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Craft an otherworldly experience for your readers! Do you dream of writing tales that pull readers into extraordinary realms? The Writer's Digest Guide to Science Fiction & Fantasy gives you everything you need to build a fantastic world, inhabit it with original and believable characters, and create an authentic and enthralling story. Two complete books in one, this comprehensive guide includes invaluable and timeless advice for writing and selling speculative fiction from best-selling author Orson Scott Card's *How to Write Science Fiction & Fantasy*, as well as world-building information and instruction from the indispensable classic *The Writer's Complete Fantasy Reference*. You'll discover: how to wield story elements that "define" the science fiction and fantasy genres ways to build, populate and dramatize fantastic new worlds how to construct compelling stories by developing ideas, characters, and events that keep readers turning pages historically accurate information about world cultures, legends, folklore and mysticism how to authentically portray the rituals of magic and witchcraft in-depth descriptions of mythological creatures, fantasy races, clothing, weapons, armor, and more The boundaries of your imagination are infinite, but to truly hook your reader you must ground your fiction with credible details. Let this book be your guide as you venture into the fantastic and you'll create vibrant, captivating new worlds that spring off the page.

The Kidnap Plot (the Extraordinary Journeys of Clockwork Charlie)

Learn to write science fiction and fantasy from a master You've always dreamed of writing science fiction and fantasy tales that pull readers into extraordinary new worlds and fantastic conflicts. Best-selling author Orson Scott Card shows you how it's done, distilling years of

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writing experience and publishing success into concise, no-nonsense advice. You'll learn how to: utilize story elements that define the science fiction and fantasy genres build, populate, and dramatize a credible, inviting world your readers will want to explore develop the "rules" of time, space and magic that affect your world and its inhabitants construct a compelling story by developing ideas, characters, and events that keep readers turning pages find the markets for speculative fiction, reach them, and get published submit queries, write cover letters, find an agent, and live the life of a writer The boundaries of your imagination are infinite. Explore them with Orson Scott Card and create fiction that casts a spell over agents, publishers, and readers from every world.

Writing Science Fiction and Fantasy

Part memoir and part writing manual, an affectionate account of teaching writing at the Clarion workshop.

Wonderbook (Revised and Expanded)

John Marsden is not just one of Australia's most successful writers of all time; he's also one of our best teachers of writing. "Highly recommended" Sun Herald "The most exciting, interesting and useful book on the teaching of writing" Australian English Teacher The ultimate "get off your bum and do it" book, Everything I Know About Writing will motivate anyone to write. It's a

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lively, funny guide to writing, as readable as a novel, but packed front to back with ideas and insights. This new edition has one other great feature: 600 extraordinary topics, guaranteed to have you or your students writing before you know it. Everything I Know About Writing is the most painless way into writing - ever.

Writing Science Fiction & Fantasy

Covering the entire process from story building to manuscript preparation and marketing, Jerry Cleaver shows the novice and experienced writer how to start writing and how to get immediate results. Readers will find everything they need to know about managing time, finding an idea, getting the first word down on the page, staying unblocked, shaping ideas into compelling stories, and submitting their work to agents and publishers. Immediate Fiction goes beyond the old "Write what you know" to "Write what you can imagine." Filled with insightful tips on how to manage doubts, fears, blocks, and panic, Immediate Fiction will help writers develop their skills in as little minutes a day, if necessary. Believing that all writing is rewriting, Cleaver says, "You can't control what you put on the page. You can only control what you leave on the page." With this book Cleaver shows how to get that control and produce results.

