

A Writer's Booklist

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Books about their Writing by Writers

Before We Get Started: A Practical Memoir of the Writer's Life by Bret Lott
Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life by Anne Lamott
A Dangerous Profession: A Book About the Writing Life by Frederick Busch
Escaping into the Open: The Art of Writing True by Elizabeth Berg
The Faith of a Writer: Life, Craft, Art by Joyce Carol Oates
Herself: Reflections on a Writing Life by Madeleine L'Engle
How I Write: Secrets of a Bestselling Author by Janet Evanovich
The Joy of Writing: A Guide for Writers, Disguised as a Literary Memoir by Pierre Berton
Like Shaking Hands With God: A Conversation About Writing with Kurt Vonnegut & Lee Stringer
Making a Literary Life: Advice for Writers and Other Dreamers by Carolyn See
Negotiating With the Dead: A Writer on Writing by Margaret Atwood
On Writing by Stephen King
One Writer's Beginnings by Eudora Welty
Remembered Rapture: The Writer at Work by Bell Hooks
Seldom Disappointed: A Memoir by Tony Hillerman
Sometimes the Magic Works: Lessons from a Writing Life by Terry Brooks
The Spirit of Writing: Classic and Contemporary Essays Celebrating the Writing Life edited by Mark Robert Waldman
The Spooky Art: Some Thoughts on Writing by Norman Mailer
Surviving a Writer's Life by Suzanne Lipsett
Voice Lessons: On Becoming a (Woman) Writer by Nancy Mairs
Why I Write: Thoughts on the Craft of Fiction edited by Will Blythe
Women of Words: A Personal Introduction to 35 Important Writers edited by Janet Bukovinsky Teacher
Words Still Count With Me: A Chronicle of Literary Conversations by Herbert Mitgang
Write Away: One Novelist's Approach to Fiction and the Writing Life by Elizabeth George
Writers Dreaming; Writers Talk About Their Dreams and the Creative Process by Naomi Epel
The Writer's Home Companion: An Anthology of the World's Best Writing Advice, from Keats to Kunitz edited by Joan Bolker, Ed.D.
The Writer's Mentor: Secrets of Success from the World's Greatest Writers edited by Ian Jackman
Writing Alone and With Others by Pat Schneider
Writing From the Heart: Tapping the Power of Your Inner Voice by Nancy Slonim Aronie
The Writing Life by Annie Dillard
Writing Lives: Conversations Between Women Writers edited by Mary Chamberlain
Writing Was Everything by Alfred Kazin
Zen and the Art of Writing by Ray Bradbury

Books about Writing – Well

Accidental Genius: Revolutionize Your Thinking Through Private Writing by Mark Levy
Becoming a Writer by Dorothea Brande
Chapter after Chapter: Discover the dedication and focus you need to write the book of your dreams by Heather Sellers
Creative Writing For People Who Can't Not Write by Kathryn Lindskoog
Dancing Corn Dogs in the Night: Reawakening Your Creative Spirit by Don Hahn
Eats, Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation by Lynne Truss
The Elements of Expression: Putting Thoughts into Words by Arthur Plotnik
The Eleventh Draft: Craft and the Writing Life from the Iowa Writers' Workshop edited by Frank Conroy

