

What If Writing Exercises For Fiction Writers Anne Bernays

Every life is an unfolding story and how individuals tell their story matters. Recent Stanford and Columbia University studies showed that how we view the story of our lives shapes the life itself. Who are the heroes and villains? Where does the plot twist and how are conflicts resolved? Whether we are considering how a job was lost, a relationship clicked, or a dream deferred, we have the ability to empower ourselves or turn ourselves into hapless victims. Kim Schneiderman knows the power of story as both a therapist and a writer. Her clients often tell their stories in ways that keep them stuck but when they employ the storytelling techniques here, they view their lives as works in progress, become powerful narrators, and understand big picture storylines in ways that allow them to easily develop their own character, shape their actions and relationships, and create fulfilling happy endings.”

You already have the tools to become a gifted writer; what you need is the spark. Harvard creative writing professor and acclaimed author Bret Anthony Johnston brings you an irresistible interactive guide to the craft of narrative writing. From developing characters to building conflict, from mastering dialogue to setting the scene, *Naming the World* jump-starts your creativity with inspiring exercises that will have you scrambling for pen and paper. Every chapter is a master class with the country’s most eminent authors, renowned editors, and dedicated teachers. • Infuse emotion into your fiction with three key strategies from Margot Livesey. • Christopher Castellani dumps the “write what you know” maxim and challenges you to really delve into the imagination. • A point-of-view drill from Susan Straight can be just the breakthrough you need to flesh out your story. • Jewell Parker Rhodes shares how good dialogue is not just about what is being said but about what is being left unsaid. Brimming with imaginative springboards and hands-on exercises, *Naming the World* has everything you need to become a stronger, more inventive writer. “A delicious book. Imagine yourself at a cocktail party crammed with literary lions. You have the chance to spend a few moments with each of them. Wit and wisdom abound.” –Julia Cameron, author of *The Artist’s Way* “A highly useful and perceptive book. With charm and intelligence it touches on nearly every teachable aspect of the devilishly difficult art of writing.” –Ethan Canin, professor of creative writing at the Iowa Writers Workshop, and author of *Carry Me Across the Water* “These entertaining and useful exercises, intelligently organized, are a boon for both beginning and experienced writers.” –Andrea Barrett, National Book Award—winning author of *The Air We Breathe* “Forget about getting an MFA! For any writer struggling with his craft, here is the equivalent of a master class in writing by some of the best writer/teachers around.” –Betsy Lerner, author of *The Forest for the Trees: An Editor’s Advice to Writers*

For writers of all levels suffering from writer's block, poet Joselow offers 60 exercises that can work wonders.

A New York Times Notable Book from the winner of the PEN/Malamud Award for Excellence in the Short Story and “one of our most gifted writers” (Chicago Tribune) By turns compassionate, gently humorous, and haunting, this collection—sixteen classics with seven new stories—proves William Maxwell’s assertion that “nobody can touch Charles Baxter in the field that he has carved out for himself.” Whether friends or strangers, the characters in these stories share a desire—sometimes muted and sometimes fierce—to break through the fragile glass of convention. In the title story, a substitute teacher walks into a new classroom, draws an outsized tree on the blackboard on a whim, and rewards her students by reading their fortunes using a Tarot deck. In each of the stories we see the delicate tension between what we want to believe and what we need to believe. “A warmly disposed yet unsentimental chronicler of American lives ... Some [stories are] poignant and disturbing, and all of them highly readable.” —The New York Times Book Review

Elegantly repackaged, *The Morning Pages Journal* is one of *The Artist’s Way’s* most effective tools for cultivating creativity, personal growth, and change. Now more compact and featuring spiral binding to make for easier use, these Morning Pages invite you to do three pages daily of longhand writing, strictly stream-of-consciousness, which provoke, clarify, comfort, cajole, prioritize, and synchronize the day at hand. This daily writing, coupled with the twelve-week program outlined in *The Artist’s Way*, will help you discover and recover your personal creativity, artistic confidence, and productivity. *The Artist’s Way Morning Pages Journal* includes an introduction by Julia Cameron, complete instructions on how to use the Morning Pages and benefit fully from their daily use, and inspiring quotations that will guide you through the process.

