

The Craft Of Revision

"An insightful guide for readers, writers, and instructors from all walks of life," this manifesto and practical guide challenges current models of craft and the writing workshop by showing how they fail marginalized writers, and how cultural expectations inform storytelling (Kirkus Reviews). The traditional writing workshop was established with white male writers in mind; what we call craft is informed by their cultural values. In this bold and original examination of elements of writing--including plot, character, conflict, structure, and believability--and aspects of workshop--including the silenced writer and the imagined reader-- Matthew Salesses asks questions to invigorate these familiar concepts. He upends Western notions of how a story must progress. How can we rethink craft, and the teaching of it, to better reach writers with diverse backgrounds? How can we invite diverse storytelling traditions into literary spaces? Drawing from examples including *One Thousand and One Nights*, *Curious George*, Ursula K. Le Guin's *A Wizard of Earthsea*, and the Asian American classic *No-No Boy*, Salesses asks us to reimagine craft and the workshop. In the pages of exercises included here, teachers will find suggestions for building syllabi, grading, and introducing new methods to the classroom; students will find revision and editing guidance, as well as a

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new lens for reading their work. Salesses shows that we need to interrogate the lack of diversity at the core of published fiction: how we teach and write it. After all, as he reminds us, "When we write fiction, we write the world."

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Donald M. Murray takes a lively and inspiring approach to writing and revision that does not condescend but invites students into the writer's studio.

BEYOND THE FIRST DRAFT supplies the tools to understand and polish every aspect of the novel.

How do you escalate work from good to great, from a manuscript to a published novel? This

comprehensive, accessible book offers not only tips and techniques, but encouragement and motivation.

How often do writers say, "What's wrong, and how do I fix it?" As a writing instructor, novelist, and writing coach, Laurel Yourke realizes that the

number of writers starved for knowledge of craft is

countless. Decades of first-hand experience inspired

BEYOND THE FIRST DRAFT. What makes fiction

work? Revision! And superficial revision only wastes

time. The real transformation begins when the writer

examines and reworks the deep structure of

scenario, scene, and sentence. Analysis,

illustrations, checklists, charts, and exercises help

the writer to diagnose the issues directly pertinent to

a particular manuscript. Of the many writing guides

on the market today, none use this combination of

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myths and tips to promote clarity and practicality. And since revision can feel overwhelming, the book urges writers not only to assess weaknesses, but to capitalize on individual strengths.

The Craft of Revision Holt McDougal

Take your first draft from so-so to sold! You've finished the first draft of your novel--congratulations! Time to have a drink, sit back...and start revising.

But the revision process doesn't have to be intimidating. *Revision and Self-Editing for Publication, Second Edition* gives you the tools and advice you need to transform your first draft into a finished manuscript that agents and editors will fight for. Inside you'll find:

- Self-editing techniques for plot, structure, character, theme, voice, and more that can be applied as you're writing to reduce your revision workload.
- Methods for fine-tuning your first draft into a tight, well-developed piece of literature.
- The Ultimate Revision Checklist, which seamlessly guides you through the revision process, step by step.
- New Chapter! Exercises and techniques for "deepening" your work to engage and excite readers like never before.

Whether you're writing a novel currently or have finished the first draft, *Revision and Self-Editing for Publication, Second Edition* will give you the guidance you need to revise your manuscript into a novel ready to be sold.

Part of a year-long curriculum made up of primary-writing units

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The fifteenth volume in the Art of series takes an expansive view of revision—on the page and in life. In *The Art of Revision: The Last Word*, Peter Ho Davies takes up an often discussed yet frequently misunderstood subject. He begins by addressing the invisibility of revision—even though it's an essential part of the writing process, readers typically only see a final draft, leaving the practice shrouded in mystery. To combat this, Davies pulls examples from his novels *The Welsh Girl* and *The Fortunes*, as well as from the work of other writers, including Flannery O'Connor, Carmen Machado, and Raymond Carver, shedding light on this slippery subject. Davies also looks beyond literature to work that has been adapted or rewritten, such as books made into films, stories rewritten by another author, and the practice of retconning in comics and film. In an affecting frame story, Davies recounts the story of a violent encounter in his youth, which he then retells over the years, culminating in a final telling at the funeral of his father. In this way, the book arrives at an exhilarating mode of thinking about revision—that it is the writer who must change, as well as the writing. The result is a book that is as useful as it is moving, one that asks writers to reflect upon themselves and their writing.

