

Download File How Do I Write A Character Analysis Paper File Type Free Download Pdf

The Art of Character Divisadero Build Your Best Writing Life Plot Versus Character Creating Character: Bringing Your Story to Life The Savior's Champion Creating Characters Anil's Ghost The Craft of Character Desert Dark The Secrets of Character The Green Mile Writing Irresistible Kidlit Writer's Guide to Character Traits Creating Unforgettable Characters A Writer's Guide to Characterization Creating Character Arcs Jungle Rules Oh Boy, You're Having a Girl Steering the Craft Writing Great Characters Her Dark Lies Stein On Writing 1,000 Character Writing Prompts Character Development Mr. Palomar Creating Short Fiction Creating Characters A Flicker in the Dark Let's Write a Short Story! How Fiction Works The Spanish Love Deception GMC: Goal, Motivation, and Conflict Misfit in Love Sin and Syntax Down Comes the Night The Writer's Guide to Character Emotion The Savior's Sister The Secrets to Creating Character Arcs Character Development Journal

Creating Unforgettable Characters Oct 15 2021 In this book, Linda Seger shows how to create strong, multidimensional characters in fiction, covering everything from research to character block. Interviews with today's top writers complete this essential volume.

The Secrets to Creating Character Arcs Sep 21 2019 Transform your story with a character your readers will remember long after they've turned the last page When you think of unforgettable characters from books you've read, who comes to mind? James Bond, Harry Potter, Scarlett O'Hara, Elizabeth Bennett, Atticus Finch, Sherlock Holmes? These are just some of the most iconic characters in fiction. They are so memorable that even decades or centuries later, they still captivate our imagination. But what exactly is it about them that keeps readers through generations so invested in them? Despite their vast differences in age, gender, nationality, occupation, and personality, each of them has a special quality that makes us want to know them more. Whether it's James Bond's suave demeanor, Scarlett O'Hara's haughty vulnerability, or Atticus Finch's righteousness, we're hooked. Do you want to know how you too can create your own unforgettable characters that your readers will be dying to read about? Yes, it's rare to write such timeless characters -

even some bestselling authors don't have widely recognizable protagonists. However, it's entirely possible to write characters that resonate strongly with your readers - and get them hooked on your story - no matter how new you are to the game. Writers apply certain rules and tricks with their characters to make their stories shine and keep their audience engrossed. And with this guide, you'll find out exactly what they are. In *The Secrets to Creating Character Arcs*, here is just a fraction of what you will discover:

- How your characters can make or break your story - and what you can do to make your characters more compelling
- 10 simple tricks to add more excitement to your plot without veering away from your main story
- How to take advantage of plot and structure to help develop your protagonist's journey
- The worst thing you can do for your character that will immediately make them unappealing and uninteresting
- How to make your readers relate to - and root for - an unlikable character
- A fun yet insightful exercise in character building that can help you make sure all your characters have their own unique individual personalities
- 2 letters that will speed up your writing process without sacrificing quality
- And much more.

Writing your first story (or your latest one) can be intimidating. The stakes seem to be higher when writing down words rather than just saying them out

loud. But remember that you're allowed to make mistakes, change things up, delete, and add to your story however many times you need to. Plus, with the techniques from this guide at your disposal, you can approach your writing with more confidence.

Sometimes, all you need to do is get started... and the ideas will just keep flowing from there. If you want to take your stories to the next level, then scroll up and click the "Add to Cart" button right now.

Creating Character Arcs Aug 13 2021 Explores the techniques of effective character development in the processing of writing novels to take the author's stories from good to great, including how to determine which arc is right for your character, why you should never pit plot against character, and how to avoid the pitfalls of writing novels without character arcs.

Character Development Dec 05 2020 Need to Breathe Life into Your Characters? You may have a great story but if your characters are flat and uninteresting your readers will find your story dull. If your lead protagonist isn't generating empathy, then no one cares what happens to them. Character Development covers every aspect of character building; from developing charismatic and believable people, to making sure they work holistically to drive the narrative forward in realistic ways. Know Your Anti-Hero from Your Antagonist In order to create

compelling characters your readers will love, Marsh introduces the reader to 12-character types and explains how and when they are introduced to a story. She demonstrates the importance of instilling flaws to create a balance of human qualities that evolve throughout the novel in captivating ways. Make Unforgettable Characters Character Development is a much-needed step-by-step guide to help authors create remarkable protagonists and to decide which characters are necessary to the plot. Marsh delivers a groundbreaking 176 questions to consider while creating characters. An author need never struggle again to generate memorable heroes and villains!

