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*The Encyclopedia of Writing and Illustrating Children's Books* Teach Yourself  
 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.

*Writing Short Films* Flash Point

Examines life in America, with a focus on politics, from the perspective of two African-American children in over 800 strips.

*A Girl Like That* Penguin

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.

### **Writing And Selling The Young Adult Novel** W. W. Norton & Company

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.

*Spilling Ink: A Young Writer's Handbook*  
John Wiley & Sons

"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"--

*Writing Great Books for Young Adults*  
Sourcebooks, Inc.

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** Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)

"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.

**Hope in the Mail** Univ. of Queensland Press

When eleven-year-old Gregor falls through a grate in the laundry room of his apartment building, he hurtles into the dark Underland, where spiders, rats and

giant cockroaches coexist uneasily with humans. This world is on the brink of war, and Gregor's arrival is no accident. Gregor has a vital role to play in the Underland's uncertain future.

*Writing Picture Books Revised and Expanded Edition* Vintage

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 Magic Words: Writing Great Books for Children and Young Adults** Fawcett

Learn how to write young adult fiction with imagination and verve. This is an authoritative and engaging introduction to writing young adult fiction for the complete beginner. It will help you understand how the genre works, the big do's and don't's - as well as giving you the inspiration and motivation you actually need to write. Written by a leading literary agent who knows what it takes to make it in this market, this book will give you the advice and tips you need to stand out. An essential book for anyone hoping to emulate the success and addictive qualities that characterize books like *The Hunger Games*, *Twilight*, *Divergent* and *The Fault in Our Stars*. ABOUT THE SERIES The Teach Yourself Creative Writing series helps aspiring authors tell their story. Covering a range of genres from science fiction and romantic novels, to illustrated children's books and comedy, this series is packed with advice, exercises and tips for unlocking creativity and improving your

writing. And because we know how daunting the blank page can be, we set up the Just Write online community at [tyjustwrite](#), for budding authors and successful writers to connect and share.

*Love, Aubrey* Penguin

Build an Exceptional Plot, One Scene at a Time! Think of your favorite story--the one that kept you turning pages late into the night, the one with a plot so compelling, so multilayered, so perfect that you couldn't put it down. How can you make your own plots--in your novels, short stories, memoirs, or screenplays--just as irresistible? Plot Perfect provides the answer. This one-of-a-kind plotting primer reveals the secrets of creating a story structure that works--no matter what your genre. It gives you the strategies you need to build a scene-by-scene blueprint that will help elevate your fiction and earn the attention of agents and editors. Inside, literary agent, editor, and author Paula Munier shows you how to:

- Devise powerful plots and subplots and weave them together seamlessly
- Organize your scenes for the greatest impact
- Develop captivating protagonists, worthy antagonists, and engaging secondary characters
- Use dialogue, setting, tone, and voice to enhance your plot
- Layer, refine, and polish your storyline
- Define your story in terms of its theme

Filled with writing exercises, plotting templates, and expert advice, Plot Perfect helps you dive into the intricacies of plot--and write a compelling story that readers won't be able to resist.

*Raising Readers* McGraw-Hill Humanities, Social Sciences & World Languages  
Fifteen-year-old Laurel Goodwin wakes up to find her older sister Ivy missing from their Airstream trailer in the Oregon redwoods. A recurring nightmare convinces her that Ivy was abducted, but no one takes her dream seriously, including her mom. Laurel, a loner, has to learn to ask for help, and Jasper Blake, a mysterious new kid who shares her love of old books, quickly becomes her ally. Together they find their quiet town holds a deep secret and is the epicenter of a dark prophecy. Laurel soon learns that her worst enemies, mean girls Peyton Andersen and Mei Rosen, are developing powers that she needs to find and save Ivy. With time running out, Laurel realizes that power doesn't always take the form that you expect. And once she learns to look beyond her snap judgments, she develops an unexpected gift of her own.