John Brady, editor of *Writer's Digest* and himself an accomplished interviewer, has put together an indispensable guide to the art of questioning. In a

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lively, down-to-earth manner, "The Craft of Interviewing" covers all aspects of the interview process -- getting the interview, doing research, handling the subject face-to-face, hurdling hazards, getting tough, taking notes (on the sly, if need be), taping, dealing with off-the-record types, concluding the interview, verifying it, and writing it up. Brady has also filled the book with a myriad of anecdotes revealing the experiences of some of the best known interviewers of our times. A noteworthy appendix on the history of the interview is included.

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The definitive handbook for the novelist who is ready to revise. This wise and friendly guide shows writers how to turn first-draft manuscripts into the novels of their dreams. A critic, longtime teacher, and award-winning novelist, Sandra

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Scofield illustrates how to reread a work of fiction with a view of its subject and vision, and how to take it apart and put it back together again, stronger and deeper. Scofield builds her explanations around helpful concepts like narrative structure, character agency, and core scenes, using models from classic and contemporary writers. The detailed, step-by-step plan laid out in *The Last Draft* offers invaluable advice to both novice and experienced writers alike. In *Scofield*, they will find a seasoned, encouraging mentor to steer them through this emotional and intellectual journey.

"Revision is the spiritual practice of transformation--of seeing text, and therefore the world, with new eyes. Done well, revision returns us to our original love." In *Living Revision*, award-winning author and teacher Elizabeth J. Andrew guides writers through the writing and revision process. With insight and grace, Andrew asks writers to flex their spiritual muscles, helping them to transform their writing as they in turn transform themselves into more curious and reflective human beings.

Editing is a tricky business. It requires analytical flair and creative panache, the patience of a saint and the vision of a writer. Transforming a manuscript into a book that edifies, inspires, and sells? That's the job of the developmental editor, whose desk is the first stop for many manuscripts on the road to bookdom—a route ably mapped out in the pages of *Developmental Editing*. Author Scott Norton has worked with a diverse range of authors, editors, and publishers, and his handbook provides an approach to developmental editing that is logical, collaborative, humorous, and realistic. He starts with the core tasks of shaping the proposal, finding the hook, and building the narrative or argument, and then turns to the hard work of executing the plan and establishing a style. *Developmental Editing* includes detailed case studies featuring a variety of nonfiction books—election-year polemic,

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popular science, memoir, travel guide—and authors ranging from first-timer to veteran, journalist to scholar. Handy sidebars offer advice on how to become a developmental editor, create effective illustration programs, and adapt sophisticated fiction techniques (such as point of view, suspense, plotting, character, and setting) to nonfiction writing. Norton's book also provides freelance copyeditors with a way to earn higher fees while introducing more creativity into their work lives. It gives acquisitions, marketing, and production staff a vocabulary for diagnosing a manuscript's flaws and techniques for transforming it into a bestseller. And perhaps most importantly, *Developmental Editing* equips authors with the concrete tools they need to reach their audiences.