How to Write Tales of Horror, Fantasy & Science Fiction

The New York Times bestselling novel about a young man practicing magic in the real world,

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now an original series on SYFY “The Magicians is to Harry Potter as a shot of Irish whiskey is to a glass of weak tea. . . . Hogwarts was never like this.” —George R.R. Martin “Sad, hilarious, beautiful, and essential to anyone who cares about modern fantasy.” —Joe Hill “A very knowing and wonderful take on the wizard school genre.” —John Green “The Magicians may just be the most subversive, gripping and enchanting fantasy novel I’ve read this century.” —Cory Doctorow “This gripping novel draws on the conventions of contemporary and classic fantasy novels in order to upend them . . . an unexpectedly moving coming-of-age story.” —The New Yorker “The best urban fantasy in years.” —A.V. Club Quentin Coldwater is brilliant but miserable. A high school math genius, he’s secretly fascinated with a series of children’s fantasy novels set in a magical land called Fillory, and real life is disappointing by comparison. When Quentin is unexpectedly admitted to an elite, secret college of magic, it looks like his wildest dreams have come true. But his newfound powers lead him down a rabbit hole of hedonism and disillusionment, and ultimately to the dark secret behind the story of Fillory. The land of his childhood fantasies turns out to be much darker and more dangerous than he ever could have imagined. . . . The prequel to the New York Times bestselling book The Magician King and the #1 bestseller The Magician’s Land, The Magicians is one of the most daring and inventive works of literary fantasy in years. No one who has escaped into the worlds of Narnia and Harry Potter should miss this breathtaking return to the landscape of the imagination.

Writing Fantasy & Science Fiction

A fill-in book from the San Francisco Writers' Grotto, authors of the best-selling 642 Things

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series Focus on a single aspect of the craft of writing with help from the San Francisco Writers' Grotto. Writing Sci-Fi and Fantasy starts with a foreword by author Dorothy Hearst, who offers pointers for writing speculative fiction and inventing fantastic new worlds. The rest of the book consists of prompts and space to write, providing opportunities to consider the rules that govern your imagined universe. Among other ideas, you'll explore the various aspects of world-building by: writing a timeline of the history of your imagined place describing what the inhabitants of your world look like detailing transportation from city to city or planet to planet figuring out who's in charge and whether or not they should be Perfectly sized to take to a café, on vacation, or on your morning commute, this book is designed for practicing your creative writing a little bit at a time. Special Features Paperback with textured cover stock, flaps, and a lay-flat binding Advice from a published writer, followed by fill-in prompts and space to write Part of the Lit Start series, a collection of single-subject writing prompt books by the San Francisco Writers' Grotto Check out the other books in this series: Writing Action, Writing Character, Writing Dialogue, Writing Humor, and Memoir.

500 Science Fiction and Fantasy Writing Prompts

From the Arthur C. Clarke Award-winning Adrian Tchaikovsky, *The Doors of Eden* is an extraordinary feat of the imagination and a page-turning adventure about parallel universes and the monsters that they hide. They thought we were safe. They were wrong. Four years ago, two girls went looking for monsters on Bodmin Moor. Only one came back. Lee thought she'd lost Mal, but now she's miraculously returned. But what happened that day on the

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moors? And where has she been all this time? Mal's reappearance hasn't gone unnoticed by MI5 officers either, and Lee isn't the only one with questions. Julian Sabreur is investigating an attack on top physicist Kay Amal Khan. This leads Julian to clash with agents of an unknown power - and they may or may not be human. His only clue is grainy footage, showing a woman who supposedly died on Bodmin Moor. Dr Khan's research was theoretical; then she found cracks between our world and parallel Earths. Now these cracks are widening, revealing extraordinary creatures. And as the doors crash open, anything could come through. "Tchaikovsky weaves a masterful tale a suspenseful joyride through the multiverse." (Booklist)

Purgatory

Angels and Demons

The year is 2065, and Purgatory is the hottest thing on television. The survival-based reality show places death-row inmates on a remote island populated by horrors-some genetically engineered, some conjured, all of them deadly. Those who succeed serve the remainder of their sentences in Paradise, a minimum-security facility with open visitation and other luxuries. Failure, on the other hand, means death. Devin Booker sits on death row in the Ultramax Prison near Denver, wrongfully convicted of a crime he did not commit. He will never again see his wife or daughter in person, house rules of the Ultramax. So when he gets the chance to take

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on Purgatory, he seizes it. Devin joins a motley crew of convicts who, like him, long for a better life. The rules are simple: visit the island and collect three "souvenirs" within three days. But the odds are stacked against them. Most who visit Purgatory die there. If he wants to see his family again, Devin will have to rely on his special forces training and a handful of convicted killers. Can he survive the horrors of Purgatory to reach Paradise?