Whether you’re a self-published author, traditionally published or just starting out writing your first book, there are dozens of obstacles standing between you and six-figure success as an author. Wouldn’t it be helpful if you knew ahead of time what those obstacles will be and how to overcome them quickly and easily? In *Secrets of the Six-Figure Author* you will learn the 12 key obstacles every author must face and how to blast through them without breaking a sweat.

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.

What If? is the first handbook for writers based on the idea that specific exercises are one of the most useful and provocative methods for mastering the art of writing fiction. With more than twenty-five years of experience teaching

creative writing between them, Anne Bernays and Pamela Painter offer more than seventy-five exercises for both beginners and more experienced writers. These exercises are designed to develop and refine two basic skills: writing like a writer and, just as important, thinking like a writer. They deal with such topics as discovering where to start and end a story; learning when to use dialogue and when to use indirect discourse; transforming real events into fiction; and finding language that both sings and communicates precisely. What If? will be an essential addition to every writer's library, a welcome and much-used companion, a book that gracefully borrows a whisper from the muse.

BEST GIFT IDEA 2018 - SPECIAL PRICE- Normally \$16.95 (WHILE STOCKS LAST) Creative Writing Prompts Are you ready for new challenges guaranteed to help you improve your creativity, writing and conceptual skills in just a few short hours? With 365 creative writing prompts, you can. Remove yourself from your comfort zone, and start to explore the uncharted paths to finding new and improved writing styles to benefit you. 365 creative writing prompts is guaranteed to be the perfect writing companion.

New Creative Writing Prompts

The most widely used and respected book on writing fiction, Writing Fiction guides the writer from first inspiration to final revision. Supported by an abundance exercises, this guide/anthology explores and integrates the elements of fiction while offering practical techniques and concrete examples. A focus on the writing process in its entirety provides a comprehensive guide to writing fiction, approaching distinct elements in separate chapters while building on what has been covered earlier. Topics include free-writing to revision, plot, style, characterization, dialogue, atmosphere, imagery, and point of view. An anthology of diverse and contemporary short stories followed by suggestions for discussion and writing exercises, illustrates concepts while offering variety in pacing and exposure to this increasingly popular form. The book also discusses key issues including writing workshops, using autobiography as a basis for fiction, using action in stories, using dialogue, and maintaining point of view. The sixth edition also features more short short stories than any previous edition and includes quotation boxes that offer advice and inspirational words from established writers on a wide range of topics--such as writing from experience, story structure, openings and endings, and revision. For those interested in developing their creative writing skills.

101 Creative Writing Exercises takes you on an adventure through the world of creative writing. Explore different forms and genres by experimenting with fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction. Discover effective writing concepts, tools, and techniques. Create projects you can publish. Ideal for new and experienced writers alike, this book will enlighten and inspire you with exciting new ideas. Freewriting Journaling and Memoir Fiction and Storytelling Form Poetry and Free Verse Article and Blog Writing By Melissa Donovan, Founder and Editor of Writing Forward, a critically acclaimed blog packed with creative writing tips and ideas

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Do you have an idea that you're burning to get down on paper? Do you want to document your travels to far-flung places, or write a few stanzas of poetry? Whether you dream of being a novelist, a travel writer, a poet, a playwright or a columnist, Creative Writing For Dummies shows you how to unlock your creativity and choose the genre of writing that suits you best. Walking you through characterisation, setting, dialogue and plot, as well as giving expert insights into both fiction and non-fiction, it's the ideal launching pad to the world of creative writing. Creative Writing For Dummies covers: Part I: Getting started Chapter 1: Can Everyone Write? Chapter 2: Getting into the Write Mind Chapter 3: Finding the Material to work with Part II: The Elements of Creative Writing Chapter 4: Creating Characters Chapter 5: Discovering Dialogue Chapter 6: Who is telling the story? Chapter 7: Creating your own world Chapter 8: Plotting your way Chapter 9: Creating a Structure Chapter 10: Rewriting and editing Part III: Different Kinds of Fiction Writing Chapter 11: Short stories Chapter 12: Novels Chapter 13: Writing for children Chapter 14: Plays Chapter 15: Screenplays Chapter 16: Poetry Part IV: Different kinds of Non-fiction writing Chapter 17: Breaking into journalism - Writing articles/ magazine writing Chapter 18: Writing from life and autobiography Chapter 19: Embroidering the facts: Narrative non-fiction Chapter 20: Exploring the world from your armchair - Travel writing Chapter 21: Blogging – the new big thing Part V: Finding an audience Chapter 22: Finding editors/ publishers/ agents Chapter 23: Becoming a professional Part VI: Part of Tens Chapter 24: Ten top tips for writers Chapter 25: Ten ways to get noticed