Since 1995, more than 150,000 students and researchers have turned to *The Craft of Research* for clear and helpful guidance on how to conduct research and report it effectively. Now, master teachers Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams present a completely revised and updated version of their classic handbook. Like its predecessor, this new edition reflects the way researchers actually work: in a complex circuit of thinking, writing, revising, and rethinking. It shows how each part of this process influences the others and how a successful research report is an orchestrated conversation between a researcher and a reader. Along with many other topics, *The Craft of Research* explains how to build an argument that motivates readers to accept a claim; how to anticipate the reservations of thoughtful yet critical readers and to respond to them appropriately; and how to create introductions and conclusions that answer that most demanding question, "So what?" Celebrated by reviewers for its logic and clarity, this popular book retains its five-part structure. Part 1 provides an orientation to the research process and begins the discussion

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of what motivates researchers and their readers. Part 2 focuses on finding a topic, planning the project, and locating appropriate sources. This section is brought up to date with new information on the role of the Internet in research, including how to find and evaluate sources, avoid their misuse, and test their reliability. Part 3 explains the art of making an argument and supporting it. The authors have extensively revised this section to present the structure of an argument in clearer and more accessible terms than in the first edition. New distinctions are made among reasons, evidence, and reports of evidence. The concepts of qualifications and rebuttals are recast as acknowledgment and response. Part 4 covers drafting and revising, and offers new information on the visual representation of data. Part 5 concludes the book with an updated discussion of the ethics of research, as well as an expanded bibliography that includes many electronic sources. The new edition retains the accessibility, insights, and directness that have made *The Craft of Research* an indispensable guide for anyone doing research, from students in high school through advanced graduate study to businesspeople and government employees. The authors demonstrate convincingly that researching and reporting skills can be learned and used by all who undertake research projects. New to this edition:

- Extensive coverage of how to do research on the internet, including how to evaluate and test the reliability of sources
- New information on the visual representation of data
- Expanded bibliography with many electronic sources

Engage Your Readers with Emotion While writers might disagree over showing versus telling or plotting versus pantsing, none would argue this: If you want to write strong fiction, you must make your readers feel. The reader's experience must be an emotional journey of its own, one as involving as your characters' struggles, discoveries, and

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triumphs are for you. That's where *The Emotional Craft of Fiction* comes in. Veteran literary agent and expert fiction instructor Donald Maass shows you how to use story to provoke a visceral and emotional experience in readers. Topics covered include:

- emotional modes of writing
- beyond showing versus telling
- your story's emotional world
- moral stakes
- connecting the inner and outer journeys
- plot as emotional opportunities
- invoking higher emotions, symbols, and emotional language
- cascading change
- story as emotional mirror
- positive spirit and magnanimous writing
- the hidden current that makes stories move

Readers can simply read a novel...or they can experience it. *The Emotional Craft of Fiction* shows you how to make that happen.

What are the moves that an academic writer makes? How does writing as an intellectual change the way we work from sources? In *Rewriting*, a textbook for the undergraduate classroom, Joseph Harris draws the college writing student away from static ideas of thesis, support, and structure, and toward a more mature and dynamic understanding. Harris wants college writers to think of intellectual writing as an adaptive and social activity, and he offers them a clear set of strategies—a set of moves—for participating in it.

Transform your writing! If you're ready to empower your writing but are unsure of where to start, let *Keys to Great Writing Revised and Expanded* show you the way. Award-winning author and veteran writing coach Stephen Wilbers provides invaluable instruction on every aspect of the craft, from word choice and sentence structure to organization and revision. In this edition, you'll find:

- Self-assessments to strengthen your sentences and paragraphs, evaluate your goals, and approach your writing with confidence.
- Practical and easy-to-understand techniques for utilizing economy, precision, action, music, and personality.
- Helpful tips and techniques for the writing process, including advice on

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prewriting, drafting, revising, and proofreading. • Exercises, checklists, and more to refine your writing skills. For more than a decade, *Keys to Great Writing* has helped writers of all experience levels infuse their work with clarity, grace, and style. With the revised and expanded edition at your fingertips, you'll have the tools to invigorate your prose and develop a unique and effective voice.

With more than three-quarters of a million copies sold since its first publication, *The Craft of Research* has helped generations of researchers at every level—from first-year undergraduates to advanced graduate students to research reporters in business and government—learn how to conduct effective and meaningful research.