10 Samples of the 176 Character-Forming Questions:

When communicating, what is the pace that this person communicates with? What posture do they tend to have? What does their average day look like? Be specific. What is the most significant event that took place in your character's childhood? If your character does have a criminal record, how did they get it and where were they when the event happened? How is your character perceived by strangers? How does your character react to people who challenge them? Does your character have any psychological issues such as phobias, mental illnesses, or otherwise? What does your character value and prioritize the most? (i.e., family, religion, friends, fun, money,

success, etc.) If anything is stopping your character from achieving their goals, what is it? By using some, or all of these questions an author will no longer create one-dimensional characters and will have readers gripped throughout their trials and tribulations. Inspires New Connections There will be many thought-provoking subjects for both beginner and experienced authors that will motivate a much deeper conception of characters, some of which include: How Characters are Presented & Revealed Creating Expression Let Your Characters Suffer Bringing Characters to Life Use Contradictions Listen to Them Give Your Characters Plenty of Opportunity to Show Up One Click Away from Getting Amazing Results Fast! A must-have guide for storytellers who want to create lasting characters that tug at the heart of readers' emotions and deliver BIG on compelling drama. Click Add to Cart now to create enthralling characters that bring the page to life!

The Secrets of Character Feb 19 2022 An insightful and actionable guide to creating a hero that readers will fall in love with, from the author of *The Secrets of Story* The hardest yet most essential element of writing great fiction is character – specifically, creating a central hero who is relatable, compelling, and worth the reader's precious time. In this entertaining and practical guide, popular blogger,

writing coach and screenwriter Matt Bird breaks down what makes characters embraceable and unforgettable, and presents insider tips and tricks for writers of all levels and genres. Generously packed with examples from popular books and movies analyzed with engaging specificity, this expert guide reveals what makes audiences believe, care, and invest in great characters - and how to bring your own characters vividly to life.

Her Dark Lies Mar 08 2021 “Elegant, propulsive, and utterly unputdownable... The work of one of our most talented thriller writers at the very top of her game.”
—Lisa Unger, New York Times bestselling author of *Confessions on the 7:45* Fast-paced and brilliantly unpredictable, J.T. Ellison’s breathtaking novel invites you to a wedding none will forget—and some won’t survive. Jutting from sparkling turquoise waters off the Italian coast, Isle Isola is an idyllic setting for a wedding. In the majestic cliff-top villa owned by the wealthy Compton family, up-and-coming artist Claire Hunter will marry handsome, charming Jack Compton, surrounded by close family, intimate friends...and a host of dark secrets. From the moment Claire sets foot on the island, something seems amiss. Skeletal remains have just been found. There are other, newer disturbances, too. Menacing texts. A ruined wedding dress. And one troubling shadow hanging over Claire’s

otherwise blissful relationship—the strange mystery surrounding Jack’s first wife. Then a raging storm descends, the power goes out—and the real terror begins... Don't miss J.T. Ellison's next thriller, IT'S ONE OF US, coming February 2023!

Mr. Palomar Nov 04 2020 A novel of a delightful eccentric on a search for truth, by the renowned author of Invisible Cities. In The New York Times Book Review, the poet Seamus Heaney praised Mr. Palomar as a series of “beautiful, nimble, solitary feats of imagination.” Throughout these twenty-seven intricately structured chapters, the musings of the crusty Mr. Palomar consistently render the world sublime and ridiculous. Like the telescope for which he is named, Mr. Palomar is a natural observer. “It is only after you have come to know the surface of things,” he believes, “that you can venture to seek what is underneath.” Whether contemplating a fine cheese, a hungry gecko, or a topless sunbather, he tends to let his meditations stray from the present moment to the great beyond. And though he may fail as an objective spectator, he is the best of company. “Each brief chapter reads like an exploded haiku,” wrote Time Out. A play on a world fragmented by our individual perceptions, this inventive and irresistible novel encapsulates the life’s work of an artist of the highest order, “the greatest Italian writer of the

twentieth century" (The Guardian).

Steering the Craft May 10 2021 Award-winning novelist Ursula K. Le Guin has turned a successful workshop into a self-guided voyage of discovery for a writer working alone, a writing group or a class.

The Writer's Guide to Character Emotion Nov 23 2019 Create Realistic Character Expressions and Emotions! Most writers struggle with creating a captivating story. The fastest way to improve your writing is by the use of the "Deep Point-of-View" technique, which can transform any novel from mediocre storytelling into riveting prose. This manual will provide writers with the essential skills needed to significantly enhance their characterization and intensify emotions by eliminating filtering words that cause narrative distance. Plus, this unique guidebook includes hundreds of amazing ways to use "show don't tell" to submerge readers so deeply into any scene that they will experience the story along with the characters. Bestselling author, S. A. Soule also shares her expertise with writers on how to apply "showing" methods through powerful examples in action, along with the necessary tools to immediately deepen the reader's experience with vivid, sensory details. Are you ready to instantly take your writing skills to the next level? Please scroll up and click the buy button now...