An authorised reissue of the long out of print classic textbook, Advanced Calculus by the late Dr Lynn Loomis and Dr Shlomo Sternberg both of Harvard University has been a revered but hard to find textbook for the advanced calculus course for decades. This book is based on an honors course in advanced calculus that the authors gave in the 1960's. The foundational material, presented in the unstarred sections of Chapters 1 through 11, was normally covered, but different applications of this basic material were stressed from year to year, and the book therefore contains more material than was covered in any one year. It can accordingly be used (with omissions) as a text for a year's course in advanced calculus, or as a text for a three-semester introduction to analysis. The prerequisites are a good grounding in the calculus of one variable from a mathematically rigorous point of view, together with some acquaintance with linear algebra. The reader should be familiar with limit and continuity type arguments and have a certain amount of mathematical sophistication. As possible introductory texts, we mention Differential and Integral Calculus by R Courant, Calculus by T Apostol, Calculus by M Spivak, and Pure Mathematics by G Hardy. The reader should also have some experience with partial derivatives. In overall plan the book divides roughly into a first half which develops the calculus (principally the differential calculus) in the setting of normed vector spaces, and a second half which deals with the calculus of differentiable manifolds.

Infuse your lyrics with sensory detail! Writing great song lyrics requires practice and discipline. Songwriting Without Boundaries will help you commit to routine practice through fun writing exercises. This unique collection of more than 150 sense-bound prompts helps you develop the skills you need to: • tap into your senses and inject your writing with vivid details • effectively use metaphor and comparative language • add rhythm to your writing and manage phrasing Songwriters, as well as writers of other genres, will benefit from this collection of sensory writing challenges. Divided into four sections, Songwriting Without Boundaries features four different fourteen-day challenges with timed writing exercises, along with examples from other songwriters, poets, and prose writers.

A collection of personal writing exercises and commentary from some of today's best novelists, short story writers, and writing teachers, including Jill McCorkle, Amy Bloom, Robert Olen Butler, Steve Almond, Jayne Anne Phillips, Virgil Suarez, Margot Livesay, and more. What's the secret behind the successful and prolific careers of critically acclaimed novelists and short story writers Amy Bloom, Steve Almond, Jayne Anne Phillips, Alison Lurie, and others? Divine assistance? Otherworldly talent? An unsettlingly close relationship with the Muse? While the rest of us are staring at blank sheets of paper, struggling to come up with

a first sentence, these writers are busy polishing off story after story and novel after novel. Despite producing work that may seem effortless, all of them have a simple technique for fending off writer's block: the writing exercise. In *Now Write!*, Sherry Ellis collects the personal writing exercises of today's best writers and lays bare the secret to their success. - In "The Photograph," Jill McCorkle divulges one of her tactics for handling material that takes plots in a million different directions; - National Book Award-nominee Amy Bloom offers "Water Buddies," an exercise for writers practicing their craft in workshops; - Steve Almond, author of *My Life in Heavy Metal* and *Candyfreak*, provides a way to avoiding purple prose in "The Five-Second Shortcut to Writing in the Lyric Register"; - and eighty-three more of the country's top writers disclose their strategies for creating memorable prose.

Complemented by brief commentary from the authors themselves, the exercises in *Now Write!* are practical and hands-on. By encouraging writers to shamelessly steal proven techniques that have yielded books which have won National Book Awards, Pulitzers, and Guggenheim grants, *Now Write!* inspires the aspiring writer to write now.