Conceived by seasoned researchers and educators Wayne C. Booth, Gregory G. Colomb, and Joseph M. Williams, this fundamental work explains how to find and evaluate sources, anticipate and respond to reader reservations, and integrate these pieces into an argument that stands up to reader critique. The fourth edition has been thoroughly but respectfully revised by Joseph Bizup and William T. FitzGerald. It retains the original five-part structure, as well as the sound advice of earlier editions, but reflects the way research and writing are taught and practiced today. Its chapters on finding and engaging sources now incorporate recent developments in library and Internet research, emphasizing new techniques made possible by online databases and search engines. Bizup and FitzGerald provide fresh examples and standardized terminology to clarify concepts like argument, warrant, and problem. Following the same guiding principle as earlier

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editions—that the skills of doing and reporting research are not just for elite students but for everyone—this new edition retains the accessible voice and direct approach that have made *The Craft of Research* a leader in the field of research reference. With updated examples and information on evaluation and using contemporary sources, this beloved classic is ready for the next generation of researchers.

A step-by-step guide that takes the mystery out of rewriting and leads the writer through a series of focused passes which address the core fundamentals of screenwriting resulting in a polished, professional screenplay.

Provides supplemental activities for students and resources for instructors.

A New York Times editorial board member and esteemed writing instructor counsels aspiring writers on how to move past conventional understandings about creativity, writer's block and other literary challenges to develop a greater understanding of how thinking, noticing and learning are integral parts of the writing process. 20,000 first printing.

Revision seems to be an intrinsic part of good writing. But Hannah Sullivan argues that we inherit our faith in redrafting from the modernist period. Examining changes made in manuscripts, typescripts, and proofs by Eliot, Joyce, Woolf, and others, she shows how rewriting shapes literary style, and how the impulse to touch up can go too far.

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

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"You mean I have to change my writing?" Georgia Heard frequently hears this question from students. With *Revision Toolbox, Second Edition*, you'll lead students to see that revision is a natural part of narrative and nonfiction writing. Heard writes that students need to be able to bring the tools of revision to writing the way a carpenter comes equipped for a job with a toolbox. So she shares three revision toolboxes--structure, words, and voice--each with dozens of teaching ideas and strategies. They'll help writers: re-envision revision as an engaging process, not as a punishment; craft a piece along the way instead of editing only at the end; learn and apply revision strategies for work in any genre; and reread their writing with specific revision goals in mind. This second edition brings Heard's lessons and strategies--new and familiar--into the Common Core era with a focus on narrative, informational, and opinion genres. She also includes tools for targeted instruction such as strategic conferences, reproducible planning templates for narrative and essays, and reproducible revision checklists.

An inspiring story of Zheng Yi Sao, the real-life pirate queen who took control of her life — and the South China seas — in the early 19th century. The most powerful pirate in history was a woman who was born into poverty in Guangzhou, China, in the late 1700s. When pirates attacked her town and the captain took a liking to her, she saw a way out. Zheng Yi Sao agreed to marry him only if she got an equal share of his business. When her husband died six years later, she took command of the fleet. Over the next decade, the pirate queen built a fleet

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of over 1,800 ships and 70,000 men. On land and sea, Zheng Yi Sao's power rivaled the emperor himself. Time and again, her ships triumphed over the emperor's ships. When she was ready to retire, Zheng Yi Sao surrendered — on her own terms, of course. Even though there was a price on her head, she was able to negotiate her freedom, living in peace and prosperity for the rest of her days. Zheng Yi Sao's powerful story is told in lyrical prose by award-winning author Helaine Becker. Liz Wong's colorful, engaging illustrations illuminate this inspiring woman in history. An author's note provides historical context and outlines the challenges of researching a figure about whom little is known. Key Text Features author's note historical context sources Correlates to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.3 Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.4.3 Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions).