Anil's Ghost May 22 2022 Following the phenomenal

success of Michael Ondaatje's Booker Prize-winning third novel, *The English Patient*, expectations were almost insurmountable. The internationally acclaimed #1 bestseller had made Ondaatje the first Canadian novelist ever to win the Booker. Four years later, in 1996, a motion picture based on the book brought the story to a vast new audience. The film, starring Ralph Fiennes and Juliette Binoche, went on to win numerous prizes, among them nine Academy Awards, including Best Picture. Worldwide English-language sales of the book topped two million copies. But in April 2000, *Anil's Ghost* was widely hailed as Ondaatje's most powerful and engrossing novel to date. Winning a Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction, the Kiriya Pacific Rim Book Prize and the Giller Prize, *Anil's Ghost* became an international bestseller. "Nowhere has Ondaatje written more beautifully," said *The New York Times Book Review*. The setting is Sri Lanka. Steeped in centuries of cultural achievement and tradition, the country has been ravaged in the late twentieth century by bloody civil war. As in *The English Patient*, Ondaatje's latest novel follows a woman's attempt to piece together the lost life of a victim of war. Anil Tissera, born in Sri Lanka but educated in England and the U.S., is sent by an international human rights group to participate in an investigation into suspected mass political murders

in her homeland. Working with an archaeologist, she discovers a skeleton whose identity takes Anil on a fascinating journey that involves a riveting mystery. What follows, in a novel rich with character, emotion, and incident, is a story about love and loss, about family, identity and the unknown enemy. And it is a quest to unlock the hidden past - like a handful of soil analyzed by an archaeologist, the story becomes more diffuse the farther we reach into history. A universal tale of the casualties of war, unfolding as a detective story, the book gradually gives way to a more intricate exploration of its characters, a symphony of loss and loneliness haunted by a cast of solitary strangers and ghosts. The atrocities of a seemingly futile, muddled war are juxtaposed against the ancient, complex and ultimately redemptive culture and landscape of Sri Lanka. Anil's Ghost is Michael Ondaatje's first novel to be set in the country of his birth. "There's a tendency with us in England and North America to say it's a book 'about Sri Lanka.' But it's just my take on a few characters, a personal tunnelling into that ... The book's not just about Sri Lanka; it's a story that's very familiar in other parts of the world" - in Africa, in Yugoslavia, in South America, in Ireland. "I didn't want it to be a political tract. I wanted it to be a human study of people in the midst of fear."

Plot Versus Character Sep 26 2022 What's more

important to a story: a gripping plot or compelling characters? Literary-minded novelists argue in favor of character-based novels while commercial novelists argue in favor of plot-based stories, but the truth of the matter is this: The best fiction is rich in both. Enter *Plot Versus Character*. This hands-on guide to creating a well-rounded novel embraces both of these crucial story components. You'll learn to:

- Create layered characters by considering personality traits, natural attributes, and backgrounds
- Develop your character's emotional journey and tie it to your plot's inciting incident
- Construct a three-act story structure that can complement and sustain your character arc
- Expose character backstory in a manner that accentuates plot points
- Seamlessly intertwine plot and character to create a compelling page-turner filled with characters to whom readers can't help but relate
- And much more

Filled with helpful examples and friendly instruction, *Plot Versus Character* takes the guesswork out of creating great fiction by giving you the tools you need to inject life into your characters and momentum into your plots.

[A Writer's Guide to Characterization](#) Sep 14 2021

Develop compelling character arcs using the power of myth! In the best novels, characters undergo dramatic changes that keep readers turning pages. *A Writer's Guide to Characterization* shows you how to develop

such meaningful character arcs in your own work--stories of transformation that will resonate with readers long after the story ends. In this comprehensive guide, author Victoria Lynn Schmidt examines cross-cultural archetypes to illustrate how they can make your work more powerful and compelling. Plus, you'll learn how to draw from Jungian psychology to add complexity and believability to your characters. Schmidt also provides:

- 40 lessons on character development (with examples from well-known films and novels) that you can apply to your own work
- Questionnaires and exercises to help you select male and female archetypes and adapt them to your story
- 15 classic animal archetypes (including the coyote, snake, tiger, and butterfly) you can use to build convincing character profiles

With *A Writer's Guide to Characterization*, you'll have the information you need to infuse the development of your characters with drama and authenticity.

[The Craft of Character](#) Apr 21 2022 "The most complete and comprehensive guide to character I've ever read." Adam Croft Character is at the heart of every story. We love stories because we fall in love with characters, we want to see what happens to them and we want to see them experience hope and despair. International Emmy nominated writer, Mark Boutros, offers a guide to creating characters who are

engaging, emotionally driven and memorable. With experience as a screenwriter, novelist, creative writing teacher and mentor, Mark shares a mixture of theory and creative writing exercises to get you thinking about the questions to have in your mind during character creation. A lot of stories are perfectly functional, hitting all the right beats, but often fall short due to a thin or obvious character. Problems people think are related to plot are often symptoms of a deeper issue with the characters. Mark highlights what is at the core of character, the importance of motivation, trauma, obstacles and how every little detail can enrich an experience for an audience and ultimately make people care. How do you get to know people? By asking questions and getting to know them so you move past the shallow. Do the same during character development and your story will be so much more engaging for it. Each chapter focuses on an aspect important to character development and ends with exercises so you can apply the concepts to your work and write better characters. The book includes: - Goals, desires, lessons - Stakes to your character's goal - Character flaws - Developing your character's voice and world view - Generating truthful obstacles - How to write anti-heroes and compelling villains - Character and personality traits - Common mistakes in character writing - Character research - A character

