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**Writing Unforgettable Characters** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

"Help! My plot drags, sags, and has no heart!" This looks like a job for Plotman! Yes, solving your plot problems is why the superhero of story came to Earth. His mission? To give practical, easy-to-apply answers to the most vexing plot questions writers face, such as: - How do I plan a plot if I'm not a plot planner?- Does my plot need a prologue?- What if I hit a plot wall?- What if my plot is getting away from me?- Why ins't my plot more gripping at the start?- Why is my overall plot dull?- What should I do if my plot is implausible?- Do I really need to think about plot structure?- How do I deepen the emotional impact of my plot?- What's the best way to plug a plot hole?- How do I keep my plot from ending with a thud?And more! With bonus material on how to find and utilize beta readers; and several plot generating methods you can put to use at any time. Whether used as a reference guide or refresher course, this book will strengthen your storytelling muscles and help you elevate every novel you write. Because Plotman, along with his faithful sidekick Subplot Boy, has sworn to uphold plot, story, and the bestselling way.

**Faithful** Simon and Schuster

Type Hard. Type Fast. Make Dough. That was the formula of old-school pulp fiction-plot-driven, popular and gobbled up by a reading public hungry for more. And it produced many writers who hammered out a living selling "cash-and-carry" stories and novels. Some of these writers were among the best America has ever produced. Writers like Raymond Chandler, Dashiell Hammett and John D. MacDonald. Others are numbered among the bestselling authors of all time, including Erle Stanley Gardner, Lester Dent, and Frederick Faust (better known by his pen name, Max Brand). What were the secrets of these successful pulp writers? And how can any writer, of any genre, use them to produce fiction that sells? How to Write Pulp Fiction will teach you: - how to be more prolific - the secrets of pulp plotting - how to elevate your pulp prose - the fiction "formulas" of some of the best pulp writers of all time - the bestselling genres - how to harness the power of the series character - the most effective publishing strategies - how to market your pulp fiction Added bonus! The Start-A-Plot Machine, a brainstorming partner that will help you instantly generate a story or novel idea. You'll never again wonder what to write next. There has never been a better time to be a writer. By tapping into the vibe of the pulp writers of old, and making use of the tools of publication available now, any hard-working writer has a serious shot at realizing steady income from their fiction.

"James Scott Bell is my go-to writing guru!" - Terri Blackstock, New York Times bestselling writer

**Bad Luck and Trouble** Enrich Spot Limited

Winner of the 1974 National Book Award “A screaming comes across the sky. . .” A few months after the Germans’ secret V-2 rocket bombs begin falling on London, British Intelligence discovers that a map of the city pinpointing the sexual conquests of one Lieutenant Tyrone Slothrop, U.S. Army, corresponds identically to a map showing the V-2 impact sites. The implications of this discovery will launch Slothrop on an amazing journey across war-torn Europe, fleeing an international cabal of military-industrial superpowers, in search of the mysterious Rocket 00000, through a wildly comic extravaganza that has been hailed in The New Republic as “the most profound and accomplished American novel since the end of World War II.”

**The Shaving of Shagpat** Simon and Schuster

A "heartbreaking, heartwarming" (Heidi McLaughlin, New York Times bestselling author) love story that asks the question: what do you do when your soul mate marries your best friend? If you're Kate Evans, you keep your friend Rachel, bond with her kids, and bury your feelings for her husband. The fact that Shane's in the military and away for long periods helps-but when tragedy strikes, everything changes. After Rachel, pregnant with her fourth child, dies in a car accident and the baby miraculously survives, Kate upends her entire life to share parenting duties. Then on the first anniversary of Rachel's death, Kate and Shane take comfort in each other in a night that they both soon regret. Shane's been angry for a year, and now he feels guilty too - for sleeping with his wife's best friend and liking it . . . liking her. Kate's ability to read him like a book may have once sent Shane running, but their lives are forever entwined and they are growing closer. Now with Shane deployed for seven months, Kate is on her own and struggling with being a single parent. Shane is loving and supportive from thousands of miles away, but his homecoming brings a betrayal Kate never saw coming. So Kate's only choice is to fight for the future she deserves - with or without Shane. . .