Be inspired. Be creative. Be a writer. *Practical Creative Writing Exercises* will guide you through the exciting world of creative writing. Experiment with genre and theme using a wide variety of exercises, prompts and tools. Whether you are new to writing or more experienced, this book will awaken your imagination and renew your inspiration. *Practical Creative Writing Exercises* to suit everyone. Choose from: Dramatic Situations Abstract Exercises Idea-generating Prompts Visual Exercises Story Starters and Story endings. Whether you want to write fiction, prose or poetry, this book will help you to discover your creativity and lose yourself in the adventure of writing. Banish procrastination and start writing now. About The Author Grace Jolliffe's first novel, *Piggy Monk Square*, was shortlisted for the Commonwealth New Writers Prize and broadcast on RTE's *Book on One*. Her writing is published in literary magazines as well as broadcast on TV and radio. Grace used to teach scriptwriting and creative writing to keep her in teabags and electricity. Following a serious accident, she gave up teaching and now shares her knowledge on her writer's website: www.practicalcreativewriting.com Now very much recovered, Grace lives on Galway's Wild Atlantic Way surrounded by rocks, stones and roads to nowhere.

A distinctive collection of more than 90 effective poetry-writing exercises combined with corresponding essays to inspire writers of all levels.

Some students just don't want to share intimate details about their thoughts, feelings and lives—at least, not with others in a class or group. That's where *Unjournaling* comes in. All the writing prompts in this book are entirely impersonal but completely engaging for both kids and adults. Two examples of the 200 writing prompts include: Write a paragraph about a girl named Dot, but use no letters with a dot (in other words, no i or j). Why on earth would Yankee Doodle stick a feather in his cap and call it "macaroni"? Come up with a plausible explanation. The book includes sample responses to all of the questions—a helpful tool for anyone who gets stuck with a topic and wants to see how it can be done! Grade 7-Adult

"Barbara Abercrombie, an author and creative writing instructor at UCLA Extension, offers 365 days' worth of guidance for writers seeking to warm up, stretch, and build creative muscle"--Provided by publisher.

Aspiring doctors have medical school. Karate students have belts of different colors. Pianists have scales and arpeggios. But what system do writers have for getting and staying "in shape," to help them focus, practice, and make progress? *A Writer's Workbook* is Caroline Sharp's ingenious collection of exercises to inspire, encourage, warm up, and jump-start anyone who writes. A wise and funny friend who will cheerlead you through even your darkest can't-write days and "every idea I've ever had is awful" nights, she provides encouraging suggestions, hilarious observations, and an amazingly vivid catalogue of writers' neuroses (with advice on overcoming them, of course). From "Roget's Resume" and "Emulating Ernest" to "End Well," "The Rewrite Rut," and "Dear John," the exercises in this generous, wry workbook will keep your ideas fresh, your mind open, and your pen moving.

Never have writer's block again. *5,000 Writing Prompts* is an essential resource for novelists, short story writers, screenwriters, poets, creative writing teachers, bloggers, memoir writers, improv actors, and other creators and storytellers. It includes... 150 plot ideas for each of these genres: fantasy, science fiction, mystery, romance, young adult, historical fiction, and general fiction hundreds of other master plots from classic fiction and mythology hundreds of dialogue, character, and setting prompts 100 poetry exercises hundreds of prompts for personal writing and journaling 500 blog post ideas ...and much more From the author of *Master Lists for Writers*, this comprehensive book is filled with inspiration. Let it spark your imagination and remind you that your creative possibilities are truly endless.

Good writing skills and habits are critical for scholarly success. Every article is a story, and employing the techniques of effective storytelling enhances scholars' abilities to share their insights and ideas, increasing the impact of their research. This book draws on the tools and techniques of storytelling employed in fiction and non-fiction writing to help academic writers enhance the clarity, presentation, and flow of their scholarly work, and provides insights on navigating the writing, reviewing, and coauthoring processes.

A surprisingly simple way for students to master any subject--based on one of the world's most popular online courses and the bestselling book *A Mind for Numbers* *A Mind for Numbers* and its wildly popular online companion course "Learning How to Learn" have empowered more than two million learners of all ages from around the world to master subjects that they once struggled with. Fans often wish they'd discovered these learning strategies earlier and ask how they can help their kids master these skills as well. Now in this new book for kids and teens, the authors reveal how to make the most of time spent studying. We all have the tools to learn what might not seem to come naturally to us at first--the secret is to understand how the brain works so we can unlock its power. This book explains: • Why sometimes letting your mind wander is an important part of the learning process • How to avoid "rut think" in order to think outside the box • Why having a poor memory can be a good thing • The value of metaphors in developing understanding • A simple, yet powerful, way to stop procrastinating Filled with illustrations, application questions, and exercises, this book makes learning easy and fun.