Writing Science Fiction and Fantasy

I Should Be Writing

Lisa Tuttle begins by looking at the different kinds of novels in the science and fantasy fiction genres. She then moves on to look at ideas, word-building, language, structure, writing for children, co-authoring, short stories, and finding an agent. This edition advises on self-publishing and on-line publishing.

Putting the Science in Fiction

Science and technology have starring roles in a wide range of genres--science fiction, fantasy, thriller, mystery, and more. Unfortunately, many depictions of technical subjects in literature, film, and television are pure fiction. A basic understanding of biology, physics, engineering, and

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medicine will help you create more realistic stories that satisfy discerning readers. This book brings together scientists, physicians, engineers, and other experts to help you:

- Understand the basic principles of science, technology, and medicine that are frequently featured in fiction.
- Avoid common pitfalls and misconceptions to ensure technical accuracy.
- Write realistic and compelling scientific elements that will captivate readers.
- Brainstorm and develop new science- and technology-based story ideas.

Whether writing about mutant monsters, rogue viruses, giant spaceships, or even murders and espionage, *Putting the Science in Fiction* will have something to help every writer craft better fiction. *Putting the Science in Fiction* collects articles from "Science in Sci-fi, Fact in Fantasy," Dan Koboldt's popular blog series for authors and fans of speculative fiction (dankoboldt.com/science-in-scifi). Each article discusses an element of sci-fi or fantasy with an expert in that field. Scientists, engineers, medical professionals, and others share their insights in order to debunk the myths, correct the misconceptions, and offer advice on getting the details right.

We Are Not Good People

An in-depth sci-fi and fantasy writing guide by the Hugo and Nebula Award–winning author and writer of the *Star Trek* episode “The Trouble with Tribbles.” David Gerrold, the acclaimed author of science fiction classics including *The Man Who Folded Himself* and the *Star Wolf* series, shares his expertise in writing compelling fantasy and science fiction. “In a chatty, informal, and even humorous style, he provides numerous exercises and questions, challenging the would-be writer to imagine the answers” (*Library Journal*). For fans and fellow

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writers, Gerrold reveals his techniques for crafting plot, setting, character, and dialogue. He also teaches readers how to build a fantasy world, create alien races, develop a hero, write good sex scenes, keep imaginary elements believable, and so much more. This ebook edition of *Worlds of Wonder* is the perfect resource for sci-fi and fantasy writers seeking encouragement and “tricks of the trade” from one of the greats.

How to Write Science Fiction & Fantasy

An ordinary young atheist finds out that he is a God among men and is forced to find his stand in a battle between faith and science, belief and doubt, good and evil, light and dark, thunder and water, heart and the mind. Rules are broken, tears are shed, faith is tested, sacrifices are made, lives are lost and Gods are killed in the quest for a divine weapon by a doctor for his son ... a son for his father ... a priest for his religion ... a woman for her love ... a man for this world and ... a forgotten God for his revenge.

Everything I Know About Writing

Writing advice tends to be full of 'rules' and 'tips' which are either too broad to be helpful or outright wrong. In *On Writing and Worldbuilding*, we will discuss specific and applicable ideas to consider, from effective methods of delivering exposition and foreshadowing, to how communication, commerce, and control play into the fall of an empire. to *On Writing to Part I*:

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Part IV: Foreshadowing
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Part VII: Final Battles
Part VIII: The Chosen One
Part IX: Hard Magic Systems
Part X: Soft Magic Systems
Part XI: Magic Systems and Storytelling to On Worldbuilding to
Part XII: Polytheistic Religions
Part XIII: Hidden Magical Worlds
Part XIV: How Empires Rise
Part XV: How Empires Work
Part XVI: How Empires Fall to Exclusive Content to
Part XVII: How I Plan a Novel

