

# The 16th Annual 101 Best Websites for Writers



Help us celebrate our most definitive annual list yet—a breadth of resources for scribes of all types.

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The phrase *Sweet 16* conjures up images of celebration, and we are reveling in a Sweet 16 of our own: WD's 16th annual 101 Best Websites for Writers—our most festive list yet.

Each year we scour the Web and comb through a bevy of nominations submitted by the writing community to spotlight the best websites catering to writers. We've narrowed down the list to a carefully chosen mix of sites that have earned a place in our rankings because of their abundance of useful resources. Some sites have regained their spots after time away, while newcomers (whose numbers are circled in dark gray) make their grand debuts. All are meant to provide you with excellent information, inspiration and advice—so you can spend less time hunting online and more time doing what you love: *writing*.

For easy reference, the list is divided into nine sections: Creativity, Writing Advice, Everything Agents, General Resources, Publishing/Marketing Resources, Jobs and Markets, Online Writing Communities, Genres/Niches and Just for Fun. We've also included symbols for a glimpse at what each site offers: advice for writers, classes/workshops/conferences, contests, critique sections,

e-newsletters/RSS feeds, forums, content for young writers, job listings that pay, markets for your work and a Twitter feed. To continue the fête, we've highlighted a "Best of the Best" in each category—a site that's deserving of a closer look from virtually every writer.

Join us in the festivities with this essential roundup of useful resources to keep your career moving forward. To help us celebrate, all you have to do is look on the next page.

## Key to Symbols & Abbreviations

- ✓ Advice for Writers
- 🍎 Classes/Workshops/Conferences
- ★ Contests
- 👍 Critiques
- 💬 Forums
- \* For Young Writers
- 📡 E-Newsletter/RSS
- 💰 Jobs
- 📍 Markets
- 🐦 On Twitter
- # First Appearance on Our List

# CREATIVITY (1-5)

## 1. Creativity Portal



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[creativity-portal.com](http://creativity-portal.com)

Spark your imagination with the Creativity Portal. Alongside how-to articles and exercises focused on brainstorming ideas for your work, check out this site's Imagination Prompt Generator, Travel Adventure Writing Prompts and 100 Creativity Interviews sections.



## 2. Six-Word Memoirs



[sixwordmemoirs.com](http://sixwordmemoirs.com)

Everyone has a story to tell—and sometimes it only takes six words to do it. Register for free and submit your pint-sized tale for a chance to be featured on the site's homepage.

## 3. The Story Starter



[thestorystarter.com](http://thestorystarter.com)

Now with more than 100 billion (!) random opening lines packed into this database, The Story Starter renders enough ideas to jump-start your short stories, novels, scripts and more. Kids can try The Story Starter, Jr. ([thestorystarter.com/jr.htm](http://thestorystarter.com/jr.htm)), which generates more than 170,000 additional story openers.

## 4. The Writer's Journey Roadmap with author

Laura Davis



[lauradavis.net/roadmap](http://lauradavis.net/roadmap)

Bestselling nonfiction author Laura Davis posts a weekly prompt on her site based on quotes by well-known scribes. Writers can post their responses in the comment section of each prompt or just get

inspired to continue their writing journey on their own time.

## 5. Writing Prompts

[writingprompts.tumblr.com](http://writingprompts.tumblr.com)

If your imagination runs on visual fuel, head over to Writing Prompts on the popular Tumblr platform. Here, you'll find writing prompts alongside stunning graphic images and photos to ignite your creativity.

# WRITING ADVICE (6-26)

## 6. Daily Writing Tips



[dailywritingtips.com](http://dailywritingtips.com)

Get tips on fiction, freelance writing, grammar, style and more online, or become a Pro Member (\$9.90 monthly) to receive these tips plus daily exercises, courses and info on online writing jobs.

## 7. Evil Editor

[evileditor.blogspot.com](http://evileditor.blogspot.com)

This humorous site dishes out tough-love advice on crafting queries, synopses and the beginning chapters of a book.