For more than thirty years Natalie Goldberg has been challenging and cheering on writers with her books and workshops. In her groundbreaking first book, she brings together Zen meditation and writing in a new way. Writing practice, as she calls it, is no different from other forms of Zen practice—"it is backed by two thousand years of studying the mind." This thirtieth-anniversary edition includes new forewords by Julia Cameron and Bill Addison. It also includes a new preface in which Goldberg reflects on the enduring quality of the teachings here. She writes, "What have I learned about writing over these thirty years? I've written fourteen books, and it's the practice here in *Bones* that is the foundation, sustaining and building my writing voice, that keeps me honest, teaches me how to endure the hard times and how to drop below discursive thinking, to taste the real meat of our minds and the life around us."

Create a healthier and happier life by treating yourself with compassion rather than shame. Imagine a graph with two lines. One indicates happiness, the other tracks how you feel about your body. If you're like millions of people, the lines do not intersect. But what if they did? This practical, inspirational, and visually lively book shows you the way to a sense of well-being attained by understanding how to love, connect, and care for yourself—and that includes your mind as well as your body. Body Kindness is based on four principles. WHAT YOU DO: the choices you make about food, exercise, sleep, and more HOW YOU FEEL: befriending your emotions and standing up to the unhelpful voice in your head WHO YOU ARE: goal-setting based on your personal values WHERE YOU BELONG: body-loving support from people and communities that help you create a meaningful life With mind and body exercises to keep your energy spiraling up and prompts to help you identify what YOU really want and care about, Body Kindness helps you let go of things you can't control and embrace the things you can by finding the workable, daily steps that fit you best. It's the anti-diet book that leads to a more joyful and meaningful life.

In *Your First Novel*, novelist Laura Whitcomb and seasoned literary agent Ann Rittenberg team up to provide you with the skills you need to write your dream novel and the savvy business know-how to get it published. In this all-in-one resource, you'll discover essential novel-writing techniques, such as: • How to best structure your research so that you can save time later • How to card your story before you start writing • What to consider when developing your cast of characters • How to adapt classic story structures to fit your own ideas ...and insider information on what it takes to get published, including: • What agents do at those three-hour power lunches—and how it affects you • What makes an agent instantly reject a manuscript • How to correctly translate submission guidelines • What happens if you get multiple offers—or no offers at all Plus, learn about the publishing process from the firsthand accounts of such noted authors as Dennis Lehane, Kathryn Harrison, Jim Fusilli, Kathleen George, and others!

This beloved book by E. B. White, author of *Stuart Little* and *The Trumpet of the Swan*, is a classic of children's literature that is "just about perfect." Illustrations in this ebook appear in vibrant full color on a full-color device and in rich black-and-white on all other devices. Some Pig. Humble. Radiant. These are the words in Charlotte's Web, high up in Zuckerman's barn. Charlotte's spiderweb tells of her feelings for a little pig named Wilbur, who simply wants a friend. They also express the love of a girl named Fern, who saved Wilbur's life when he was born the runt of his litter. E. B. White's Newbery Honor Book is a tender novel of friendship, love, life, and death that will continue to be enjoyed by generations to come. It contains illustrations by Garth Williams, the acclaimed illustrator of E. B. White's *Stuart Little* and Laura Ingalls Wilder's *Little House* series, among many other books. This classic guide, from the renowned novelist and professor, has helped transform generations of aspiring writers into masterful writers—and will continue to do so for many years to come. John Gardner was almost as famous as a teacher of creative writing as he was for his own works. In this practical, instructive handbook, based on the courses and seminars that he gave, he explains, simply and cogently, the principles and techniques of good writing. Gardner's lessons, exemplified with detailed excerpts from classic works of literature, sweep across a complete range of topics—from the nature of aesthetics to the shape of a refined sentence. Written with passion, precision, and a deep respect for the art of writing, Gardner's book serves by turns as a critic, mentor, and friend. Anyone who has ever thought of taking the step from reader to writer should begin here.