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Finding Your Voice: How to Put Personality in your Writing by Les Edgerton
First Paragraphs: Inspired Openings for Readers and Writers by Donald Newlove
The Forest for the Trees: An Editor's Advice to Writers by Betsy Lerner
Honk If You're a Writer: Unabashed Advice, Undiluted Experience, and Unadulterated Inspiration for Writers and Writers-To-Be by Arthur Plotnik
How to Write: Advice and Reflections by Richard Rhodes
How to Write with the Skill of a Master and the Genius of a Child by Marshall J. Cook
If You Want To Write: A Book about Art, Independence, and Spirit by Brenda Ueland
Invented Voices: Inspired Dialogue for Writers and Readers by Donald Newlove
Let the Crazy Child Write! Finding Your Creative Writing Voice by Clive Matson
Living the Writer's Life: A Complete Self-Help Guide by Eric Maisel, Ph.D.
A Manual of Writer's Tricks: Essential Advice for Fiction and Nonfiction Writers by David L. Carroll
Pen on Fire: A busy woman's guide to igniting the writer within by Barbara DeMarco-Barrett
The Practical Writer: From Inspiration to Publication edited by Therese Eiben and Mary Gannon
On the Teaching of Creative Writing an interview with Wallace Stegner
One Continuous Mistake: Four Noble Truths for Writers by Gail Sher
Page after Page: Discover the Confidence & Passion You Need To Start Writing & Keep Writing by Heather Sellers
The Right to Write: An Invitation and Initiation into the Writing Life by Julia Cameron
Sin and Syntax: How to Craft Wickedly Effective Prose by Constance Hale
So You Want to Write: How to Master the Craft of Writing Fiction and the Personal Narrative by Marge Piercy and Ira Wood
The Sound of Paper: Starting from Scratch by Julia Cameron
Storcatcher: Making Sense of Our Lives through the Power and Practice of Story by Christina Baldwin
Thunder and Lightning: Cracking Open the Writer's Craft by Natalie Goldberg
Wild Mind: Living the Writer's Life by Natalie Goldberg
The Woman Who Spilled Words All Over Herself: Writing and Living the Zona Rosa Way by Rosemary Daniell
Words Fail Me: What Everyone Who Writes Should Know About Writing by Patricia T. O'Conner
Word Painting: A Guide to Writing More Descriptively by Rebecca McClanahan
The Writer's Idea Book: How to Develop Great Ideas for Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, and Screenplays by Jack Heffron
The Writer's Mentor: A Guide to Putting Passion on Paper by Cathleen Roundtree
Writing About Your Life: A Journey into the Past by William Zinsser
Writing Down the Bones: Freeing the Writer Within by Natalie Goldberg
Writing from the Heart: Tapping the Power of Your Inner Voice by Nancy Slonim Aronie
Writing In a Convertible with the Top Down: How to Quit Stalling, Shift into Creative Gear, and Speed Successfully on your Way by Christi Killien and Sheila Bender
Writing in Flow: Keys to Enhanced Creativity by Susan K. Perry, Ph.D.
Writing the Wave: Inspired Rides for Aspiring Writers by Elizabeth Ayres

Books about Writing Non Fiction

Beyond the Writers' Workshop: New Ways to Write Creative Nonfiction by Carol Bly
Damn! Why Didn't I Write That? How Ordinary People Are Raking in \$100,000 or More Writing Nonfiction Books & How You Can Too! By Marc McCutcheon
Inventing the Truth: The Art and Craft of Memoir edited by William Zinsser
Legacy: A Step-by-Step Guide to Writing Personal History by Linda Spence
On Writing Well: An Informal Guide to Writing Nonfiction by William Zinsser
The Situation and the Story: The Art of Personal Narrative by Vivian Gornick
Telling True Stories edited by Mark Kramer and Wendy Call

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Thinking Like Your Editor: How to Write Great Serious Nonfiction – and Get It Published by Susan Rabiner & Alfred Fortunato
Writing About Your Life: A Journey into the Past by William Zinsser
Writing Creative Nonfiction: Fiction Techniques for Crafting Great Nonfiction by Theodore A. Rees Cheney
Writing Creative Nonfiction: Instruction and Insights from the Teachers of the Associated Writing Programs edited by Carolyn Forché and Philip Gerard
Writing Personal Essays: How to Shape Your Life Experiences for the Page by Sheila Bender
Writing to Change the World by Mary Pipher
Writing to Learn: How to Write and Think Clearly About Any Subject at All by William Zinsser