## 8. Grammar Girl

[quickanddirtytips.com/grammar-girl](http://quickanddirtytips.com/grammar-girl)

Grammar Girl Mignon Fogarty takes on difficult grammar dilemmas that trip up even the most seasoned experts. Check out her podcasts, or read her tips on punctuation, word usage and developments on the English language.

## 9. Helping Writers

[become authors](http://helpingwritersbecomeauthors.com)

Historical and speculative fiction author K.M. Weiland uses her blog to mentor other authors on novel writing. Navigate the site to explore hundreds of posts divided among five sections: Characters, Writing Life, Writing

Inspiration, Structuring Your Novel and Editing Your Novel.

## 10. Inkygirl

[inkygirl.com](http://inkygirl.com)

Children's author and illustrator Debbie Ridpath Ohi offers tips and inspiration for writers of all levels through how-to articles, author interviews and humorous comics on the writing life. Be sure to also follow Ohi's highly active Twitter feed.

## 11. Jane Friedman



[janefriedman.com](http://janefriedman.com)

WD contributing editor Jane Friedman helps writers build their platforms with informative interviews, guest blog posts and more. Search the Free Advice For Writers segment for archived tips on everything from writing basics to pitching your novel to agents.

## 12. Jason Allen Ashlock



[jasonashlock.tumblr.com](http://jasonashlock.tumblr.com)

Movable Type Management president and The Rogue Reader co-founder Jason Allen Ashlock helps authors and organizations find fresh approaches to publishing. His blog offers the latest news and trends in the industry as well as his overall take on publishing, focusing mainly on multimedia prospects.

## 13. McCarthy Digital



[mccarthy-digital.com](http://mccarthy-digital.com)

Book marketer Peter McCarthy shares his expertise on how publishers and writers can stay ahead of the game by incorporating strategic innovation through online advertising and social media.

## 14. Nathan Bransford



[blog.nathanbransford.com](http://blog.nathanbransford.com)

Both a published author *and* a former literary agent, Nathan Bransford offers a balanced position on publishing. Join

the site's forum and get direct feedback from Bransford on various facets of the industry.

**15. A Newbie's Guide to Publishing** ✓ 📧 🐦

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**jakonrath.blogspot.com**

If you're wondering how to break in and become a successful genre writer, bestselling thriller author J.A. Konrath offers his brutally honest opinion on how to do just that—whether by traditional publishing or self-publishing. His end-of-the-year Konrath's Publishing Predictions are usually eerily accurate.



**16. No Rules, Just Write!** ✓ 🍎 📧 🐦

**norulesjustwrite.com**

*New York Times* bestselling writer CJ Lyons shares her experience as a hybrid author (one who both traditionally and self-publishes). Check out her popular Frequently Asked Questions About Publishing section ([norulesjustwrite.com/category/faq](http://norulesjustwrite.com/category/faq)) to begin your journey on the path to publishing success.

**17. Plot Whisperer for Writers and Readers** ✓ 🍎 📧 🐦

**plotwhisperer.blogspot.com**

Writing instructor Martha Alderson helps you tackle your biggest plot problems with useful and practical advice. Sign up for her e-zine and receive free monthly plot tips in your inbox.

**18. Predators & Editors** ✓ ⭐ 🗣️ 💰

**pred-ed.com**

Protect yourself against scams.

Predators & Editors offers the help you need to bypass publishing scams and fraudulent organizations.

**19. The Shatzkin Files** ✓ 📧 🐦

**idealog.com**

For the past 50 years, Mike Shatzkin has worked in many roles in the publishing industry: author, agent, book-seller and marketing director. On *The Shatzkin Files*, he presents his vast knowledge of the industry to authors in clear, easy-to-follow posts.

**20. Storyfix** ✓ 📧 🐦

**storyfix.com**

Get the scoop on what it takes to get your book published with instructor Larry Brooks' no-nonsense guide to character development, story structure and other writing topics.

**21. terribleminds** ✓ 🍎 📧 🐦

**terribleminds.com/ramble/blog**

Easily offended? Then this probably isn't the site for you. Author Chuck Wendig doles out unadulterated advice on the ins and outs of publishing.