Ember and Ash

Science fiction and fantasy is one of the most challenging--and rewarding!--genres in the bookstore. But with New York Times bestselling author Philip Athans and fantasy giant R. A. Salvatore at your side, you'll create worlds that draw your readers in--and keep them reading! Just as important, you'll learn how to prepare your work for today's market. Drawing on his years of experience as one of the most acclaimed professionals in publishing, Wizards of the Coast editor Athans explains how to set your novel apart--and break into this lucrative field. From devising clever plots and building complex characters to inventing original technologies and crafting alien civilizations, Athans gives you the techniques you need to write strong, saleable narratives. Plus! Athans applies all of these critical lessons together in an unprecedented deconstruction of a never-before-published tale by the one and only R. A. Salvatore! There are books on writing science fiction and fantasy, and then there's this book--the only one you need to create strange, wonderful worlds for your own universe of readers!

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Worlds of Wonder

The masters of speculative fiction share how-to instruction on writing stories about the weird, the fantastic, the unknown and the imagined, in 27 succinct chapters.

How to Fix Your Novel

Speculative fiction often shows the complicated and rather fraught history of medicine as it relates to black women. Through prominent writers like Octavia Butler, Nnedi Okorafor, and Nalo Hopkinson, Jones highlights how personal experiences of illness and disease frequently reflect larger societal sicknesses in connection to race and gender.

Writing Monsters

This book is a collection of 500 science fiction and fantasy writing prompts of varied tone, tense, and points of view. Some of the prompts you can expect to see in this book includes: medieval times, artificial intelligence, mermaids, ancient artifacts, dragons, aliens, government conspiracies, space travel, wormholes, and more! Example prompts from the book: 19. Write about a cute creature that arrives on the planet Earth to protect a young girl from danger. 32. Write about a waitress that discovers her own superpowers after becoming irritated with rude customers. 71. You submit a DNA testing kit to find out information about your ancestry for fun.

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Months later, three men knock on your door to talk about your results in person. Additional testing is required. You have no other choice but to come with them. Having 500 prompts at your disposal gives you over a year's worth of writing material. Prevent writer's block and stay inspired with 500 Science Fiction and Fantasy Writing Prompts. This book is perfect for classroom exercises, writing contests, novel inspiration, NaNoWriMo, writer's block, or to fuel creativity.

Writing Fantasy and Science Fiction

Whether you are new to the genre or looking for inspiration, this book provides the tools you need to succeed. Develop believable fantasy worlds Challenge your readers' imaginations Practical techniques you can apply today Written by a successful author of SF and fantasy novels Master the craft of magical worlds Are you struggling to get started on your science fiction or fantasy novel? Stuck at chapter two or need a fresh approach? Find new direction and inspiration with this unique guide to creating original and convincing stories. Written by a successful author of more than ten science fiction and fantasy novels, Writing Science and Fantasy takes an in-depth look at these two best-selling genres. Kilian delves into the origins and conventions of science fiction and fantasy and goes over the many subgenres, including nanotechnology, space opera, and sword and sorcery. He forces you to ask yourself crucial questions about your own novel, and also offers practical advice on how to prepare and market your manuscript to publishers, editors, and agents. With this book as a guide, both novice and experienced writers can learn how to make their work both a literary and financial success.

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Learn about: Constructing a scene Showing versus telling Avoiding clichés Developing good writing and research habits Creating plausible fantasy worlds Using symbolism and imagery effectively

The Craft of Writing Science Fiction That Sells

Covers heroes, subgenres, technology, sword, and sorcery.

