

*the essential*

**RESOURCE**

**GUIDE**

*for writers!*

AN EPIC HANDBOOK FROM SHE'S NOVEL

# RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS

WRITING AND PRODUCTIVITY APPS		
Write, edit, organize, and compile your manuscript	<a href="#"><u>Scrivener (for Mac*)</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Scrivener (for PC*)</u></a>	My absolute favorite writing software. I use Scrivener to organize my chapters, scenes, and notes; write and edit my novel; and compile my manuscripts for publishing.
Track your writing goals and progress	<a href="#"><u>MyWrite Club</u></a>	Set writing goals, update your progress, invite friends, and share your updates.
Edit your writing and improve your prose	<a href="#"><u>Hemingway App</u></a>	Add your writing to the text editor to receive a “readability” score and other helpful tips.
Manage tasks and improve productivity	<a href="#"><u>The 30/30 App</u></a>	Create custom task lists and work on a 30/30 timer to boost your productivity.
Do more and have fun with time management	<a href="#"><u>The Pomodoro Technique</u></a>	Work with your time to instantly boost your productivity and avoid burnout.

MY FAVORITE WRITING CRAFT BOOKS		
On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft	<a href="#"><u>Stephen King (link*)</u></a>	This memoir features Stephen King’s writing journey and best tips for aspiring authors.
Bird by Bird: Instructions on Writing and Life	<a href="#"><u>Anne Lamott (link*)</u></a>	Excellent instructions and reflection on overcoming doubts and writing with purpose.
Writing Down the Bones: Freeing the Writer Within	<a href="#"><u>Natalie Goldberg (link*)</u></a>	This bestselling writer’s handbook gives instructions on writing skillfully and creatively.
Publishing 101: A First-Time Author’s Guide	<a href="#"><u>Jane Friedman (link*)</u></a>	Get published, market and promote your book, and build your career as an author.
How to Market a Book: A Guide	<a href="#"><u>Joanna Penn (link*)</u></a>	Learn how to promote your books and begin thinking like an author entrepreneur.
Master Lists for Writers	<a href="#"><u>Bryn Donovan (link*)</u></a>	Epic lists of thesaurus compilations, plot structures, character traits and names, and more.
The Emotion Thesaurus: A Writer’s Guide	<a href="#"><u>Angela Ackerman (link*)</u></a>	An epic “Show, Don’t Tell” resource for writers looking to write and edit faster and smarter.
Structuring Your Novel	<a href="#"><u>K.M. Weiland (link*)</u></a>	The essential keys to story structure and crafting an outstanding novel.

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## MY FAVORITE WRITING PODCASTS

I Should Be Writing	<a href="#">Mur Lafferty (link)</a>	This podcast helps writers looking to build a career as an author with their novels.
The Creative Penn Podcast	<a href="#">Joanna Penn (link)</a>	Inspiration and information on writing, publishing, marketing, and living a creative lifestyle.
Story Grid	<a href="#">Shawn Coyne (link)</a>	Become a better author with these tips on the ins and outs of writing a great story.
Beautiful Writers	<a href="#">Danielle LaPorte (link)</a>	Discussions on writing, publishing, marketing, and creativity with authors and industry experts.
Writing Excuses	<a href="#">Brandon Sanderson (link)</a>	A fast-paced and educational podcast that aims to help writers of all degrees better their skills.

## EDITING AND PUBLISHING TOOLS

Commission a book cover design	<a href="#">99Designs</a>	List a book cover design opportunity and have graphic designers vie for your commission.
Commission a book cover and secure editing services	<a href="#">Bookfly Design</a>	Purchase custom ebook and print book cover designs and personalized editing work.
Find your editing and marketing team	<a href="#">Reedsy</a>	Build your team by connecting with editors, formatters, publicists, publishers, and more.
Discover your perfect freelance editor	<a href="#">Freelancers Union</a>	Join this free freelancers community, network, and hire freelance editors, marketers, etc.
Self-publish a print book on Amazon	<a href="#">Amazon's Createspace</a>	Upload your manuscript and cover documents and have Amazon print and ship your book worldwide.
Self-publish an ebook on Amazon	<a href="#">Kindle Direct Publishing</a>	Upload your manuscript and cover documents and self-publish your ebook on the Kindle platform.
Distribute your self-published book	<a href="#">Ingram Spark</a>	Work with Ingram Spark to distribute your self-published book to stores worldwide.
Learn how to write a query letter	<a href="#">Jane Friedman</a>	This article from Jane Friedman teaches you how to write a query letter for agents and publishers.
Learn how to publish traditionally	<a href="#">Jane Friedman</a>	This article from Jane Friedman teaches you how to publish your book through a publishing house.