**22. WordServe Water Cooler** ✓ 📧 🐦

**wordservewatercooler.com**

This community of agented authors (all represented by WordServe Literary) shares tips and tricks of the trade to help other authors reach their publishing goals.

**23. WOW! Women on Writing** ✓ 🍎 🗣️ ⭐ 📧 🐦

**wow-womenonwriting.com**

Helping to stimulate creativity throughout all the stages of the writing process, WOW! is an e-zine devoted to raising the standards of the writing community. Be sure to click on the Resources tab for a collection of handy author sites, books for writers, critique groups and more.

**24. Writer Beware** ✓ 📧

**accrispin.blogspot.com**

Though co-founder A.C. Crispin passed away in 2013, *Writer Beware* lives on with co-founder and author Victoria Strauss and contributor Michael Capobianco. This watchdog group tracks and exposes scammers, keeping writers up to date on the latest schemes and hoaxes in publishing.

**25. Writer Unboxed** ✓ 📧 🐦

**writerunboxed.com**

A staple on the 101 list, *Writer Unboxed* enlists top experts in the field, including journalists and bestselling fiction authors, to dole out business and craft advice to aspiring writers.

**26. Writers In the Storm** ✓ 📧 🐦

**writersinthestorm.wordpress.com**

Writers must weather every storm in the writing process, from deadlines to rejection to self-doubt. This blog helps you do just that with inspiring, encouraging articles and guest posts to support you on your journey.

**EVERYTHING AGENTS (27-36)**

**27. Adventures in Agentland** ✓ ⭐ 📧 🐦

**adventuresinagentland.blogspot.com**

Bradford Literary Agency's Natalie M. Lakosil runs this fun, energetic blog and answers writers' questions about queries and submissions.

**28. Babbles from Scott Eagan** ✓ 📧 🐦

**scotteagan.blogspot.com**

Scott Eagan, founder of Greyhaus Literary Agency, cranks out a bevy of posts each week on subjects ranging from query revision to building your social media presence.

### 29. The Blabbermouth Blog

[theblabbermouthblog.com](http://theblabbermouthblog.com)

Headed by agent Linda Epstein of The Jennifer De Chiara Literary Agency, this blog is a great first stop for writers who want advice on tried-and-true topics such as crafting the first pages of a book and agent preferences on submissions.

### 30. Carly Watters, Literary Agent

[carlywatters.com](http://carlywatters.com)

Carly Watters of P.S. Literary Agency instructs readers on important subjects such as synopsis writing and how to offer a critique, and also keeps readers abreast of her own clients' successes.

### 31. Dystel & Goderich Literary Management

[dystel.com](http://dystel.com)

Dystel & Goderich is a large agency with a great number of agents writing for their blog. Not only do they share insight and opinions on the industry, they also frequently link to excellent articles writers can enjoy.

### 32. Literary Carrie

[literarycarrie.blogspot.com](http://literarycarrie.blogspot.com)

Carrie Pestritto of Prospect Agency addresses unusual but helpful subjects on publishing and writing and loops in the opinions of others. Pestritto works with many new writers and explains the process from her end—which can help scribes understand what it takes to be a good client.

### 33. QueryTracker

[querytracker.net](http://querytracker.net)

As far as free online resources for writers go, QueryTracker is among the best. The site helps you seek agents and publishers and tracks your submissions' progress. Be sure to also check out the accompanying blog for publishing tips.



### 34. Rachelle Gardner

[rachellegardner.com](http://rachellegardner.com)

A mainstay on our annual list, agent Rachelle Gardner of Books & Such Literary Management shares helpful advice on all facets of writing—from craft to business to the future of the industry.

### 35. Rapid-Progressive: The Blog

[victoriamarini.com/rapid-progressive-the-blog.html](http://victoriamarini.com/rapid-progressive-the-blog.html)

We're not sure Victoria Marini ever takes a break. An agent at Gelfman Schneider Literary Agency/ICM Partners, she speaks at conferences, sells books and runs an instructive blog on writing—Rapid-Progressive. Soak up her enthusiasm and words of wisdom.