Writing Fantasy & Science Fiction

You can create believable science fiction and fantasy worlds Speculative fiction is an umbrella genre enveloping the ever-expanding genres of science fiction and fantasy, and best-selling science fiction and fantasy authors Crawford Kilian and Silvia Moreno-Garcia come together in this book to show writers how to craft believable worlds and plausible characters, and ultimately, how to craft good stories. Their hands-on, practical, put-the-book-down-and-start-writing advice speaks to new and emerging authors of science fiction and fantasy. They offer more than pep talks and success stories; they explain genres and how to bend and blend them, and give concrete suggestions on how to overcome the inevitable problems writers face, such as self editing, writing plausible characters, and building a plot without writing formula fiction. With a combined nearly 50 years of experience, Kilian and Moreno-Garcia save writers time, energy, and grief by showing them how to master the craft of storytelling and how to

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market their stories as successfully as possible. Their invaluable advice persuades readers to go beyond their, and others', expectations of market and genre, pushing them to be better writers, and to add their own unique storytelling voices into the growing speculative fiction arena.

The Best Science Fiction and Fantasy of the Year, Volume Eleven

Although the problems of writing fantasy and science fiction include all those pertaining to the writing of any kind of fiction, particular problems arise in stories in which unprecedented things can and do happen, as well as stories that often involve unhuman characters of various sorts, and that might require the elaborate design of entire imaginary worlds. This book provides an elementary introduction to problems of those kinds, and the ways in which they modify the general problems of writing fiction. It also suggests strategies that might enable the problems to be handled constructively and productively. The author has published more than seventy novels in the field, more than twenty short story collections, and more than twenty related works of non-fiction; he has, as the saying goes, been there, done that, and chewed his t-shirt in relevant frustration. Robert Reginald says: "An absolutely first-rate guide to writing fantastic literature. Stableford has much to say that potential writers of ALL fiction might find valuable, interesting, and highly illuminating. His reasonable discussion and dissection of the basic issues facing authors of creative fiction--and the solutions to be found to each problem--are dollops of solid gold advice, in this editor's humble opinion. Every would-be author should read this book--and more than once!"

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Now Write! Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror

The journey to become a successful writer is long, fraught with peril, and filled with difficult questions: How do I write dialogue? How do I build suspense? What should I know about query letters? Where do I start? The best way to answer these questions is to ditch your uncertainty and transform yourself into a KICK-ASS writer. Chuck Wendig will show you how with an explosive broadside of gritty advice that will destroy your fears, clear the path, and help you find your voice, your story, and your audience. You'll explore the fundamentals of writing, learn how to obtain publication.

Medicine and Ethics in Black Women's Speculative Fiction

Learn the Words. Get the blood. Rule the world. The Ustari Cycle starts here. From the "exhilarating, powerful, and entertaining" (Guardian) storyteller of the Avery Cates series comes a gritty supernatural thriller featuring a pair of unlikely heroes caught up in the underground world of blood magic. Magicians: they are not good people. The ethics in a world of blood are gray—and an underground strata of blood magicians has been engineering disasters for centuries in order to acquire enough fuel for their spells. Although in the modern world these mages stay in the shadows, their exploits have become no less bloody. Still, some practitioners use the Words and a swipe of the blade to cast simpler spells, such as Charms and Cantrips to gas up \$1 bills so they appear to be \$20s. Lem Vonnegan and his sidekick

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Mags fall into this level of mage, hustlers and con men all. Lem tries to be ethical by using only his own blood, by not using Bleeders or "volunteers." But it makes life hard. Soon they might have to get honest work. When the pair encounter a girl who's been kidnapped and marked up with magic runes for a ritual spell, it's clear they're in over their heads. Turning to Lem's estranged Master for help, they are told that not only is the girl's life all but forfeit, but that the world's preeminent mage, Mika Renar, has earth-shattering plans for her—and Lem just got in the way. With the fate of the world on the line, and Lem both spooked and intrigued by the mysterious girl, the other nominate him to become the huckleberry who'll take down Renar. But even if he, Mags, and the simpletons who follow him prevail, they're dealing with the kind of power that doesn't understand defeat, or mercy. (The first portion of *We Are Not Good People* was originally published in an altered form as *Trickster* by Pocket Books).