The Craft of Scientific Presentations, 2nd edition aims to strengthen you as a presenter of science and engineering. The book does so by identifying what makes excellent presenters such as Brian Cox, Jane Goodall, Richard Feynman, and Jill Bolte Taylor so strong. In addition, the book explains what causes so many scientific presentations to flounder. One of the most valuable contributions of this text is that it teaches the assertion-evidence approach to scientific presentations. Instead of building presentations, as most engineers and scientists do, on the weak foundation of topic phrases and bulleted lists, this assertion-evidence approach

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calls for building presentations on succinct message assertions supported by visual evidence. Unlike the commonly followed topic-subtopic approach that PowerPoint leads presenters to use, the assertion-evidence approach is solidly grounded in research. By showing the differences between strong and weak presentations, by identifying the errors that scientific presenters typically make, and by teaching a much more powerful approach for scientific presentations than what is commonly practiced, this book places you in a position to elevate your presentations to a high level. In essence, this book aims to have you not just succeed in your scientific presentations, but excel. About the Author Michael Alley has taught workshops on presentations to engineers and scientists on five continents, and has recently been invited to speak at the European Space Organization, Harvard Medical School, MIT, Sandia National Labs, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Simula Research Laboratory, and United Technologies. An Associate Professor of engineering communication at Pennsylvania State University, Alley is a leading researcher on the effectiveness of different designs for presentation slides.

Make Every Word Memorable! To be remembered for your words, you need to write with skill and style. Whether you're crafting a novel, composing an e-mail, or creating a technical report, *Mastering the Craft of Writing* presents 52 practical techniques to improve your prose. Spend a week with each technique, or use this book as a go-to reference. Either way, you'll have the tools to enliven your writing and delight your readers.

- Write with economy: Eliminate wordiness, use strong verbs to drive your sentences, and don't trust modifiers.
- Write with emphasis: Use punctuation for effect, structure sentences and paragraphs for coherency and flow, and employ repetition to make your point.
- Write with distinction: Use your imagination to create the unexpected,

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add a light-hearted touch to your writing, and go beyond clarity to eloquence and grace. With exercises, entertaining asides, and a wealth of useful information, *Mastering the Craft of Writing* is an invaluable resource for any writer. Once you master these techniques, you'll want to use them in everything you write.

"A step-by-step guide that takes the mystery out of rewriting and leads the writer through a series of focused passes which address the core fundamentals of screenwriting resulting in a polished, professional screenplay"--

A trusted editor turns his attention to the most important part of writing: revision. So you've just finished writing something? Congratulations! Now revise it. Because revision is about getting from good to better, and it's only finished when you decide to stop. But where to begin? In *On Revision*, William Germano shows authors how to take on the most critical stage of writing anything: rewriting it. For more than twenty years, thousands of writers have turned to Germano for his insider's take on navigating the world of publishing. A professor, author, and veteran of the book industry, Germano knows what editors want and what writers need to know: Revising is not just correcting typos. Revising is about listening and seeing again. Revising is a rethinking of the principles from the ground up to understand why the writer is doing something, why they're going somewhere, and why they're taking the reader along with them. *On Revision* steps back to take in the big picture, showing authors how to hear their own writing voice and how to reread their work as if they didn't write it. *On Revision* will show you how to know when your writing is actually done—and, until it is, what you need to do to get it there.

Donald Murray demonstrates the craft that has been his discipline and joy for more than half a century.

