

Fantastic Websites for Authors

The Writing Process

[Behind the Name](#) – This is a wonderful resource for naming characters. Ever need a name but you just can't think of one that works? Try the Random Renamer feature. You're sure to find one you like... eventually. Learn the meaning and related names and namesakes. Read a scale rating of peoples' impressions of these names. Explore the sister site that is invaluable for writers searching to find the perfect last names. <https://surnames.behindthename.com/>

Masterlists/Masterposts - Looking for a giant list of links and/or things centered around a topic? These can be found anywhere; just do an online search for them. There are Jobs Masterlists, Hobbies Masterlists, etc. These are perfect for helping to fill out character sheets.

Generators – Just like the Masterlists, these can be found by searching. Try a plot generator, archetype generator, acronym generator. Any of these lists can be used to get over writer's block. [Here](#) is a masterpost of generators, just to make things interesting.

[NaNoWriMo](#) – This writing contest only lasts a month in November but it can be a wonderful learning experience or the push to finish your first draft. Either way, it's a fun month with a ton of great writing resources provided.

[Write or Die](#) – Allows you to set a time goal, word goal, or both. You can choose between Reward mode, Encouragement mode, and Punishment mode. The free version is great. The \$30 version just allows you to download for offline use.

[Pinterest](#) – Useful for finding helpful articles and infographics.

[Tumblr](#) – This is a gold mine of Masterlists, from medical terminology all the way to how your *characters* can get away with murder. However, it is also a black hole of procrastination. Use with caution.

Publishing

[The Write Life](#) - If you are looking for a way to make money from your short story writing, check this list of 23 potential submission sites.

[The Write Practice](#) – This website is full of helpful articles and sheets to inspire you to get writing. They host a quarterly writing contest, which is so much fun!

[Wattpad](#) – This is a great way to get your story out there. You can receive feedback with their easy, line by line, commenting system. People have even received publishing deals via Wattpad!

[Reedsy](#) – This recent find allows you to connect with editors, publishers, and even illustrators. They also have a weekly short story writing contest, but be sure to investigate the weekly prompts email.

[Authors Publish Magazine](#) – This is an online magazine that sends publishing opportunities right to your inbox, both for short stories and long manuscripts.

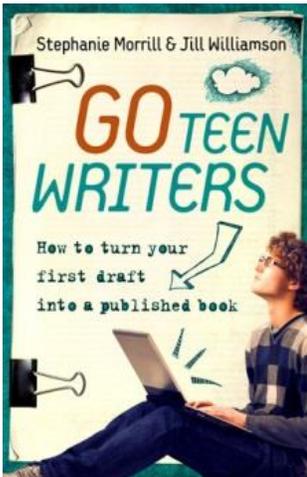
Blogs

[Go Teen Writers](#) – An online blog that gives excellent writing advice, written by a group of amazing female writers.

[Procrastinating Writers Blog](#) - For writers who struggle with motivation.

[The Procrastiwriter](#) - For writers who still struggle with motivation.

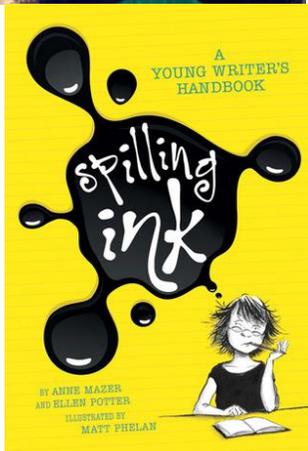
Books (available in the WGSS Libr@ry)



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Go Teen Writers: How to Turn Your First Draft into a Published Work

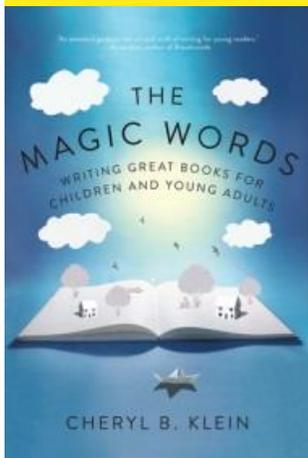
by Stephanie Morrill and Jill Williamson



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Spilling Ink: A Young Writer's Handbook

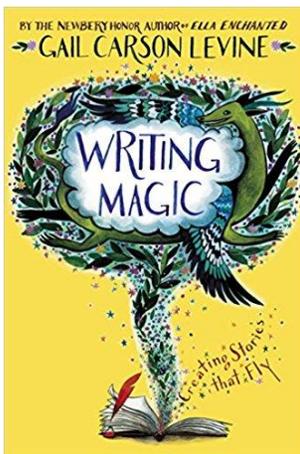
by Anne Mazer and Ellen Potter



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The Magic Words: Writing Great Books for Children and Young Adults

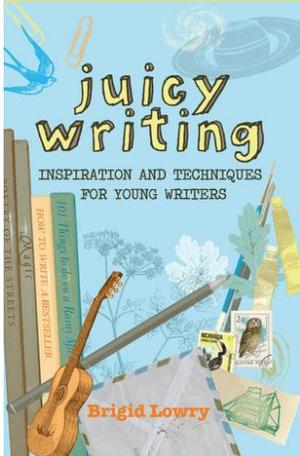
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Writing Magic: Creating Stories that Fly

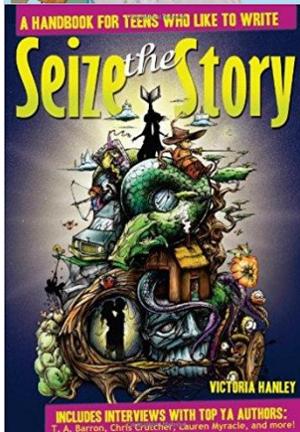
By Gail Levine



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Juicy Writing: Inspiration and Techniques for Young Writers

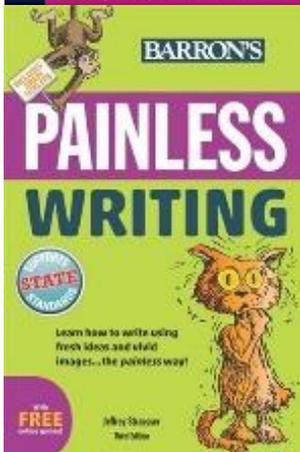
By Brigid Lowry



808.02 HAN

Seize the Story: a handbook for teens who like to write

By Victoria Hanley



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Painless Writing

By Jeffrey Strausser