### 36. SlushPile Hell

A self-proclaimed "grumpy literary agent" vents about query mistakes and submission pet peeves on this blog. If nothing else, it teaches you everything *not* to do when querying.

## GENERAL RESOURCES (37–41)

### 37. Author Media

Author Media is all about helping authors promote themselves online, offering easy, step-by-step tutorials. Visit its blog for tips on blogging, platform building and more.

### 38. BabyNames.com

[babynames.com](http://babynames.com)

Coming up with names for your characters is no simple task, but BabyNames.com makes it a little easier. The site not only provides a comprehensive resource of thousands of names with origins and meanings, it also has a Tips for Writers section dedicated to character naming.

### 39. The Review Review

[thereviewreview.net](http://thereviewreview.net)

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If you're looking for literary venues for your work but are intimidated by the vast number of journals available, then head to The Review Review. Read reviews of the latest issues of a wide selection of mags before submitting your work.



### 40. ShawGuides

Attending a writing conference or retreat is a great way to meet industry experts and other writers to broaden your circle of connections. With ShawGuides, search thousands of domestic and international conferences to help you travel to your writing destination.

### 41. United States Copyright Office

Protect yourself and your work by learning everything about copyrights. Look up definitions, search frequently asked questions and stay up to date on fees.

## PUBLISHING/ MARKETING RESOURCES (42–51)

### 42. The Book Designer



[thebookdesigner.com](http://thebookdesigner.com)

Need help with self-publishing your work? Visit this site for a slew of resources including articles on book planning and marketing and helpful information for indie authors on the importance of creating great designs for their books.

### 43. Bosacks

[bosacks.com](http://bosacks.com)

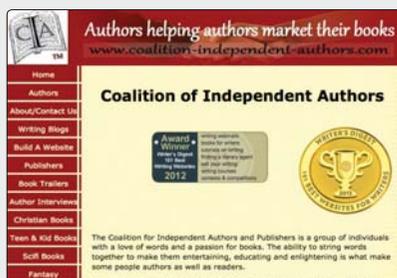
For more than four decades, media guru Bob Sacks has been sharing poignant industry news alongside his fair-minded commentary through his e-newsletters. Sign up for his popular mailings, and don't forget to check his daily blog posts on book and magazine publishing.

### 44. The Coalition of Independent Authors and Publishers

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[coalition-independent-authors.com](http://coalition-independent-authors.com)

Created by a group of self-published writers, The Coalition of Independent Authors and Publishers offers a place for independent authors to promote their books (fees range from free to \$30 a year). Join this supportive community of writers and get the exposure you need for your work.



### 45. The Creative Penn



[thecreativepenn.com](http://thecreativepenn.com)

Though fairly new to publishing, independent author Joanna Penn has a keen perspective on the industry. Visit her site for her blog posts on the writing life and podcast interviews with agents, authors, publishers and book marketers.

### 46. The Independent Publishing Magazine



[theindependentpublishingmagazine.com](http://theindependentpublishingmagazine.com)

With the constant changes in the industry, this online magazine has narrowed its focus to independent and self-publishing. Founder and Editor Mick Rooney offers an excellent source of news and developments in the industry, as well as his consulting services (check site for pricing).

### 47. Marian Schembari



[marianlibrarian.com](http://marianlibrarian.com)

Marian Schembari, who successfully used a Facebook ad to land a job as an associate publicist at Jane Wesman Public Relations in 2009, gives advice on publicizing your work via social media.

### 48. Mashable

[mashable.com](http://mashable.com)

Read Mashable daily to stay ahead of the curve on social and digital media, technology and the Web.

### 49. Publetariat

[publetariat.com](http://publetariat.com)

Run by self-publisher April L. Hamilton (author of *The Indie Author Guide*, from WD Books), this online news hub is specifically for small, independent presses and self-published authors. Check out the Write and Sell sections for tips on craft and platform building, respectively.

### 50. Seth's Blog

[sethgodin.typepad.com](http://sethgodin.typepad.com)

Bestselling author and entrepreneur Seth Godin has mastered the skill of self-marketing and promotion. He shares his expertise and insight with daily blog posts.