The Art of Writing Fiction guides the reader through the processes of creative writing from journal-keeping to editing, offering techniques for stimulating creativity and making language vivid. Readers will master key aspects of fiction such as structure, character, voice and setting. Andrew Cowan provides an insightful introduction that brings his own well-crafted prose style to bear on the processes and pleasures of writing fiction, offering practical and personal advice culled from his own experience and that of other published writers. He lays open to the reader his own notes, his writing, and the experiences from his own life that he has drawn on in his fiction allowing the reader to develop their own writing project alongside the author as they go through the book. If you have writer's block, or are having difficulty writing, then this book should help you beat back whatever is blocking you, get you writing and keep you writing. The exercises in this book--there are over 70 of them--will help you move beyond your block, and write, write, write. If you feel as if you are stuck in a prisoner's block, then consider this book a set of tools baked in a cake and delivered to your cell. They will help you break out of the block, so you will be free to write again. If you use the tools in this book and put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard, letters will appear. And some of those letters will form words. And some of those words will form sentences. And some of those sentences will form paragraphs. And so on and so on... And here you thought you were blocked! So get ready to buckle down and write!

In a clear and lively style, with rich literary references from classic and contemporary fiction, Novakovich teaches you how to: uncover ideas worth writing about; evoke a vivid sense of place and time; invent believable characters for your fiction; support your story with strong organization and structure; tell your story from the best viewpoint; direct your dramatic action; open and close with power and grace; choose expressive details; write with a commanding narrative voice; and transform your first draft into finished, polished fiction. At the end of each chapter, a dozen or more unique writing exercises (each with a clear "objective statement" to focus your efforts) will help you put what you learn into action, while exploring new ideas, approaches and genres. After you complete each exercise, "check" questions will help you review what you've done - so that you may revise or rewrite. Encouraging real improvement over negative self-criticism, Novakovich helps you gain a more productive sense of where you can write one more line that will add life to what you already have down - or where you can delete a line that may obscure your readers' view. He helps you develop day-to-day self-discipline. And perhaps most important, he respects and encourages your development of personal style. "I will give you a lot of advice", he says, "but you need not take it". As a writer, Novakovich knows that the strongest fiction emerges from your own choices and directions. *Fiction Writer's Workshop* gives you clear, firsthand understanding of the elements of fiction . . . so you can make more informed choices and your fiction more successful.

At the age of forty-five, Deborah Tobola returns to her birthplace, San Luis Obispo, to work in the very prison her father worked in when he was a student at Cal Poly. But she's not wearing a uniform as he did; she's there to teach creative writing and manage the prison's arts program—a dream job. As she creates a theatre program for prisoners, Tobola finds plenty of drama off the stage as well. Inside the razor wire she finds a world frozen in the '50s, with no contact with the outside except by telephone; officers who think prisoners don't deserve programs; bureaucrats who want to cut arts funding; and inmates who steal, or worse. But she loves engaging prisoners in the arts and helping them discover their voices: men like Opie, the gentleman robber; Razor, the roughneck who subscribes to *The New Yorker*; charismatic Green Eyes, who really has blue eyes; Doo Wop, a singer known for the desserts he creates from prison fare. Alternating between tales of creating drama in prison and Tobola's own story, *Hummingbird in Underworld* takes readers on an unforgettable literary journey—one that is frank, funny, and fascinating.

An essential to any writer's library, *What If?* is comprised entirely of specific exercises intended to help the reader master the art of writing

fiction. The exercises isolate the various elements of fiction - dialogue, plot, characterization, point-of-view, etc. - and present specific problems to solve through writing. Directed toward both beginners and professional writers, this book addresses topics such as discovering where to start and end a story; learning when to use dialogue and when to use indirect discourse; transforming real events into fiction; and finding language that both sings and communicates precisely. For those interested in writing fiction.

Get the Knowledge Without the College! You are a writer. You dream of sharing your words with the world, and you're willing to put in the hard work to achieve success. You may have even considered earning your MFA, but for whatever reason--tuition costs, the time commitment, or other responsibilities--you've never been able to do it. Or maybe you've been looking for a self-guided approach so you don't have to go back to school. This book is for you. DIY MFA is the do-it-yourself alternative to a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing. By combining the three main components of a traditional MFA--writing, reading, and community--it teaches you how to craft compelling stories, engage your readers, and publish your work. Inside you'll learn how to:

- Set customized goals for writing and learning.
- Generate ideas on demand.
- Outline your book from beginning to end.
- Breathe life into your characters.
- Master point of view, voice, dialogue, and more.
- Read with a "writer's eye" to emulate the techniques of others.
- Network like a pro, get the most out of writing workshops, and submit your work successfully.