**Rich Man, Poor Man** Alfred Music Publishing

From the New York Times bestselling author of The Marriage of Opposites and The Dovekeepers comes a soul-searching story about a young woman struggling to redefine herself and the power of love, family, and fate. Growing up on Long Island, Shelby Richmond is an ordinary girl until one night an extraordinary tragedy changes her fate. Her best friend's future is destroyed in an accident, while Shelby walks away with the burden of guilt. What happens when a life is turned inside out? When love is something so distant it may as well be a star in the sky? Faithful is the story of a survivor, filled with emotion—from dark suffering to true happiness—a moving portrait of a young woman finding her way in the modern world. A fan of Chinese food, dogs, bookstores, and men she should stay away from, Shelby has to fight her way back to her own future. In New York City she finds a circle of lost and found souls—including an angel who's been watching over her ever since that fateful icy night. Here is a character you will fall in love with, so believable and real and endearing, that she captures both the ache of loneliness and the joy of finding yourself at last. For anyone who's ever been a hurt teenager, for every mother of a daughter who has lost her way, Faithful is a roadmap. Alice Hoffman's “trademark alchemy” (USA TODAY) and

her ability to write about the “delicate balance between the everyday world and the extraordinary” (WBUR) make this an unforgettable story. With beautifully crafted prose, Alice Hoffman spins hope from heartbreak in this profoundly moving novel.

*Write Your Novel from the Middle* Delacorte Press

Every writer has one goal: to sell books and build reader loyalty. So how do you grab readers' interest to buy your book? Whether you're writing a book proposal to pitch to an agent or traditional publisher or you're self-publishing, writing effective back cover descriptions is the key to selling your books. How to Write Back Cover Copy That Sells teaches you these insider publishing secrets:\* Research powerful keywords that search engines and readers will love.\* Test effective keywords on Amazon.\* Write compelling headlines to grab your reader's interest.\* Identify people who will buy your book.\* Write copy highly-targeted toward your two reader groups - consumers and trade buyers.\* Master the art and structure of writing fiction and nonfiction back cover copy.\* Craft an author bio that promotes your expertise. \* Create brilliant sell copy for back covers, blogs, sales catalogs, and promotional blurbs.\* Includes step-by-step writing worksheets to walk you through every stage of the copywriting process. \* And much more....

**Gerald's Game** Open Road Media

Exploring Movie Construction & Production contains eight chapters of the major areas of film construction and production. The discussion covers theme, genre, narrative structure, character portrayal, story, plot, directing style, cinematography, and editing. Important terminology is defined and types of analysis are discussed and demonstrated. An extended example of how a movie description reflects the setting, narrative structure, or directing style is used throughout the book to illustrate building blocks of each theme. This approach to film instruction and analysis has proved beneficial to increasing students' learning, while enhancing the creativity and critical thinking of the student.

**The Elements of Writing** Gardners Books

In a classic work of alternate history, the United States is divided up and ruled by the Axis powers after the defeat of the Allies during World War II. Reissue. Winner of the Hugo Award for Best Novel.

**One Plus One** Bantam

Now a Netflix movie directed by Mike Flanagan (Oculus, Hush) and starring Carla Gugino and Bruce Greenwood. Master storyteller Stephen King presents this classic, terrifying #1 New York Times bestseller. When a game of seduction between a husband and wife ends in death, the nightmare has only begun... “And now the voice which spoke belonged to no one but herself. Oh my God, it said. Oh my God, I am all alone out here. I am all alone.” Once again, Jessie Burlingame has been talked into submitting to her husband Gerald’s kinky sex games—something that she’s frankly had enough of, and they never held much charm for her to begin with. So much for a “romantic getaway” at their secluded summer home. After Jessie is handcuffed to the bedposts—and Gerald crosses a line with his wife—the day ends with deadly consequences. Now Jessie is utterly trapped in an isolated lakeside house that has become her prison—and comes face-to-face with her deepest, darkest fears and memories. Her only company is that of the various voices filling her mind...as well as the shadows of nightfall that may conceal an imagined or very real threat right there with her...