This book shows writers of all ages how to find and develop

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nonfiction topics that matter to them--in ways that make readers care too. It emphasizes writing for discovery, not just writing what one knows. It emphasizes a strong authorial presence (voice) and a convincing point of view. Most important, it not only tells but also shows how writing true involves the poet's attention to language, the fiction writer's power of storytelling, the journalist's pursuit of fact, and the scholar's reliance on research. The first part of the book offers ten practical chapters from getting started to turning first ideas into finished work. Topics include: The Power of the Notebook, Ten Ways to a Draft, Taking Shape, Finding Voice, Twenty Ways to Talk About Writing, The Craft of Revision, The Role of Research, The Ethics of Creative Nonfiction, Workshopping a Draft, and Exploring New Media. The second part of the book is an anthology of the best nonfiction writing for aspiring writers to read and study in order to write with creativity, integrity, and authenticity. Organized by form, they include Memoir, Personal Essay, Portrait, Essay of Place, Narrative Journalism, and Short Shorts. Selections represent a variety of experience from classic masters (E.B.White and George Orwell) to major contemporary writers (such as Alice Walker, Stephen Dunn, and Scott Russell Sanders) to up and coming writers (such as E.J. Levy and Amy Butcher). The anthology also includes "Stories of Craft," with five prominent writers, including Patricia Hampl and Sue Miller, describing the challenges and rewards of writing engaging nonfiction. Pulitzer Prize winning author Donald M. Murray takes a lively and inspiring approach to the process of revision. Explains and demonstrates the writing process with case studies and sample essays on various subjects. To break into the screenwriting game, you need a screenplay that is not just good, but great. Superlative. Stellar. In *Writing Movies* you'll find everything you need

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to know to reach this level. And, like the very best teachers, Writing Movies is always practical, accessible, and entertaining. The book provides a comprehensive look at screenwriting, covering all the fundamentals (plot, character, scenes, dialogue, etc.) and such crucial-but seldom discussed-topics as description, voice, tone, and theme. These concepts are illustrated through analysis of five brilliant screenplays-Die Hard, Thelma & Louise, Tootsie, Sideways, and The Shawshank Redemption. Also included are writing assignments and step-by-step tasks that take writers from rough idea to polished screenplay. Written by Gotham Writers' Workshop expert instructors, Writing Movies offers the same winning style and clarity of presentation that have made a success of Gotham's previous book Writing Fiction, which is now in its 7th printing. Named the "best class for screenwriters" in New York City by MovieMaker Magazine, Gotham Writers' Workshop is America's leading private creative writing school, offering classes in Manhattan and on the Web at www.WritingClasses.com. The school's interactive online classes, selected as "Best of the Web" by Forbes, have attracted thousands of aspiring writers from across the United States and more than sixty countries.

This master class in writing children's and young adult novels will teach you everything you need to know to write and publish a great book. The best children's and young adult novels take readers on wonderful outward adventures and stirring inward journeys. In The Magic Words, editor Cheryl B. Klein guides writers on an enjoyable and practical-minded voyage of their own,

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from developing a saleable premise for a novel to finding a dream agent. She delves deep into the major elements of fiction—intention, character, plot, and voice—while addressing important topics like diversity, world-building, and the differences between middle-grade and YA novels. In addition, the book’s exercises, questions, and straightforward rules of thumb help writers apply these insights to their own creative works. With its generous tone and useful tools for story analysis and revision, *The Magic Words* is an essential handbook for writers of children’s and young adult fiction.

Business Writing Today prepares students to succeed in the business world by giving them the tools they need to write powerfully, no matter the challenge. In her highly-practical text, author Natalie Canavor shares step-by-step guidance and tips for success to help students write more clearly and strategically. Readers will learn what to say and how to say it in any medium from tweets and emails to proposals and formal reports. Every technique comes with concrete examples and practice opportunities, helping students transfer their writing skills to the workplace. *New to This Edition* Updated with new examples, success tips, resources, and expanded material on subjects that relate to students’ most pressing interests and reflect current directions of professional communication. New and expanded coverage of important topics like networking, storytelling, creating a positive online presence, and visually-based media. New and updated good and not-so-good writing samples throughout the book show readers where and what to revise. A reorganized and streamlined table of

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contents is now organized into four major parts, moving from basics into more advanced topics. Nine new “Views From the Field” include advice on networking, building rapport, and creating personal introduction videos. A new chapter on editing includes practical strategies for improving drafts and fixing common writing issues. A greater emphasis on strategic thinking and problem-solving helps students develop their insight into the perspectives of others so they are better able to represent their own interests and contribute more on the job. This edition more closely connects writing skills with oral communication, relationship-building, a strategic online presence, and students’ hopes to become valued employees, leaders, and entrepreneurs. A new appendix includes new writing activities, new assignments, and cheat sheets for students, making this the most applied edition yet.