Writing belongs to everyone--not only those who earn a degree. With DIY MFA, you can take charge of your writing, produce high-quality work, get published, and build a writing career.

I love to hear it when people are doing new and creative therapeutic writing approaches - which yours clearly is . - James Pennebaker, Professor and Chair, Department of Psychology, Univ of Texas at Austin, Looking for inspiration? Would a more positive perspective on your life be beneficial? Would you like to rediscover empowering memories and clarify your dreams? And how about saying goodbye to writer's block and generating new material for your memoir or fiction? Write For Recovery is derived from the field of creative writing and uses the same type of exercises that are taught to inspire fiction writers, but redesigned in order to be geared toward healing.

With Take Ten for Writers, it's never been easier to get creative! Each of the 100 exercises in this jam-packed inspirational resource comes with 10 different variables, so every exercise can be done 10 unique times with 10 very different results. That's 1,000 flash writing exercises to keep your pen moving! This exciting follow-up to author Bonnie Neubauer's best-selling Write-Brain Workbook offers even more original prompts to help you: Get into the habit of writing without the burden of weighty expectations--write for the pure fun of it. Write fast in ten-minute bursts without over-thinking or over-editing your work--no self-censoring allowed! Learn how to weave details into your writing to paint a more realistic, tactile picture with your words--be specific and write with intent. Celebrate your writing accomplishments without comparing your work to that of others--every piece you finish is an achievement to be acknowledged! Whether you're a fiction or nonfiction writer, poet, artist, teacher, student, scrapbooker, or lover of words, Take Ten for Writers can help unleash your own writing passion. With 1,000 exercises guaranteed to get the words flowing, you'll come back to the book again and again to stay motivated, get fresh ideas, and keep writer's block at bay for good!

Ursula K. Le Guin generously shares the accumulated wisdom of a lifetime's work.

Written by the founder of the Complete Creative Writing Course at London's Groucho Club, this activity-based guide walks you through the process of developing and writing in a wide range of genres including novels, short stories and creative nonfiction. The book includes writing prompts, exercises, mind maps, flow charts and diagrams designed to get your ideas flowing. You'll get expert guidance into character development, plot structure and prose, plus extensive insight into self-editing and polishing your work whether you're a new writer with a seed of an idea you would like to develop, or are looking to strengthen your creative writing skills.

The essential handbook for writers of whodunits, techno- thrillers, cozies, and everything in between--featuring never-before- published personal writing exercises from some of today's bestselling and award-winning mystery writers. Now Write! Mysteries, the fourth volume in the acclaimed Now Write! writing guide series, brings together numerous bestselling authors--including winners of and nominees for the Edgar, Hugo, and Shamus awards--for the definitive guide to writing mysteries, thrillers, and suspense stories. Now Write! Mysteries teaches you everything you've ever wanted to know about crafting a page-turning mystery--from creating a believable detective hero (or terrifying villain), to using real-life cutting-edge investigative techniques to bring your story to life--with practical exercises taken directly from the pros: Discover the best techniques for seamlessly integrating action into your story with John Lutz, New York Times--bestselling author of Urge to Kill, Night Kills, and Serial. Learn how to fine-tune your sense of place and setting with Louise Penny, New York Times--bestselling author of the Armand Gamache mysteries. Take advice from Lorenzo Carcaterra, author of Sleepers and writer/producer for Law & Order, on how to compose a scene that lives up to your character's backstory. Let Marcia Talley, Agatha- and Anthony-winning author of the Hannah Ives mysteries, show you how to build a memorable, engaging detective. (Hint: It's not about making him flawless.) Others included are: Simon Brett, Hallie Ephron, Meg Gardiner, Peter James, Christopher G. Moore, Michael Sears, and many others. No other mystery-writing guide offers the road tested wisdom of so many award-winners and bestselling authors in one place.

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