questionnaire The majority of the ideas originate from the author's screenwriting experience, but they apply to all forms of story, whether it be fiction writing or playwriting, because the focus is on what really makes a character stand out and memorable. The job of the writer is to deliver an emotional experience. Character is the heart of that. If you're looking for a book to help you to improve your screenplay writing, fiction writing, or play writing then this is for you. An invaluable tool for beginner and experienced writers. This is perfect for anyone interested in screenwriting books, fiction writing books, or character development books. Praise for *The Craft of Character*: "Would 100% recommend not only for beginners, but also for experienced writers looking to get to know their characters better. A bit like writer-character therapy." reader review "Both the chapters and the exercises are easy to understand and get through. Mark Boutros clearly knows his stuff and seems happy to be able to help the reader, rather than becoming lecturing and elitist. The structure of the book also means that it is easy to dip back into, when you come across a specific problem, and as such it is a great little reference book, which any aspiring storyteller would benefit from." reader review "Normally, I find myself arguing with the author of craft books, but here I would say 90% of what I read were things I either found helpful, or flat

out agreed with whole heartedly and just needed a reminder on why these things are important. The exercises were a excellent touch, especially as someone who is teaching writing, it gave me ideas on what to do for my students.” reader review

Misfit in Love Feb 25 2020 In this fun and fresh sequel to Saints and Misfits, Janna hopes her brother’s wedding will be the perfect start to her own summer of love, but attractive new arrivals have her more confused than ever. Janna Yusuf is so excited for the weekend: her brother Muhammad’s getting married, and she’s reuniting with her mom, whom she’s missed the whole summer. And Nuah’s arriving for the weekend too. Sweet, constant Nuah. The last time she saw him, Janna wasn’t ready to reciprocate his feelings for her. But things are different now. She’s finished high school, ready for college...and ready for Nuah. It’s time for Janna’s (carefully planned) summer of love to begin—starting right at the wedding. But it wouldn’t be a wedding if everything went according to plan. Muhammad’s party choices aren’t in line with his fiancée’s taste at all, Janna’s dad is acting strange, and her mom is spending more time with an old friend (and maybe love interest?) than Janna. And Nuah’s treating her differently. Just when things couldn’t get more complicated, two newcomers—the dreamy Haytham and brooding Layth—have Janna more

confused than ever about what her misfit heart really wants. Janna's summer of love is turning out to be super crowded and painfully unpredictable.

Writing Irresistible Kidlit Dec 17 2021 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.

Down Comes the Night Dec 25 2019 "A YA fantasy classic in the making." - Christine Lynn Herman, author of *The Devouring Gray* "Fans of Leigh Bardugo's "Grisha Trilogy" and Marie Rutkoski's "Winner's Trilogy" have been waiting for this Darkling-esque romance..." - School Library Journal (Starred Review) New York Times bestselling author Allison Saft's *Down Comes the Night* is a snow-drenched romantic fantasy that keeps you racing through the pages long into the night. He saw the darkness in her magic. She saw the magic in his darkness. Wren Southerland's reckless use of magic has cost her everything: she's been dismissed from the Queen's Guard and separated from her best friend—the girl she loves. So when a letter arrives from a reclusive lord, asking Wren to come to his estate, Colwick Hall, to cure his servant from a mysterious illness, she seizes her chance to redeem herself. The mansion is crumbling, icy winds haunt the caved-in halls, and her eccentric host forbids her from leaving her room after dark. Worse, Wren's patient isn't a servant at all but Hal Cavendish, the infamous Reaper of Vesria and her kingdom's sworn enemy. Hal also came to Colwick Hall for redemption, but the secrets in the estate may lead to both of their deaths. With sinister forces at work, Wren and Hal realize they'll have to join

together if they have any hope of saving their kingdoms. But as Wren circles closer to the nefarious truth behind Hal's illness, they realize they have no escape from the monsters within the mansion. All they have is each other, and a startling desire that could be their downfall. Love makes monsters of us all

The Green Mile Jan 18 2022 At Col Mountain Penitentiary, along the lonely stretch of cells known as the Green Mile, killers as depraved as the psychopathic "Billy the Kid" Wharton and the possessed Eduard Delacroix await death strapped in "Old Sparky."

1,000 Character Writing Prompts Jan 06 2021 "If character development is your problem, this detailed reference tool for any writer is the solution. Covering a variety of genres, time periods and styles, [this] adds nuance and depth to the typical character stereotypes many writers rely on. " --P. [4] of cover.