The Guide to Writing Fantasy and Science Fiction

Don't just dream it, write it! *I Should Be Writing* is a writing workshop in a journal, full of helpful advice and encouragement for the person who wants to finally write the story they've always dreamed of creating. Let award-winning podcaster Mur Lafferty, who in the past has interviewed authors including John Scalzi, Neil Gaiman, Gail Carriger, Adam Christopher, and Kameron Hurley, guide you through the nuts-and-bolts process of honing your craft, including which writing myths to ignore, how to refine your creative process, listening to your inner muse while ignoring your inner bully, and more. This book also contains writing exercises that will help the blossoming writer strengthen the writer's muscle of writing every day. These include

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everything from situational writer's prompts to lists of ideas writers should try to jot down between writing sessions. With this helpful guide, you can make the phrase, "I've always wanted to write a story" a thing of the past. Because you should be writing!

The Magicians

This fifth installment in the Now Write! writing-guide series presents speculative fiction-writing exercises from Harlan Ellison, Piers Anthony, Ramsey Campbell and others to help aspiring writers craft a horror, fantasy or science fiction novel that is anything but ordinary. Original.

Storyteller

Monsters are more than things that go bump in the night Monsters are lurking in the woods, beneath the waves, and within our favorite books, films, and games--and there are good reasons why they appear so often. Monsters are manifestations of our fears and symbols of our society--not to mention they're a lot of fun--but each should serve a purpose and enhance the themes and tension in your fiction. In *Writing Monsters*, best-selling author Philip Athans uses classic examples from books, films, and the world around us to explore what makes monsters memorable--and terrifying. You'll learn what monsters can (and should) represent in your story and how to create monsters from the ground up. *Writing Monsters* includes:

- In-depth discussions of where monsters come from, what they symbolize, and how to best portray

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them in fiction • Informative overviews of famous monsters, archetypes, and legendary creatures • A Monster Creation Form to help you create your monster from scratch • An annotated version of H.P. Lovecraft's chilling story "The Unnamable" Whether you write fantasy, science fiction, or horror, your vampires, ghouls, aliens, and trolls need to be both compelling and meaningful. With *Writing Monsters*, you can craft creatures that will wreak havoc in your stories and haunt your readers' imaginations--and nightmares.

Writing Fantasy and Science Fiction

Wonderbook has become the definitive guide to writing science fiction and fantasy by offering an accessible, example-rich approach that emphasizes the importance of playfulness as well as pragmatism. It also exploits the visual nature of genre culture and employs bold, full-color drawings, maps, renderings, and visualizations to stimulate creative thinking. On top of all that, the book features sidebars and essays from some of the biggest names working in the field today, including George R. R. Martin, Lev Grossman, Neil Gaiman, Michael Moorcock, and Karen Joy Fowler. For the fifth anniversary of the original publication, Jeff VanderMeer has added an additional 50 pages of diagrams, illustrations, and writing exercises creating the ultimate volume of inspiring advice that is also a stunning and inspiring object.

The Doors of Eden

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Craft an otherworldly experience for your readers! Do you envision celestial cities in distant, fantastic worlds? Do you dream of mythical beasts and gallant quests in exotic kingdoms? If you have ever wanted to write the next great fantasy or science fiction story, this all-in-one comprehensive book will show you how. *Writing Fantasy & Science Fiction* is full of advice from master authors offering definitive instructions on world building, character creation, and storytelling in the many styles and possibilities available to writers of speculative fiction. You'll discover: How to build, populate, and dramatize fantastic new worlds. How to develop dynamic and meaningful themes that will expand the cannon of sci-fi and fantasy storytelling. Exciting subgenres such as steampunk, as well as new developments in the sci-fi and fantasy genres. How to imbue your tales with historically accurate information about world cultures, legends, folklore, and religions. Detailed descriptions of magic rituals, fantastic weapons of war, clothing and armor, and otherworldly beasts such as orcs, giants, elves, and more. How societies, villages, and castles were constructed and operate on a day-to-day basis. The astounding methods of interstellar travel, the rules of starflight, and the realities and myths of scientific exploration. How to generate new ideas and graft them to the most popular themes and plot devices in sci-fi and fantasy writing. The boundaries of your imagination are infinite, but to create credible and thrilling fiction, you must ground your stories in rules, facts, and accurate ideas. *Writing Fantasy & Science Fiction* will guide you through the complex and compelling universe of fantasy and science fiction writing and help you unleash your stories on the next generation of readers and fans.