### 51. WriterCube

[bookmarketingdb.com](http://bookmarketingdb.com)

Search this free database of more than 20,000 listings of marketing resources for writers, including bloggers, book designers, literary magazines and other media contacts.

## JOBS & MARKETS (52–59)

### 52. All Indie Writers



[allindiewriters.com](http://allindiewriters.com)

Formerly All Freelance Writing, this site allows you to browse its writing directories for free to find leads on new paying freelance jobs. Search by category or specific markets.

### 53. Ed2010

[ed2010.com](http://ed2010.com)

Learn the secrets of the trade from these young magazine editors who offer writing advice as well as opportunities to meet other magazine professionals in your area. Be sure to scope the Whisper Jobs section, too, for both freelance and full-time magazine jobs as well as internship postings.

### 54. Freelance Writing Jobs



[freelancewritinggigs.com](http://freelancewritinggigs.com)

Check out the latest freelance gigs—including those originally appearing on Craigslist, Dice and other online venues—daily on this useful site.

## 55. Freelance Writing Organization-Int'l



[fwointl.com](http://fwointl.com)

For easy access, download this site's free writing resources toolbar and get instant access to thousands of job listings and resources, as well as info on writing grants.

## 56. Funds For Writers



[fundsforwriters.com](http://fundsforwriters.com)

Author C. Hope Clark supplies information on fellowships, grants, contests and other monetary opportunities for writers.

## 57. JournalismJobs.com



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[journalismjobs.com](http://journalismjobs.com)

Journalists and reporters, unite! As one of the largest and most-visited resources for journalism jobs, this site is your one-stop shop for full-time, part-time and freelance job listings. Filter your search by specific industry, position, location or status to find your next gig.



## 58. The Market List



[marketlist.com](http://marketlist.com)

If you're looking to publish genre fiction, this site is for you. The Market List specializes in magazine and book listings, agents and other resources for writers of young adult, mysteries, science fiction and more.

## 59. Mediabistro



[mediabistro.com](http://mediabistro.com)

Mediabistro remains a top resource for

freelancers, keeping them up to date with the latest scoop on industry news, workshops, contests and job offerings.

## ONLINE WRITING COMMUNITIES (60–68)

### 60. Absolute Write



[absolutewrite.com](http://absolutewrite.com)

With nearly 60,000 members (and counting), the Absolute Write Water Cooler is a terrific forum where advice and discussion flow freely. And many of the members have experience in freelancing, book publishing and editing—so you'll be in good company.

### 61. Critique Circle \*

[critquecircle.com](http://critquecircle.com)

All ages and experience levels are welcome to this highly active online community. Here you'll find writers of all genres and tools to track submissions, measure manuscript progress, generate characters and more.

### 62. Critters Workshop



[critters.org](http://critters.org)

Andrew Burt, a former vice president of the Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of America, founded this site as a critique group for serious writers in the genre. Still focused mainly on sci-fi, fantasy and horror, Critters Workshop is now a hub where almost any writer in any genre can benefit and improve his craft.

### 63. MoonTownCafe.com



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[moontowncafe.com](http://moontowncafe.com)

Billed as a social networking site that caters mostly to poets, MoonTownCafe.com allows you to create your own free My Café account to connect with other writers and share your poetry. The site is

## Beyond the 101: The Writer's Digest Family of Sites

[WritersDigest.com](http://WritersDigest.com)

For everything writing-related, check out WD's online hub of free articles and downloads. Make it your virtual writing home for useful craft tips, practical career advice, creativity-sparking prompts and more.

[WritersMarket.com](http://WritersMarket.com)

Along with 9,000-plus market listings updated daily, subscribers receive submission trackers, articles, industry updates and more. Annual, six-month and monthly paid subscriptions are available.

[WritersDigestUniversity.com](http://WritersDigestUniversity.com)

Get one-on-one instruction from professional authors in the comfort of your own home. WDU classes start year-round and cover everything from grammar to novel writing to marketing.

[WritersDigest.com/editor-blogs](http://WritersDigest.com/editor-blogs)

Get the writing advice you need with a friendly, authoritative voice. Our family of WD bloggers has you covered, ranging from staff-led discussions of writing and publishing to poetry, agent news and more.