**Heart of the Curiosity** Penguin

Over half a million copies sold: “A tantalizing premise and twists at every turn . . . a sizzling, masterful debut about betrayal and justice” (Samantha M. Bailey, #1 national bestselling author). Optioned by Picture Perfect Federation for development as a film or TV series Sarah Morgan is a successful and powerful defense attorney in Washington D.C. As a named partner at her firm, life is going exactly how she planned. The same cannot be said for her husband, Adam. He’s a struggling writer who has had little success in his career and he tires of his and Sarah’s relationship as she is constantly working. Out in the secluded woods, at the couple’s lake house, Adam engages in a passionate affair with Kelly Summers. But one morning everything changes. Kelly is found brutally stabbed to death and now, Sarah must take on her hardest case yet, defending her own husband, a man accused of murdering his mistress. The Perfect Marriage is a juicy, twisty, and utterly addictive thriller that will keep you turning pages. You won’t see the ending coming . . . guaranteed! “A twisty, compulsive book that will keep you reading all night! Fast-paced with crisp writing and an intriguing plot. Jeneva Rose is one to watch.” —Samantha Downing, #1 international bestselling author of My Lovely Wife “A book to be read in one gulp—this dastardly debut flies to a shocking reveal. I couldn’t put it down; I had to see what happened. Twists galore.” —J.T. Ellison, New York Times–bestselling author of Her Dark Lies

*A Deepness in the Sky* Laurel Leaf

The Voyage of the Dawn Treader sees Edmund and Lucy, along with their priggish cousin Eustace Scrubb, return to Narnia. Once there, they join Caspian's voyage on the ship to find the seven lords who were banished when Miraz took over the throne. As they sail toward Aslan's country at the edge of the world, they come face to face with many dangers and wonders, including the place where dreams come true. They discover that their quest is more than they imagined and that the world's end is only the beginning...

**Intensity** Courier Corporation

Dear Reader, When I got my breast cancer diagnosis, I was immediately inundated with books on Cancer. They terrified me. So, this book...is Not Your Usual Boob. A little informative, a little sarcastic, a little funny—I hope—and a lot real. This is the book I wish I could have read in my time of need. A little bit of what you can expect during your journey, and how to prepare yourself with a healthy mindset and coping skills before they’re needed. The #NoFilter is exactly that...no filter on the front cover—me and all my wonkiness with no photoshop—and it’s what you’ll find inside these

pages—including an F-bomb or five. Because more important than shielding myself is being real with you. You may laugh, you may cry, you may want to punch me in the face...but in the end, remember this. If you ever meet me, I'm hugging you. Because that's me. And more than anything, that is the big reason behind this book. I am still ME. And YOU are still YOU. XO ~ MK Meredith

**The Breakout Novelist** Compendium Press

"Without peer." "Trust me -- it works." "Just the right blend of rigor, encouragement, and fun." "Both useful and a pleasure." "A bounty of usable information." Those are just a handful of raves for *The Elements of Writing* (previously published as *The Big Book of Writing*), the only comprehensive system for writing well. Building on the latest research on learning and the brain, *The Elements* offers a complete apprenticeship on writing. Every skill in this book has been tested in college and high school classrooms, business and nonprofit seminars, and coaching sessions with authors. *The Elements of Writing* is filled with case studies. In each one, a master of writing shows you a "trick of the trade." So this book is really a group effort, with contributions from the ancients (Homer, Aristotle), timeless writers (Shakespeare, Twain, Charlotte Bronte, Crane, Miller, Hemingway, Henry Roth, Robert Penn Warren), modern masters (Capote, Kundera, Caro, Updike, McPhee, Martin Amis, Tom Wolfe, Gladwell, Agassi, O'Brien, and Zadie Smith, Mernissi), historic figures (Lincoln, Martin Luther King), and classic films ("Casablanca," "Vertigo," and "Hannah and Her Sisters"), and more. People in all fields -- high school, higher education, journalism and publishing, business and government -- have discovered the power of this unique system. Whether you're in business, school, government or nonprofit agencies, or journalism/blogging or publishing, *The Big Book* offers a powerful to improve your writing right away. Developed by author and teacher Charles Euchner, *The Elements of Writing* draws lessons from the masters to show the skills and "tricks of the trade" you need to write with clarity and power. *The Elements* also uses the latest research on learning and the brain to help you manage the creative process. Euchner is the author or editor of ten books, most recently the acclaimed "Nobody Turn Me Around: A People's History of the 1963 March on Washington" (Beacon Press, 2010). Euchner has also written a trilogy of the world of modern sports ("Playing the Field," "The Last Nine Innings," and "Little League, Big Dreams"), studies of grassroots politics ("Urban Policy Reconsidered," with Steve McGovern, and "Extraordinary Politics"), and works on regional policy and planning (the two-part "Governing Greater Boston" series).