On Writing and Worldbuilding

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The Writer's Digest Guide to Science Fiction & Fantasy

When young Charlie Pondicherry sets out to rescue his inventor-father from kidnappers, he uncovers a dastardly plan that he must help to foil, and discovers a great truth about himself.

The Wisdom of Crowds

In this fascinating book, New Yorker business columnist James Surowiecki explores a deceptively simple idea: Large groups of people are smarter than an elite few, no matter how brilliant—better at solving problems, fostering innovation, coming to wise decisions, even predicting the future. With boundless erudition and in delightfully clear prose, Surowiecki ranges across fields as diverse as popular culture, psychology, ant biology, behavioral economics, artificial intelligence, military history, and politics to show how this simple idea offers important lessons for how we live our lives, select our leaders, run our companies, and think about our world.

The Kick-Ass Writer

The old ones will have their revenge. Two peoples have been fighting over the same land for a thousand years. Invaders crushed the original inhabitants, and ancient powers have reluctantly

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given way to newer magics. But Ember was to change all this with a wedding to bind these warring people together - until her future goes up in flames. Ember's husband-to-be is murdered by a vengeful elemental god, who sees peace as a breach of faith. Set on retribution, she enlists the help of Ash, son of a seer. Together they will pit themselves against elementals of fire and ice in a last attempt to end the conflicts that have scarred their past. They must look to the present, as old furies are waking to violence and are eager to reclaim their people.

Go Teen Writers

Originally published: Cincinnati, Ohio: Writer's Digest Books, 1994.

Writing Sci-Fi and Fantasy (Lit Starts)

Leading authors in the field discuss the principles of storytelling, the mechanics of building imaginary worlds, and the business of writing

Writing Science Fiction and Fantasy Television

You know your first draft has problems, but what's the best way to fix them? How do you know where to start editing? Or for many writers the bigger question becomes, How do I know when

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I'm done? Popular bloggers Stephanie Morrill and Jill Williamson have been where you are, and they want to help you understand, and even come to love—yes, love—the editing process. In this revised and updated edition of *Go Teen Writers: Edit Your Novel*, you'll learn:

- Methods for efficiently editing your novel.
- What problems to look for in your manuscript and how to solve them.
- Where to start editing, and how to know when you're done.
- How to keep track of your story's character, storyworld, and setting details.
- How a critique group can help you.
- The pros and cons of traditional and self-publishing.
- An overview of pitching your novel and making writing your career.
- And much more!

Teaching yourself how to edit a first draft can feel hard, discouraging, and isolating. But using this guide, you'll feel as encouraged, empowered, and capable as if you had a writing coach sitting alongside you.

A Writer's Guide to Speculative Fiction: Science Fiction and Fantasy

Have you started a novel, only to get part way into the manuscript and find yourself stuck? Or do you have an idea for a novel, but aren't sure where to begin? Have you completed a first draft, but feel it doesn't quite have the luster of professional writing? In this lively and fun-to-read guide, Steve Alcorn shows you the remedies you need to achieve success. Step by step, you'll breathe life into old manuscripts, create new novels that read like bestsellers, and put the spark back into your writing life. Topics include: Story Structure Character Building Viewpoint Tense Voice Setting Conflict Suspense Mystery Dialogue Writing Big Beginnings and Endings Getting Published Whether you're a first time novelist still planning your story, or an experienced author looking for ways to bring your fiction to life, *How to Fix Your Novel* is the

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ideal prescription.

Vajra

The question of how to become a science fiction writer is answered in this collection of exclusive, in-depth interviews with writers and producers from TV's hottest sci-fi and fantasy shows.

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