*How to nurture a child's love of books* Penguin

In her long-awaited book, the legendary acting teacher Stella Adler gives us her

extraordinary insights into the work of Henrik Ibsen ("The creation of the modern theater took a genius like Ibsen. . . Miller and Odets, Inge and O'Neill, Williams and Shaw, swallowed the whole of him"), August Strindberg ("He understood and predicted the forces that would break in our lives"), and Anton Chekhov ("Chekhov doesn't want a play, he wants what happens in life. In life, people don't usually kill each other. They talk"). Through the plays of these masters, Adler discusses the arts of playwriting and script interpretation ("There are two aspects of the theater. One belongs to the author and the other to the actor. The actor thinks it all belongs to the author. . . The curtain goes up and all he knows are the lines. . . It is not enough. . . Script interpretation is your profession"). She looks into aspects of society and class, and into our cultural past, as well as the evolution of the modern spirit ("The actor learns from Ibsen what is modern in the modern theater. There are no villains, no heroes. Ibsen understands, more than anything, there is more than one truth"). Stella Adler--daughter of Jacob Adler, who was universally acknowledged to be the greatest actor of the Yiddish theater, and herself a disciple of Stanislavsky--examines the role of the actor and brings to life the plays from which all modern theater derives: Ibsen's *Hedda Gabler*, *The Master Builder*, *An Enemy of the People*, and *A Doll's House*; Strindberg's *Miss Julie* and *The Father*; Chekhov's *The Seagull*, *Uncle Vanya*, *The Cherry Orchard*, and *Three Sisters* ("Masha is the sister who is the mystery. You cannot reach her. You cannot reach the artist. There is no logical way. Keep her in a special pocket of feelings that are complex and different"). Adler discusses the ideas behind these plays and explores the world of the playwrights and the history--both familial and cultural--that informed their work. She illumines not only the dramatic essence of each play but its subtext as well, continually asking questions that deepen one's understanding of the work and of the human spirit. Adler's book, brilliantly edited by Barry Paris, puts her famous lectures into print for the first time.

*Techniques for Transforming Your First Draft into a Novel that Sells* Penguin

Twelve-year-old Josephine has a lot on her plate, best friend issues, first crush issues, divorced parent issues, twin brother issues . . . and then her mom hits her with news that shakes her to her core: a breast cancer diagnosis. Josephine doesn't want anyone to know, not even her best friend. Sharing the news means it's actually real, and that's something she's not ready to

face. Plus it would mean dealing with the stares and pity of her classmates. She got enough of that when her parents split up. Unfortunately for Josephine, her twin brother, Chance, doesn't feel the same way. And when Chance dyes his hair pink to support his mom, the cat is out of the bag. Suddenly Josephine has to rethink her priorities. Does getting an invite to the party of the year matter when your mom is sick? And what if it does matter? Does that make her a monster?

*2013 Children's Writer's & Illustrator's Market* Writing Irresistible Kidlit

The Ultimate Guide to Crafting Fiction for Young Adult and Middle Grade Readers  
Rocket loves books and he wants to make his own, but he can't think of a story. Encouraged by the little yellow bird to look closely at the world around him for inspiration, Rocket sets out on a journey. Along the way he discovers small details that he has never noticed before, a timid baby owl who becomes his friend, and an idea for a story. This irresistible sequel to the New York Times bestseller *How Rocket Learned to Read*—complete with audio narration—is sure to appeal to kids, parents, teachers, and librarians. This ebook includes Read & Listen audio narration.

**The Indie Author's Guide to Finding and Hiring the Right Editor for Your Book** Writer's Digest Books

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 Irresistible Kidlit* Capstone

Turn your dream of writing a successful children's book into a reality

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.

Step-by-step instruction, 48 main exercises, and countless enlightening tasks will guide you through:

Identifying a project  
Writing and revising a manuscript  
Researching genre and marketplace  
Targeting publishers  
Preparing a professional submission

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.

### **How to Build Unforgettable Stories**

**Scene by Scene** Knopf Books for Young Readers

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's Digest Books

*Writing Irresistible Kidlit* The Ultimate Guide to Crafting Fiction for Young Adult and Middle Grade Readers Penguin

[The Novel-Maker's Handbook](#) Hachette UK

The lowdown on the toughest, sexiest, and bearded man to ever stalk the earth Since its emergence from the bowels of the internet, the Chuck Norris Fact has roundhouse kicked its way into the world's consciousness with all the vim and verve of its namesake. Singing the praises of his

unequaled toughness, his mighty kicking feet, his indestructible beard, his frightening virility, and his ability to stop time by thinking about pineapples, *The Truth About Chuck Norris* is the one book brave enough to go behind the beard and reveal the real Chuck. Ian Spector, webmaster of the site which started the meme and survivor of a real-life encounter with Chuck himself, has selected the 400 most kick-ass facts from his library of thousands, as well as illustrations as awesome as the man himself. This death-defying volume includes such awe-inspiring observations as:

- A cobra once bit Chuck Norris's leg. After five days of excruciating pain, the cobra died.
- Chuck Norris can charge a cell phone by rubbing it against his beard.
- When an episode of "Walker, Texas Ranger" aired in France, the French surrendered to Chuck Norris just to be on the safe side.
- Chuck Norris was the first person to tame a dinosaur.
- Chuck Norris once visited The Virgin Islands. Afterward, they were renamed The Islands.
- Every piece of furniture in Chuck Norris's house is a Total Gym. A must-have paean to the archetypical American male and a bible of all things Chuck, *The Truth About Chuck Norris* is easily the most important book of all time.

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