[DigitalBookWorld.com](http://DigitalBookWorld.com)

DBW offers year-round education, networking and resources, online and off, for publishing professionals and their partners.

[ScriptMag.com](http://ScriptMag.com)

Script Magazine is a vital online resource in the screenwriting world—delivering essential advice and must-read news on craft, spec-scripts, film festivals, how to make it in Hollywood and more.

also filled with contests, free poems, YouTube videos and more.



**64. My Writers Circle** [mywriterscircle.com](http://mywriterscircle.com)

Join My Writers Circle, and submit your material to the workshop section to receive straightforward and helpful feedback from fellow scribes.

**65. National Novel Writing Month** [nanowrimo.org](http://nanowrimo.org)

Take part in the annual NaNoWriMo challenge in November by churning out a 50,000-word novel, or partake in Camp NaNoWriMo ([campnanowrimo.org](http://campnanowrimo.org))—lighter versions of the challenge held in April and July. Use these sites to connect with other participants and to track your book's progress with the online word counters.

**66. Review Fuse** [reviewfuse.com](http://reviewfuse.com)

Give and you shall receive: For every four reviews of others' works you complete, you get three back. And no one but those with a free membership to the site can access those reviews, as all critiques are done behind the privacy of a wall.

**67. Scribophile** [scribophile.com](http://scribophile.com)

Scribophile is a free writing group that works on a karma points system. Members earn points by critiquing the works of others; they can then spend those points to post their own work to garner feedback. Be sure to also check

out the forums and blog for writing tips and tricks.

**68. The Young Writers Society** [youngwriterssociety.com](http://youngwriterssociety.com)

The Young Writers Society is a free online community for scribes in their pre-teens to early 20s, with the mission to "promote creative writing as a pastime." Five new works that receive the most "likes" within 24 hours are displayed on the site's homepage—a nice incentive.

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**CHILDREN'S/YA**

**69. Adventures in YA Publishing** [childrenspublishing.blogspot.com](http://childrenspublishing.blogspot.com)

This group of YA authors helps make the trek to publishing success easier with advice for writers in the genre. Posts cover finding an agent, landing book deals and more.

**70. Rachelle Burk's Resources for Children's Writers** [resourcesforchildrenswriters.blogspot.com](http://resourcesforchildrenswriters.blogspot.com)

Famed children's author Rachelle Burk shares hundreds of links to articles for children's writers. Find resources on everything from publishing tips to techniques for networking with other authors.

**71. Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators** [scbwi.org](http://scbwi.org)

If you write children's books, then this site is a must, with information on grants, awards, conferences and more specific to the genre. While most of the info is available to nonmembers, signing up for an SCBWI membership (\$95

for the first year, \$80 per year after that) grants access to the bimonthly magazine *The SCBWI Bulletin*, discussion forums and info on the genre's markets, publishers and agents.



**72. YA Highway** [www.yahighway.com](http://www.yahighway.com)

Take a drive on the YA Highway and join this union of young adult authors on a road trip to writing success. Make a pit stop on the site's Publishing Road Map for tips on setting and world building, choosing the right point of view, landing book deals and much more.

**FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION**

**73. Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of America** [sfwa.org](http://sfwa.org)

A paid membership to this organization (\$70–110, with the requirement of being published in the genre) grants access to the site's forums and personal support from SFWA. But content on the latest sci-fi news, book releases, writing tips and more is available for free to nonmembers.

**FREELANCE**

**74. FreelanceWriting** [freelancewriting.com](http://freelancewriting.com)

Founded in 1997, FreelanceWriting helps writers become profitable freelancers by showcasing more than a thousand articles on perfecting the craft, from business writing to copywriting to querying magazines.

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## 75. Make a Living Writing



[makealivingwriting.com](http://makealivingwriting.com)

Award-winning writer Carol Tice shares her expertise on the best ways to make a successful career as a freelancer. Have a specific question? Ask it in the Answers to 100 Freelance Questions—including Yours section, and Tice will answer directly in the comments section.

