.L. Going takes her students through every stage of YA writing. Learn how the YA genre has developed in History class. Toss around ideas during Gym. Create authentic teen characters in "English class". Craft convincing plots during Lunch. Add it all up in Math as you learn about agents and contracts. Along the way you'll find plenty of "homework" exercises to help you hone your skills - as well as input from actual teen readers. At the end of your school day, you'll have all the knowledge a young adult author needs to write a book that speaks to teen readers - and get it published.

Dimension Why #1: How to Save the Universe Without Really Trying - John Cusick 2020-09-29

A 31st-century boy and a 21st-century girl team up to save the universe, evade an evil race of bog mutants, and make a quick pit stop to visit the moon in *Dimension Why*. John Cusick's middle grade debut will transport you to a vast fantasy world full of absurd humor that will keep you gasping all the way to the twist ending .Lola Ray was a normal 21st-century girl until a poorly timed sneeze in an X-ray machine flung her a thousand years into the future. To get back home, she'll have to team up with Phineas T. Fogg, a 31st-century boy whose only friend up until now has been his talking teddy bear and whose overprotective parents have never let him leave his high-tech apartment. Together, Lola and Phin will

have to cross the galaxy, brave a mysterious invitation to tea, and escape a race of all-powerful interdimensional beings who are convinced that Lola knows the answer to the universe's biggest question . . . the question of The End.

Crafting Fiction - Marvin Diogenes 2000

This anthology of 58 articles, interviews, memoirs, and critical and personal essays gives students convenient and affordable access to a wide variety of important selections that discuss the theory and practice of fiction writing. The readings are accompanied by questions that encourage critical reading, as well as writing activities that invite creative responses. A compact writing workshop included guides students in drafting and revising their stories.

Writing Irresistible Kidlit - Mary Kole 2012-12-04

Captivate the hearts and minds of young adult readers! Writing for young adult (YA) and middle grade (MG) audiences isn't just "kid's stuff" anymore--it's kidlit! The YA and MG book markets are healthier and more robust than ever, and that means the competition is fiercer, too. In *Writing Irresistible Kidlit*, literary agent Mary Kole shares her expertise on writing novels for young adult and middle grade readers and teaches you how to:

- Recognize the differences between middle grade and young adult audiences and how it impacts your writing.
- Tailor your manuscript's tone, length, and content to your readership.
- Avoid common mistakes and cliches that are prevalent in YA and MG fiction, in respect to characters, story ideas, plot structure and more.
- Develop themes and ideas in your novel that will strike emotional chords.

Mary Kole's candid commentary and insightful observations, as well as a collection of book excerpts and personal insights from bestselling authors and editors who specialize in the children's book market, are invaluable tools for your kidlit career. If you want the skills, techniques, and know-how you need to craft memorable stories for teens and tweens, *Writing Irresistible Kidlit* can give them to you.