The Spanish Love Deception Apr 28 2020 A wedding. A trip to Spain. The most infuriating man. And three days of pretending. Or in other words, a plan that will never work. Catalina Martín, finally, not single. Her family is happy to announce that she will bring her American boyfriend to her sister's wedding. Everyone is invited to come and witness the most magical event of the year. That would certainly be tomorrow's headline in the local newspaper of the

small Spanish town I came from. Or the epitaph on my tombstone, seeing the turn my life had taken in the span of a phone call. Four weeks wasn't a lot of time to find someone willing to cross the Atlantic-from NYC and all the way to Spain-for a wedding. Let alone, someone eager to play along with my charade. But that didn't mean I was desperate enough to bring the 6'4 blue eyed pain in my ass standing before me, Aaron Blackford. The man whose main occupation was making my blood boil had just offered himself to be my date. Right after inserting his nose in my business, calling me delusional, and calling himself my best option. See? Outrageous. Aggravating. Blood boiling. And much to my total despair, also right. Which left me with a surly and extra large dilemma in my hands. Was it worth the suffering to bring my colleague and bane of my existence as my fake boyfriend to my sister's wedding? Or was I better off coming clean and facing the consequences of my panic induced lie? Like my abuela would say, que dios nos pille confesados. The Spanish Love Deception is an enemies-to-lovers, fake-dating.

Character Development Journal Aug 21 2019

Character Development Journal for Authors! Awesome journal for beginner or experienced writers for creating characters that readers will love or love to hate! Detailed prompts allow authors to create full

back stories for each character, including personal characteristics (age, sex, size, race, species) family background personal history (education, beliefs, occupation) personality characteristics (over 150 descriptive traits to consider) key role in the story character arc and more! This is a great gift for any new author just getting started. This is also a great journal for experienced authors to create character dictionaries for expansive stories or epic tales. Large, 8.5" x 11" format will fit perfectly with any other manuscript papers and folders. The Character Development Journal is a great way to finally start writing your novel!

Let's Write a Short Story! Jun 30 2020

The Art of Character Dec 29 2022 Former private investigator and New York Times notable author David Corbett offers a unique and indispensable toolkit for creating characters that come vividly to life on the page and linger in memory. Corbett provides an inventive, inspiring, and vastly entertaining blueprint to all the elements of characterization—from initial inspiration to realization—with special insights into the power of secrets and contradictions, the embodiment of roles, managing the "tyranny of motive," and mastering crucial techniques required for memorable dialogue and unforgettable scenes. This is a how-to guide for both aspiring and accomplished writers that

renders all other books of its kind obsolete.

Writing Great Characters Apr 09 2021 This valuable book identifies and solves a major problem for writers -- creating characters who are so real they literally jump off the page. Halperin has developed an easy-to-understand, logical system which gives all screenwriters a foolproof and fail-proof method of developing great characters. *Writing Great Characters* is a book for all writers, from the expert who is looking to polish his techniques to the novice who wants to learn the craft from an expert.

Stein On Writing Feb 07 2021 Your future as a writer is in your hands. Whether you are a newcomer or an accomplished professional, a novelist, story writer, or a writer of nonfiction, you will find this book a wealth of immediately useful guidance not available anywhere else. As Sol Stein, renowned editor, author, and instructor, explains, "This is not a book of theory. It is a book of useable solutions-- how to fix writing that is flawed, how to improve writing that is good, how to create interesting writing in the first place." You will find one of the great unspoken secrets of craftsmanship in Chapter 5, called "Markers: The Key to Swift Characterization." In Chapter 7, Stein reveals for the first time in print the wonderful system for creating instant conflict developed in the Playwrights Group of the Actors Studio, of which he was a founder.

In "Secrets of Good Dialogue," the premier teacher of dialogue gives you the instantly useable techniques that not only make verbal exchanges exciting but that move the story forward immediately. You won't need to struggle with flashbacks or background material after you've read Chapter 14, which shows you how to bring background into the foreground. Writers of both fiction and nonfiction will relish the amphetamines for speeding up pace, and the many ways to liposuction flab, as well as how to tap originality and recognize what successful titles have in common. You'll discover literary values that enhance writing, providing depth and resonance. You'll bless the day you read Chapters 32 and 33 and discover why revising by starting at page one can be a serious mistake, and how to revise without growing cold on your manuscript. In the pages of this book, nonfiction writers will find a passport to the new revolution in journalism and a guide to using the techniques of fiction to enhance nonfiction. Fresh, useful, informative, and fun to read and reread, Stein on Writing is a book you will mark up, dog-ear, and cherish.