## 76. The Renegade Writer



[therenegadewriter.com](http://therenegadewriter.com)

Take the calculated risk of throwing out the rulebook of freelance writing and do what's best for you with help from renegades Linda Formichelli (author of WD's Conference Scene column) and Diana Burrell.

## HORROR

### 77. Dark Markets



[darkmarkets.com](http://darkmarkets.com)

Write horror, but find it difficult to track down markets in your genre? Dark Markets makes that task much easier: The online hub features literary magazines, e-zines, book publishers, anthologies and contests exclusively for horror writers.

### 78. Horror Writers

[Association](http://horror.org/writetips.htm) ✓

[horror.org/writetips.htm](http://horror.org/writetips.htm)

Get tips on boosting your craft with the bounty of helpful articles and links from the Horror Writers Association. Consider a paid membership (\$21–115, open to writers at all levels) and get special access to members-only markets, the discussion forums and the twice-monthly newsletter.

## MYSTERY/CRIME

### 79. Jungle Red Writers



[jungleredwriters.com](http://jungleredwriters.com)

Described as “The View’ with bod-

ies,” seven crime fiction authors (many of them bestselling) serve up all things writing related—and do it with a side of sass.

### 80. Mystery Writers of America

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[mysterywriters.org](http://mysterywriters.org)

Join this community of mystery authors (\$95 yearly) and get special access to the organization's *The Third Degree* newsletter, discounts to numerous entertainment venues, admission to the MWA University one-day conference and more. Nonmembers can access info on classes and contests for free.

## POETRY

### 81. Poetry Daily

[poems.com](http://poems.com)

Poetry Daily features a new poem from recent books and literary journals daily, with a year's worth of previous content archived for easy browsing. Sign up for the free weekly e-newsletter for the scoop on up-and-coming poets, special editorial features and poetry reviews.

### 82. Poetry Foundation



[poetryfoundation.org](http://poetryfoundation.org)

Spearheaded by *Poetry* magazine, this independent organization celebrates the best in American poetry, past and present. The site offers an abundance of resources including craft advice, podcasts, content for children, and Harriet, a blog that features special guest poets on a monthly rotation.

### 83. Poetry Society of

[America](http://poetrysociety.org) ✓

[poetrysociety.org](http://poetrysociety.org)

Check out the official site of the Poetry Society of America to stay current on annual poetry contests, awards and fellowships. The organization is also behind the poetic initiatives Poetry in Motion and Poem in Your Pocket Day.

### 84. Poets.org

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[poets.org](http://poets.org)

The Academy of American Poets' official website includes a poetry map to help you find poets, events and writing programs in your surrounding area. Receive a new poem by a contemporary poet daily by signing up for the e-newsletter.

### 85. THEthe Poetry

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[thethepoetry.com](http://thethepoetry.com)

Taking its name from a line in Wallace Stevens' poem “The Man on the Dump,” THEthe Poetry blog is a forum for poetic ideas, exploring poetic aspects in fiction, nonfiction, music, film and visual art. The blog is driven by a core community of friends who see poetry in everyday life.

## ROMANCE

### 86. Romance Divas

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[romancedivas.com](http://romancedivas.com)

Romance authors and divas Jax Cassidy and Kristen Painter are here to help you get serious about writing and publishing romance—and to have fun while doing it. The forum provides a community of support to those in the genre, offering advice on all aspects of the field.

### 87. Romance University



[romanceuniversity.org](http://romanceuniversity.org)

Need hands-on training in crafting romance? Romance University offers free online lectures three days a week: Crafting Your Career (Monday), Anatomy of the Mind (Wednesday) and Chaos Theory of Writing (Friday) to help aspiring romance writers succeed in the genre.

### 88. Romance Writers of

[America](http://America) ✓

[rwa.org](http://rwa.org)

Join a community of more than 10,200 romance writers and find the latest news and resources on the genre. Many of the features on the RWA site are free to browse, but a membership (\$95 annually) is required to access the

forum and info on scholarships and other funds.