Everybody wants to write a book, but most authors fall short. If only there was a clear, systematic, structured approach to crafting bestsellers that would... help you organize your creative ideas unravel the messy writing process save months of editing and revision increase engagement and get more book reviews keep readers glued to each page with dramatic tension impress your mom (and everyone else) with your genius When I started out as an author, I read every book on craft, plotting and writing techniques I could find - but they left me more confused than ever. I ended up quitting, and spent a decade as a developmental editor while earning my PhD in literature. I was terrified to publish. What if nobody likes it? What if I'm a failure? How do I know a

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book is good before I publish? I needed a way to identify weak, amateur writing, and replace it with prose that enthralled readers. I wanted to take a good story, and turn it into a riveting manuscript. Rather than give up the quest forever, positing Great Writing up to some mysterious, invisible source I could never achieve, I developed my own framework for writing, which has allowed me to write and publish several dozen books over the past few years. What began as a simple guide to plotting became a detailed, chapter-by-chapter cheatsheet, and some brand new techniques on adding intrigue, suspense and conflict to cast a spell over readers. The truth is, there are things that great books have in common - and even more informative, there are definitely signs of weak or bad writing, which can be easily identified and avoided. Based on the lessons I've learned from editing over a hundred books and studying nearly universal writing mistakes, as well as feedback on my writing tutorials (with over 2 million views), I've reverse-engineered a structured approach to writing that will help you quickly map out your book, write it well the first time, and avoid months of painful revision. These simple, easy to follow rules, tactics and cheatsheets to help you easily improve your writing craft and unleash your inner genius, without a nervous breakdown or a drinking problem. You'll end up with a deeper understanding of the craft, and a more marketable book that readers can't put down. This book will help you to... Write compelling books readers love Create dynamic characters readers will root for Plot your book without stifling your creativity Hit crucial turning points to keep

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readers engaged Improve pacing & backstory without info-dumps Increase stakes, drama and conflict Double your word count and stay motivated Avoid common amateur mistakes & lazy writing Heighten intrigue & suspense to keep readers invested How to know your book will sell before you write it 3 types of conflict you need in every scene Why readers stop reading and how to fix it Simple plotting and outlining strategies so you can write faster with less procrastination Revise and edit your first draft and identify problems fast Save thousands of dollars on editing and increase book sales Ready to move from the slush pile to the bookshelf? Take your writing... ? from contrived to compelling ? from rubbish to riveting ? from mediocre to masterful Scroll up and improve your writing today! ? BONUSES INCLUDED: a guided 12-week plan to writing your best book yet! The first draft is the easy part... In *Blueprint Your Bestseller*, Stuart Horwitz offers a step-by-step process for revising your manuscript that has helped bestselling authors get from first draft to final draft. Whether you're tinkering with your first one hundred pages or trying to wrestle a complete draft into shape, Horwitz helps you look at your writing with the fresh perspective you need to reach the finish line. *Blueprint Your Bestseller* introduces the Book Architecture Method, a tested sequence of steps for organizing and revising any manuscript. By breaking a manuscript into manageable scenes, you can determine what is going on in your writing at the structural level—and uncover the underlying flaws and strengths of your narrative. For more than a decade this proven approach to revision has helped

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authors of both fiction and nonfiction, as well as writers across all media from theater to film to TV.

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dreams of getting published, Murray was a source of guidance and support. Dethier offers not only an

introduction to the man behind the book, but a retrospective of Murray's significant contributions to the

Composition world and the ways in which THE CRAFT OF REVISION helps students to actually DO the

writing--not just talk about it. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the

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