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AUTHOR WEBSITE AND MARKETING TOOLS		
Website Builder	<a href="#"><u>Squarespace</u></a>	Get your own domain name and easily build a beautiful website with Squarespace. I use this for both my author website and She's Novel.
Email Marketing Platform	<a href="#"><u>Mailchimp</u></a>	Build and contact your email list with Mailchimp (free to use with less than 2,000 subscribers!).
Graphics Creator and Editor	<a href="#"><u>Canva</u></a>	Build graphics for your website and social media accounts using this free editor.
Advanced Graphics Creator and Editor	<a href="#"><u>Photoshop</u></a>	Create more advanced graphics, book mockups, and edited photos with this software.
DSLR camera	<a href="#"><u>Canon EOS Rebel T5</u></a>	Shoot high-quality author photos, social media images, and video for vlogging and other projects.
Video editor	<a href="#"><u>Screenflow</u></a>	Film audio and video, record your screen, and edit high-quality videos with this fantastic editor.
USB Microphone	<a href="#"><u>Samson Go Mic (link*)</u></a>	Record high-quality audio for videos, podcasts, and other projects with this USB mic.
USB Webcam	<a href="#"><u>Logitech Pro Webcam (link*)</u></a>	Film high-quality video for virtual meet-and-greets, book tours, webinars, and vlogging projects.
Graphics & Creative Design Marketplace	<a href="#"><u>Creative Market</u></a>	Purchase high-quality fonts, mockups, photos, and other designs to use in your graphics.
Free Graphics, Photo, and Mockup Marketplace	<a href="#"><u>Graphic Burger</u></a>	Download free high-quality fonts, mockups, photos, and other designs to use in your graphics.
Free Creative Commons Photo Gallery	<a href="#"><u>Unsplash</u></a>	Download free photos that can be used for your website, graphics, book covers, etc.
Social Sharing Buttons for Your Website	<a href="#"><u>SumoMe</u></a>	Make it easy for website visitors to share your blog posts and pages with this free app.
Social Media Scheduling	<a href="#"><u>Hootsuite</u></a> or <a href="#"><u>Buffer</u></a>	Schedule social media posts in advance with the free Hootsuite software or the more advanced Buffer program.

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WRITING COMMUNITIES AND BLOGS		
Your Write Dream	<a href="#"><u>She's Novel Community</u></a>	This Facebook group is exclusive to She's Novel readers and serves as a place for encouragement, inspiration, and advice for writers worldwide.
Blots & Plots Party	<a href="#"><u>Blots &amp; Plots Community</u></a>	Jenny Bravo of Blots & Plots hosts this ultra-fun Facebook group for writers.
Author Basics	<a href="#"><u>Group for Biz-Minded Authors</u></a>	This Facebook group is focused on helping authors grow their businesses and sell more books.
10-Minute Novelists	<a href="#"><u>Group for Busy Writers</u></a>	This encouraging & inspirational Facebook group offers advice & support for time-crunched writers.
Ink & Quills by Kaitlin Hillerich	<a href="#"><u>Website and Resources</u></a>	Tips and tools to tell your story—articles, ebooks, workshops, and more!
Writerology by Faye Kirwin	<a href="#"><u>Website and Resources</u></a>	Merging the science of psychology with the art of fiction—articles, ebooks, workshops, and more!
Real•Good•Writing with Rachel Giesel	<a href="#"><u>Website and Resources</u></a>	Get serious about creating real good writing—articles, ebooks, resource library, and more!
Better Novel Project by Christine Fraser	<a href="#"><u>Blog &amp; Writing Merchandise</u></a>	Breaking down bestselling novels, one doodle at a time—articles and #amwriting merchandise.
Lucy Flint and the Lion-Hearted Writing Life	<a href="#"><u>Blog</u></a>	Learning to live the lion-hearted writing life—epic articles from an amazing author.
Helping Writers Become Authors by K.M. Weiland	<a href="#"><u>Website and Resources</u></a>	Breaking down story structure, character arcs, common writing mistakes, and more!
Hint of Jam by Jamae Sabangan	<a href="#"><u>Website and Services</u></a>	Spreading the write stuff—epic articles and creative coaching services.
Misfit Alexa	<a href="#"><u>Blog</u></a>	Reading and writing books with a colorful pen—articles and a free resource library.
Tomi Adeyemi	<a href="#"><u>Website and Resources</u></a>	Making your writing dreams a reality—articles, ebooks, courses, and more!
E.A. Deverell	<a href="#"><u>Website and Resources</u></a>	Articles, ebooks, and an insanely amazing worksheet library for readers and writers.
Bryn Donovan	<a href="#"><u>Website and Resources</u></a>	Tell your stories and love your life—articles, ebooks, and more!
E.M. Welsh	<a href="#"><u>Blog</u></a>	Be a modern storyteller and love your writing—articles on writing and caring for the writer.