Writer's Guide to Character Traits Nov 16 2021 From Sex to Schizophrenia: Everything You Need to Develop Your Characters! What makes a person commit a white-collar crime? Who is a likely candidate to join a cult? Why do children have imaginary friends? How

does birth order affect whether or not a person gets married? When does mind over matter become a crippling problem? *Writer's Guide to Character Traits*, 2nd edition answers all of these questions and many others. With more than 400 easy-to-reference lists of traits blended from a variety of behaviors and influences, you'll gain the knowledge you need to create distinctive characters whose personalities correspond to their thoughts and actions - no matter how normal or psychotic they might be. In this updated and expanded edition, you'll also find:

- Comprehensive instruction on how to use this book
- New statistical information to help you create true-to-life characters
- Corresponding exercises that show you how to put the material to work in your stories
- A quick-reference index to make cross-referencing a snap
- Idea sparkers to get your thoughts out of your head and onto the page

Plus, you'll learn about common - and not so common - psychological, physical, and relationship disorders; delve into the minds of criminals; find out what it takes to be a professional athlete, scientist, and truck driver; discover what life is like for a gang member, suicidal teen, and alcoholic; and more. In *Writer's Guide to Character Traits*, 2nd edition, note psychologist and author Dr. Linda Edelstein takes you beyond generic personality types and into the depths of the human

psyche where you're sure to find the resources you need to make your characters stand out from the crowd.

Creating Characters Sep 02 2020 A frequent problem area for fiction writers is characterization. If writers jump headlong into a story with only a fuzzy notion about the people who are in it, the result is a collection of characters who are cliched, stereotypical and not very interesting. *Creating Characters* is an easy to use reference work that looks at character development from many different angles. The book does not tell writers how to write. Instead, it generates a thought process by asking crucial questions about characters' internal and external traits, wants, needs, likes, dislikes, fears, beliefs, strengths, weaknesses, habits and backgrounds. Following these questions, the writer will find an ever deeper and wider array of options. Thus, *Creating Characters* helps writers delve as deeply into a character's psychology as they want. All characters, and the stories they people, can be made richer and more compelling.

Desert Dark Mar 20 2022 Hogwarts meets The Bourne Identity in this action-packed thriller for fans of Marie Lu's *Legends* series and James Dashner's *Maze Runner* trilogy Sixteen-year-old Nadia Riley is delighted to earn a spot at an elite, government-

funded boarding school. Nothing sounds better than leaving behind her fraught relationship with her ex-boyfriend and moving to faraway Arizona to attend Desert Mountain Academy. But when she arrives, Nadia finds out she has more than classwork to catch up on. Desert Mountain Academy is a covert CIA program, which recruits and trains high-achieving students for Black-Ops work. While struggling to keep up with her new classes, Nadia must also gain the trust of her teammates, and survive a rigorous exercise and combat training course. Thrilled at the opportunity, Nadia isn't expecting to fall in love—or to end up in real, deadly danger. When news leaks that there is a double agent on campus, suddenly everyone is a suspect—including Nadia. To clear her name, she must use her newfound skills to uncover the traitor—before he can eliminate her as a threat. Told from alternating points of view, including that of the anonymous double agent, *Desert Dark* is perfect for young adult readers who love action, adventure, and intrigue.

A Flicker in the Dark Aug 01 2020 A New York Times Bestseller “A smart, edge-of-your-seat story with plot twists you’ll never see coming. Stacy Willingham’s debut will keep you turning pages long past your bedtime.” —Karin Slaughter When Chloe Davis was twelve, six teenage girls went missing in

her small Louisiana town. By the end of the summer, her own father had confessed to the crimes and was put away for life, leaving Chloe and the rest of her family to grapple with the truth and try to move forward while dealing with the aftermath. Now twenty years later, Chloe is a psychologist in Baton Rouge and getting ready for her wedding. While she finally has a fragile grasp on the happiness she's worked so hard to achieve, she sometimes feels as out of control of her own life as the troubled teens who are her patients. So when a local teenage girl goes missing, and then another, that terrifying summer comes crashing back. Is she paranoid, seeing parallels from her past that aren't actually there, or for the second time in her life, is Chloe about to unmask a killer? From debut author Stacy Willingham comes a masterfully done, lyrical thriller, certain to be the launch of an amazing career. *A Flicker in the Dark* is eerily compelling to the very last page.

Creating Characters Jun 23 2022 Create characters that leap off the page--and into readers' hearts! Populating your fiction with authentic, vivid characters is a surefire way to captivate your readers from the first sentence to the last. Whether you're writing a series, novel, short story, or flash fiction, *Creating Characters* is an invaluable guide to bringing your fictional cast to life. This book is a comprehensive

reference to every stage of character development. You'll find timely advice and helpful instruction from best-selling authors like Nancy Kress, Elizabeth Sims, Orson Scott Card, Chuck Wendig, Hallie Ephron, Donald Maass, and James Scott Bell. They'll show you how to:

- Effectively introduce your characters
- Build a believable protagonist
- Develop strong anti-heroes and compelling villains
- Juggle multiple points of view without missing a beat
- Craft authentic dialogue that propels the story forward
- Motivate your characters with powerful objectives and a believable conflict
- Show dynamic character development over the course of a story

No matter what your genre, *Creating Characters* gives you the tools necessary to create realistic, fascinating characters that your readers will root for and remember long after they've finished the story.