Books about Writing Fiction

The Company of Writers: Fiction Workshops and Thoughts on the Writing Life by Hilma Wolitzer
Don't Murder Your Mystery: 24 Fiction-writing Techniques to Save Your Manuscript from Turning Up DOA by Chris Roerden
Finding Your Writer's Voice: A Guide to Creative Fiction by Thaisa Frank & Dorothy Wall
Letters to a Fiction Writer edited by Frederick Busch
Marriage of Minds: Collaborative Fiction Writing by Nikoo McGoldrick & James A. McGoldrick
Novel Voices: 17 Award Winning Novelists on How to Write, Edit, and Get Published edited by Jennifer Levasseur and Kevin Rabalais
Spider Spin Me a Web: A Handbook for Fiction Writers by Lawrence Block
Telling Lies for Fun and Profit: A Manual for Fiction Writers by Lawrence Block
The Lie That Tells a Truth: A Guide to Writing Fiction by John Dufresne
The Writer's Journey: Mythic Structure for Writers by Christopher Vogler
The Writing of Fiction: A Classic Guide to the Art of the Short Story and the Novel by Edith Wharton

Books for Writing Groups

Steering the Craft: Exercises and Discussion on Story Writing for the Lone Navigator or the Mutinous Crew by Ursula K. Le Guin
Writing Alone and With Others by Pat Schneider
Writing Alone, Writing Together: A Guide for Writers and Writing Groups by Judy Reeves
Writing the Natural Way: Using Right-Brain Techniques to Release Your Expressive Powers by Gabriele Lusser Rico

Books of Writing Quotes

Advice to Writers: A Compendium of Quotes, Anecdotes, and Writerly Wisdom from a Dazzling Array of Literary Lights edited by Jon Winokur
American Literary Anecdotes: A Compendium of 1200 Stories and Bon Mots About Writers, Writing, and Publishing edited by Robert Hendrickson
The Writer's Chapbook: A Compendium of Fact, Opinion, Wit, and Advice from the 20th Century's Preeminent Writers edited from The Paris Review Interviews
A Writer's Notebook
Writing Changes Everything: The 627 Best Things Anyone Ever Said About Writing by Deborah Brodie

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Books about Publishing and Selling Books

1001 Ways to Market Your Books by John Kremer
The Complete Guide to Self-Publishing by Tom & Marilyn Ross
Do the Write Things: 7 Steps to Publishing Success by Kwame Alexander
Get Your First Book Published and Make It a Success by Jason Shinder
Guerrilla Marketing for Writers: 100 Weapons for Selling Your Work by Jay Conrad Levinson, Rick Frishman, & Michael Larsen
How to Be Your Own Literary Agent: The Business of Getting Your Book Published by Richard Curtis
Smart Self-Publishing: An Author's Guide to Producing a Marketable Book by Linda and Jim Salisbury
Write the Perfect Book Proposal: 10 That Sold and Why by Jeff Herman and Deborah Levine Herman

Books about Reading

For the Love of Books: 115 Celebrated Writers on the Books They Love Most by Ronald B. Shwartz
How Reading Changed My Life by Anna Quindlen
How to Read and Why by Harold Bloom
Literary Trivia: Fun and Games for Book Lovers by Richard Lederer and Michael Gilleland
Lost Classics: Writer on Books Loved and Lost, Overlooked, Under-read, Unavailable, Stolen, Extinct, or Otherwise Out of Commission edited by Michael Ondaatje, Michael Redhill, Esta Spalding, and Linda Spalding
The Reader's Quotation Book: A Literary Companion edited by Steven Gilbar
Ruined by Reading: A Life in Books by Lynne Sharon Schwartz
Woman Who Love Books Too Much by Brenda Knight

Other Cool Writing Related Books and Things

The Observation Deck: A Toolkit for Writers by Naomi Epel
The Pocket Muse: ideas & inspirations for writing by Monica Wood
Room to Write: Daily Invitations to a Writer's Life by Bonni Goldberg
The Workshop: Seven Decades of the Iowa Writers' Workshop edited by Tom Grimes
A Writer's Book of Days: A Spirited Companion & Lively Muse for the Writing Life by Judy Reeves
the Writer's Workshop in a Box: the ultimate tool to begin your writing life edited by Sandra Bark
The Writer's Desk by Jill Krementz (Photos of writer's desks)