Darkfever MK Meredith

THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING JACK REACHER SERIES THAT INSPIRED TWO MAJOR MOTION PICTURES AND THE UPCOMING STREAMING SERIES REACHER "Electrifying . . . this series [is] utterly addictive."—Janet Maslin, *The New York Times* From a helicopter high above the California desert, a man is sent free-falling into the night. On the streets of Portland, Jack Reacher is pulled out of his wandering life and plunged into the heart of a conspiracy that is killing old friends . . . and the people he once trusted with his life. Reacher is the ultimate loner—no phone, no ties, no address. But a woman from his old military unit has found him using a signal only the eight members of their elite team would know. Then she tells him a terrifying story about the brutal death of a man they both served with. Soon Reacher is reuniting with the survivors of his team, scrambling to unravel the sudden disappearance of two other comrades. But Reacher won't give up—because in a world of bad luck and trouble, when someone targets Jack Reacher and his team, they'd better be ready for what comes right back at them.

Twenty Years After Open SUNY Textbooks

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • This ebook edition contains a special preview of Dean Koontz's *The Silent Corner*. Past midnight, Chyna Shepard, twenty-six, gazes out a moonlit window, unable to sleep on her first night in the Napa Valley home of her best friend's family. Instinct proves reliable. A murderous sociopath, Edgler Foreman Vess, has entered the house, intent on killing everyone inside. A self-proclaimed "homicidal adventurer," Vess lives only to satisfy all appetites as they arise, to immerse himself in sensation, to live without fear, remorse, or limits, to live with intensity. Chyna is trapped in his deadly orbit. Chyna is a survivor, toughened by a lifelong struggle for safety and self-respect. Now she will be tested as never before. At first her sole aim is to get out alive—until, by chance, she learns the identity of Vess's next intended victim, a faraway innocent only she can save. Driven by a newly discovered thirst for meaning beyond mere self-preservation, Chyna musters every inner resource she has to save an endangered girl . . . as moment by moment, the terrifying threat of Edgler Foreman Vess intensifies.

The Unwanted Wife Penguin

For fans of *Hatchet* and *Island of the Blue Dolphins* comes Theodore Taylor's classic bestseller and Lewis Carroll Shelf Award winner, *The Cay*. Phillip is excited when the Germans invade the small island of Curaçao. War has always been a game to him, and he's eager to glimpse it firsthand—until the freighter he and his mother are traveling to the United States on is torpedoed. When Phillip comes to, he is on a small raft in the middle of the sea. Besides Stew Cat, his only companion is an old West Indian, Timothy. Phillip remembers his mother's warning about black people: "They are different, and they live differently." But by the time the castaways arrive on a small island, Phillip's head injury has made him blind and dependent on Timothy. "Mr. Taylor has provided an exciting story...The idea that all humanity would benefit from this special form of color blindness permeates the whole book...The result is a story with a high ethical purpose but no sermon."—*New York Times Book Review* "A taut tightly compressed story of endurance

and revelation...At once barbed and tender, tense and fragile—as Timothy would say, 'outrageous good.'"—*Kirkus Reviews* \* "Fully realized setting...artful, unobtrusive use of dialect...the representation of a hauntingly deep love, the poignancy of which is rarely achieved in children's literature."—*School Library Journal*, Starred "Starkly dramatic, believable and compelling."—*Saturday Review* "A tense and moving experience in reading."—*Publishers Weekly* "Eloquently underscores the intrinsic brotherhood of man."—*Booklist* "This is one of the best survival stories since *Robinson Crusoe*."—*The Washington Star* · A *New York Times* Best Book of the Year · A *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year · A *Horn Book* Honor Book · An American Library Association Notable Book · A *Publishers Weekly* Children's Book to Remember · A *Child Study Association's* Pick of Children's Books of the Year · *Jane Addams Book Award* · *Lewis Carroll Shelf Award* · *Commonwealth Club of California: Literature Award* · *Southern California Council on Literature for Children and Young People Award* · *Woodward School Annual Book Award* · *Friends of the Library Award*, University of California at Irvine