[Oh Boy, You're Having a Girl](#) Jun 11 2021 Rules for Raising Little Girls "As the father of a daughter, I wish I'd read this very funny book sooner, if only to know that it's OK for a grown man to wear a tutu." - Dave Barry "Required reading for any parent who doesn't know pants from leggings." - Dan Zevin, author of *Dan Gets a Minivan: Life at the Intersection of Dude and Dad* It's easy to imagine how you'd raise a boy--all the golf outings, lawnmower lessons, and Little League championships you'd attend--but playing dad to a little

princess may take some education. In *Oh Boy, You're Having a Girl*, Brian, a father of three girls, shares his tactics for surviving this new and glittery world. From baby dolls and bedtime rituals to potty training and dance recitals, he leads you through all the trials and tribulations you'll face as you're raising your daughter. He'll also show you how to navigate your way through tough situations, like making sure that she doesn't start dating until she's fifty. Complete with commandments for restroom trips and properly participating in a tea party, *Oh Boy, You're Having a Girl* will brace you for all those hours playing house--and psych you up for the awesomeness of raising a daughter who has you lovingly wrapped around her little finger. "Somehow, Brian Klems has taken one of the most traumatic situations known to a father--having a daughter--and made it into something so completely hilarious you'll laugh until you've got oxygen deprivation!" - W. Bruce Cameron, author of *8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter*

The Savior's Champion Jul 24 2022 Hoping to save his family, one man enters his realm's most glorious tournament and finds himself in the middle of a political chess game, unthinkable bloodshed, and an unexpected romance with a woman he's not supposed to want.

Creating Short Fiction Oct 03 2020 Explains

effective use of structure and pacing, and offers advice for creating realistic dialogue, plot, and characters

Build Your Best Writing Life Oct 27 2022 Is there a gap between where you are and where you want to be in your writing life? Maybe you have a drawer full of unfinished manuscripts or a story idea you're struggling to develop. Maybe you're frustrated with your writing progress or overwhelmed by creative doubt, burnout, or writer's block. Maybe you just can't seem to sit down and write. No matter the roadblock standing between you and writing success, here's the good news: You're capable of becoming the writer you want to be-and that work can begin today. In this actionable and empowering guide to personal writing success, Kristen Kieffer shares 25 insightful chapters designed to help you: Cultivate confidence in your skills and stories? Develop a personal writing habit you can actually sustain? Improve your writing ability with tools for intentional growth? Discover what you (really) want from your writing life-and how to get it! By the end of *Build Your Best Writing Life*, you'll know how to harness the simple techniques that can help you win your inner creative battles, finish projects you can be proud to share with the world, and work with focus to turn your writing dreams into reality.

Sin and Syntax Jan 26 2020 A fully revised and updated edition with writing prompts and challenges

in every chapter Today's writers need more spunk than Strunk: whether it's the Great American e-mail, Madison Avenue advertising, or Grammy Award-winning rap lyrics, memorable writing must jump off the page. Copy veteran Constance Hale is on a mission to make creative communication, both the lyrical and the unlawful, an option for everyone. With its crisp, witty tone, *Sin and Syntax* covers grammar's ground rules while revealing countless unconventional syntax secrets (such as how to use—Gasp!—interjections or when to pepper your prose with slang) that make for sinfully good writing. Discover how to: *Distinguish between words that are “pearls” and words that are “potatoes” * Avoid “couch potato thinking” and “commitment phobia” when choosing verbs * Use literary devices such as onomatopoeia, alliteration, and metaphor (and understand what you're doing) Everyone needs to know how to write stylish prose—students, professionals, and seasoned writers alike. Whether you're writing to sell, shock, or just sing, *Sin and Syntax*—now celebrating 20 years in print—is the guide you need to improve your command of the English language.

Creating Character: Bringing Your Story to Life Aug 25 2022 All fiction is character-driven, according to William Bernhardt, despite what you might have heard elsewhere. If your characters don't interest readers,

even the most exciting plots will fail. "Action is character," Aristotle wrote, but what does that mean, and how can you use that fundamental principle to create dynamic fiction that will captivate readers? This book explains the relationship between character and plot, and how the perfect melding of the two produces a mesmerizing story. Using examples spanning from The Odyssey to The Da Vinci Code, Bernhardt discusses the art of character creation in a direct and easily comprehended manner. The book also includes exercises designed to help writers apply these ideas to their own work. William Bernhardt is the author of more than fifty novels, including the blockbuster Ben Kincaid series of legal thrillers. Bernhardt is also one of the most sought-after writing instructors in the nation. His programs have educated many authors now published by major houses. He is the only person to have received the Southern Writers Gold Medal Award, the Royden B. Davis Distinguished Author Award (U Penn) and the H. Louise Cobb Distinguished Author Award (OSU), which is given "in recognition of an outstanding body of work that has profoundly influenced the way in which we understand ourselves and American society at large." The Red Sneaker Writing Center is dedicated to helping writers achieve their literary goals. What is a red sneaker writer? A committed writer seeking useful instruction and

guidance rather than obfuscation and attitude. Red sneakers get the job done, and so do red sneaker writers, by paying close attention to their art and craft, committing to hard work, and never quitting. Are you a red sneaker writer? If so, this book is for you.