**SCREENWRITING**

**89. John August** ✓ 📶 🐦  
[johnaugust.com](http://johnaugust.com)

Screenwriter John August, who's written numerous movies (including the Tim Burton projects *Big Fish* and *Frankenweenie*), shares his expertise on the craft and business on his minimalist yet visually stunning blog. He also produces a podcast series called Scriptnotes with screenwriter Craig Mazin; the most recent 20 episodes are available for free on the site.

**90. MovieBytes** ★ 📶 🗺️ 🐦  
[moviebytes.com](http://moviebytes.com)

Get the latest info on screenwriting markets and contests on MovieBytes. Subscribe to the e-newsletter to have those listings sent directly to your inbox.

**91. The Script Lab** ✓ 📶 🐦  
[thescriptlab.com](http://thescriptlab.com)

The Script Lab is a comprehensive screenwriting resource, from the basics of the craft to breaking into the field. The site also provides downloadable links to full scripts of recent award-winning movies.

**SPIRITUAL**

**92. Mormon Mommy Writers** ✓ 📶  
[mormonmommywriters.blogspot.com](http://mormonmommywriters.blogspot.com)

This group of Mormon authors (many of them published), who are also mothers, share their inspiring commentary on the writing life with like-minded individuals.

**93. Seekerville** ✓ 🍏 ★ 📶 🐦  
[seekerville.blogspot.com](http://seekerville.blogspot.com)

Seek a spiritual boost and support from (who else?) The Seekers, a league of 13 published Christian writers who offer encouragement and information on the writing process.

**THRILLER**

**94. International Thriller Writers** 🍏 ★ 📶 🐦  
[thrillerwriters.org](http://thrillerwriters.org)

As the premier association for writers of thrillers, ITW has more than 1,500 members who represent 22 countries, including *New York Times* bestselling authors James Patterson, R.L. Stine and Catherine Coulter. Sign up to receive its free monthly e-zine, *The Big Thrill*, to get the latest scoop on the genre, author interviews and more. Be sure to check out its annual ThrillerFest event (see Conference Scene on Page 64 for details).

**95. The Kill Zone** ✓ 📶  
[killzoneauthors.blogspot.com](http://killzoneauthors.blogspot.com)

Get insider industry perspectives from 11 of today's hottest thriller writers, including James Scott Bell (a regular *WD* contributor), Jordan Dane and PJ Parrish.

**96. Murder By 4** ✓ 📶  
[murderby4.blogspot.com](http://murderby4.blogspot.com)

These authors (who mostly post about thrillers but are open to discuss just about any genre) have joined forces to share their writing lives openly and honestly on this forum. Murder By 4 includes the latest industry news, writing tips, book reviews and more.

**JUST FOR FUN (97-101)**

**97. Bo's Café Life** 📶  
[boscafelife.wordpress.com](http://boscafelife.wordpress.com)

Get a daily jolt of laughter from Bo's Café Life, a comic strip by Wayne E. Pollard (who crafts *WD*'s Furst Draft comic, Page 12) on the novel writing life.

**98. BookMooch** 🗨️  
[bookmooch.com](http://bookmooch.com)

Here's how BookMooch, a book swapping program, works: List the books you want to swap, receive requests from others for your books, mail those books

and receive points, then ask for books from other members with your earned points. It's a great way to keep your bookshelf fresh!

**99. DailyLit** 📶 🐦  
[dailylit.com](http://dailylit.com)



Want to read a lengthy book but can't find the time to do it? Then sign up for DailyLit to receive free daily installments, via email, of classic and contemporary works of literature such as *Anna Karenina* and *Little Brother*.



**100. Literary Rejections on Display** 📶 🐦  
[literaryrejectionsondisplay.blogspot.com](http://literaryrejectionsondisplay.blogspot.com)

Literary Rejections on Display posts anonymous query rejections from magazines, agents and book publishers sent by readers. This highly entertaining site is for any writer looking for a better outlet to cope with dismissals from industry experts.

**101. Wordsmith** 📶  
[wordsmith.org](http://wordsmith.org)

If you're a logophile (that is, a lover of words), sign up for Wordsmith's A.Word.A.Day e-newsletter to expand your vocabulary and discover new locutions to impress your writerly colleagues and friends. **WD**

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