The Cay Compendium Press

The must-have reference for novel writers! If you're serious about transforming your writing into vibrant, engaging, and marketable fiction, you've found the right book. *The Breakout Novelist* gives you the craft and business know-how you need to make your stories stand out. Veteran literary agent Donald Maass brings together the best innovative and practical information from his previous books and workshops to help you set your novel apart from the competition. Maass shares examples from successful and contemporary writers across all genres to equip you with strategies for crafting compelling fiction—from core elements like character, setting, description, and plot, to more advanced techniques including theme, tension, and suspense. Plus, you'll find over 70 practical exercises to help you evaluate your writing to the breakout level. You'll also learn from Maass's experiences from more than three decades in the publishing industry. Get straight talk from an insider about agents, contracts, industry changes, and how to be the kind of author who builds a successful career book after book. If your goal is to craft powerful stories that capture your audience's attention from the first page to the last, then *The Breakout Novelist* is an indispensable reference.

Super Simple Story Structure Dell

No one had ever looked at her and seen perfection—until now. Delicate, titian-haired Theresa Noble has met her father's associates in the past, but the gorgeous, Italian-born Sandro De Lucci leaves her speechless. Eighteen months into their marriage, however, Sandro has turned to ice. Desperate to escape a relationship that has proven to be as stubbornly passionate as it is cold and hateful, Theresa summons up the courage to ask for a divorce. But before he'll grant her request, Sandro demands something from Theresa: a son. The stalemate sickens her. Never mind that Sandro has yet to introduce Theresa to the large family that means so much to him. Or that Theresa overhears her husband on the phone with a mystery woman. Most damning is that Theresa senses, in Sandro's treatment of her, the behind-the-scenes machinations of Jackson Noble, her cruel father. From the depths of her anxiety, Theresa must seek an empowering truth about the husband who calls her, with such cold affection, his cara, his beloved.

The Little Mermaid and Other Fairy Tales Bantam

The secret lies with the Heart. Born with a magical knack for manipulating emotions, Leodora's only dream is to ensure her talented little sister dances on the biggest, brightest stage in the Republic: *The Curiosity*, a grand old theater of tradition and innovation. After escaping a cruel carnival, Leo secures her sister a place in the *Curiosity's* chorus line, and herself a job as a professional audience member, swaying the crowd's mood with her magic. The girls have a home for the first time in their lives. Then a tragic accident darkens the theater. A greedy businessman begins blackmailing Leo, and financial woes threaten to close the show forever. The *Curiosity's* sole hope lies in a mythical power source hidden beneath the maze-like passages and trapdoors of the theater—the Heart. And Leo's only friend Paxton, nephew of the theater's stagemistress, is the key to finding it. While Leo and Paxton hunt for the Heart, the blackmailer's threats loom larger. Mysterious figures, cryptic clues, and deadly traps hinder the search at every turn. If the friends cannot recover the Heart in time, Leo and her sister will be cast out of the only home they've ever known, and the final curtain will fall on *The Curiosity*. Enter a world reminiscent of *The Greatest Showman*, with a puzzle worthy of *Sherlock Holmes* and *National Treasure*, in this new Steampunk Fantasy from H. L. Burke.

How to Write Dazzling Dialogue David Gaughran

What will take your fiction from good to great? From decent to dazzling? From lackluster to blockbuster? Characters who "jump off the page." Of course plot matters. So does conflict, and scenes, and every other aspect of the fiction craft. But without unforgettable characters, your books will always be less than they could be. Don't let that happen. In *WRITING UNFORGETTABLE CHARACTERS* you'll learn: -How to lay the foundation for a memorable character -How to bond the reader with the main character from the start -The super power of unpredictability -The secrets of grit, wit, and moxie -How to bring your character to life on the page-How and when to reveal backstory -All about arcs and what they truly mean -The key to unforgettable villains-How to make minor characters memorable, too -How to create a great series character And more, PLUS the powerful exercises James Scott Bell has taught in his sold-out writing workshops. No more flat stories! Give your readers what will turn them into career-long fans—characters who jump off the page.