Divisadero Nov 28 2022 From the celebrated author of *The English Patient* and *In the Skin of a Lion* comes a remarkable new novel of intersecting lives that ranges across continents and time. In the 1970s in northern California, near Gold Rush country, a father and his teenage daughters, Anna and Claire, work their farm with the help of Coop, an enigmatic young man who makes his home with them. Theirs is a makeshift family, until it is riven by an incident of violence — of both hand and heart — that sets fire to the rest of their lives. *Divisadero* takes us from the city of San Francisco to the raucous backrooms of Nevada's casinos, and eventually to the landscape of south central France. It is here, outside a small rural village, that Anna becomes immersed in the life and the world of a writer from an earlier time — Lucien Segura. His compelling story, which has its beginnings at the turn of the century, circles around “the raw truth” of Anna's own life, the one she's left behind but can never truly leave. And as the narrative moves back and forth in time and place, we discover each of the

characters managing to find some foothold in a present rough-hewn from the past. Breathtakingly evoked and with unforgettable characters, *Divisadero* is a multi-layered novel about passion, loss, and the unshakable past, about the often discordant demands of family, love, and memory. It is Michael Ondaatje's most intimate and beautiful novel to date.

[The Savior's Sister](#) Oct 23 2019 "The Savior's Sister is utterly unputdownable. It's compulsive, addictive, and mesmerizing. If you love romance, fantasy, and bloodshed, ignore your TBR pile, this is the only dark fantasy novel you need." - Sacha Black, BESTSELLING fantasy and nonfiction writing craft author In the thrilling companion to one of Book Depository's Best Books of All Time, experience the peril and heart-stopping romance through Leila's fresh perspective. Leila Tūs Salvatíraas, Savior of Thessen and magical Queen of Her realm, is worshiped by all. Except Her father. He wants Her dead. The Sovereign's Tournament-a centuries-long tradition designed to select The Savior's husband-is days away, but Brontes's plan to overthrow his daughter ignites, shifting the objective of the competition from marriage to murder. With the help of Her sisters and some unexpected allies, Leila must unravel Brontes's network and prevent Her own assassination. But as the body count rises, She learns the deception runs far

deeper than She imagined. When She finds Herself falling for one of the tournament competitors, Her father finds himself another target for murder. Can Leila save Herself and Her beloved, or is their untimely end-and the corruption of Her realm-inevitable? **TRIGGER WARNINGS:** This book contains graphic violence, sexual situations, physical abuse, adult language, and references to suicide. "The Savior's Sister is one of those gritty, sexy (and occasionally violent) books you can't put down. I can't wait to see what's next for Leila and Tobias." - Meg LaTorre, FOUNDER of iWriterly and science fiction and fantasy author

Jungle Rules Jul 12 2021 Carl Malinowski is a mercenary with a midlife crisis. After leading his team on a daring mission to capture Colombia's most notorious drug lord, he is confronted with a choice between the life he has and the life he wants. In love with Gabriele, the girl of his dreams, Carl maintains a double life for as long as he can. Gabriele loves him, but she is carrying her own secrets. The chain of events set in motion by the jungle kidnapping causes Carl's two lives to collide with devastating effect. No

GMC: Goal, Motivation, and Conflict Mar 28 2020 "This book belongs on every fiction writer's bookshelf. Anyone who has ever had a story to tell and is dying to get it down on paper will find guidance and inspiration

in GMC. The presentation is clear, immediate, and relevant to all writers--from novices to seasoned professionals. Experienced author Debra Dixon has done a magnificent job of demystifying the toughest aspect of fiction writing: that of giving a story shape, form and urgency." -- Susan Wiggs, New York Times bestselling and RITA® Award winning author of over 40 novels and novellas "One of the best in her craft." -- Toronto Star "Goal, Motivation & Conflict is one of my all time favorites." -- Jane Porter (Flirting With Forty), award winning and bestselling author with 10 million books in print, in twenty languages and 25 countries Goal, motivation, and conflict are the foundation of everything that happens in the story world. Using charts, examples, and movies, the author breaks these key elements down into understandable components and walks the reader through the process of laying this foundation in his or her own work. Learn what causes sagging middles and how to fix them, which goals are important, which aren't and why, how to get your characters to do what they need for your plot in a believable manner, and how to use conflict to create a good story. GMC can be used not only in plotting, but in character development, sharpening scenes, pitching ideas to an editor, and evaluating whether an idea will work. Be confident your ideas will work before you write 200 pages. Plan a road map to keep your story

on track. Discover why your scenes aren't working and what to do about it. Create characters that editors and readers will care about.

How Fiction Works May 30 2020 A book-length essay by the forefront literary critic takes readers on a philosophical tour of the art of the novel, in a wide-ranging piece that explores such topics as the definition of style, the connection between realism and real life, and the qualities that make a story. By the author of *The Irresponsible Self*.

corsonlearning.com