

THE 15TH ANNUAL

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BEST

Websites

for Writers

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[A] ccording to the Indexed Web on WorldWideWebSize.com, there are currently more than 14 billion Internet sites—which explains why it’s such an impossible task to scour them in search of the jewels that are most valuable to the writing life.

That’s where we come in.

For a decade and a half, we’ve been busy doing the legwork for you, combing through seemingly endless streams of websites that target writers and highlighting the very best in our annual roundup so you can spend more time doing what you love: writing.

As in the past, we’ve mined this year’s gems from thousands of nominations submitted by the writing community across the globe. Whether you’re a longtime reader or coming to this list for the first time, you’ll find the 15th Annual 101 Best Websites for Writers to be a carefully chosen mix of sites that consistently earn a place here for their riches of resources, sites reclaiming their spots after

some time away, and newcomers (highlighted in yellow) making their debuts in our rankings.

For easy reference, the list is divided into nine sections: creativity, writing advice, everything agents, jobs and markets, general resources, publishing/marketing resources, genres/niches, online writing communities, and just for fun. We’ve also included symbols for a quick glance at what each site offers: advice for writers, classes/workshops/conferences, contests, critique sections, e-newsletters/RSS feeds, forums, content for young writers, job listings that pay, markets for your work and a Twitter feed. And in each category, we’ve spotlighted one site as the “Best of the Best”—truly deserving of a close look from practically every writer.

This handy roundup of websites will steer you to a bevy of useful resources that will keep your muse inspired and your career moving forward. So grab your laptop, tablet or smartphone, because a whole network of community and support for writers has just gotten a lot easier to find.

Key to Icons

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

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CREATIVITY

1. Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest ★

bulwer-lytton.com

Craft the “best” terrible opening line to a novel, and you could win! No wonder writers flock to this fun challenge year after year—it’s not often you can win an award for writing something bad.

2. Creativity Portal ✓ 📡 * 🐦

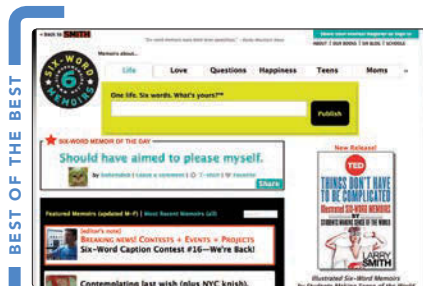
creativity-portal.com
Get inspiration on demand from this site’s Imagination Prompt Generator (under the “Writing” section), alongside articles and exercises focused on helping you brainstorm ideas for your work.

3. Easy Street Prompts 📡 🐦

easystreetprompts.blogspot.com
If you prefer visual inspiration, then Easy Street is for you; it offers both photo and video prompts to spark your imagination.

4. First 50 Words 📡

first50.wordpress.com
Author Virginia DeBolt posts new prompts regularly and invites writers to respond live in the comments thread. Short and sweet, in 50 words or fewer participants are asked to follow only one rule: “Don’t judge, don’t edit, just write.”



5. Six-Word Memoirs 📡 * 🐦

sixwordmemoirs.com
Talk about instant gratification! Founded by *SMITH Magazine*, Six-Word Memoirs celebrates bite-sized vignettes of life. Just register (it’s free) to submit: *All* entries are published on the site, with featured submissions chosen by *SMITH* editors for home-page spotlights.

6. The Story Starter * 🐦

thestorystarter.com
Do you find it easier to continue a work-in-progress than to face a blank page? Enter The Story Starter, a database that randomly generates opening lines (3 billion and counting). And for kids, there’s Story Starter, Jr. (thestorystarter.com/jr.htm).

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WRITING ADVICE

7. A. Victoria Mixon, Editor ✓ 🍎 📡 🐦

victoriamixon.com
This experienced freelance editor generously offers craft tips to even nonclients via her active blog and Twitter feed.

8. Anne R. Allen’s Blog ... With Ruth Harris ✓ 📡 🐦

annerallen.blogspot.com
Prolific author Allen and former Big Six editor Harris share their endless wealth of writerly advice, tips and insight through this blog that’s updated weekly. Find thoughtful posts on the pros and cons of publishing traditionally versus

independently, the most common mistakes new writers make, and more.

9. Daily Writing Tips

✓ ★ 📡 🐦
dailywritingtips.com

Sign up for the newsletter and get tips on grammar, punctuation, word choice and more every 24 hours, or access the complete tip archive online.

10. Grammar Bytes! ✓ 🐦

chompchomp.com
Brush up on your grammar with plenty of advice and exercises using this fun, interactive site. It’s writing instruction with spunk.



11. Grammar Girl ✓ 📡 🐦

grammar.quickanddirtytips.com
A staple on the 101 list, bestselling author Mignon Fogarty tackles the toughest of grammatical conundrums—the ones even professionals grapple with. Her audio podcasts and written posts are conveniently categorized to help you find the answers you need.

12. How to Blog a Book ✓ 📡 🐦

howtoblogabook.com
Want to make progress on a book manuscript and a blog at the same time? Nina Amir literally wrote the book on *How to Blog a Book* (WD Books), and her blog continues to deliver fresh tips on how to successfully do just that.

13. InkyGirl.com ✓ 📡 🐦

inkygirl.com

Author Debbie Ridpath Ohi offers inspiration to fellow writers (especially those who write for children and young adults) through her humorous comics about the writing life, alongside posts ripe with tips, author interviews and more. If you're on Twitter, don't miss her popular feed.

14 Jane Friedman ✓ 🍎 📧 🐦
janefriedman.com

WD contributing editor and former publisher Jane Friedman continually adds to her vast archive of posts for writers tagged "Writing, reading and publishing in the digital age." Her website and social media network also serve as wonderful examples of platform building.

15 Jeff Goins, Writer ✓ 📧 🐦
goinswriter.com

What drives us to write? What does it really take to successfully make a living through words today? Jeff Goins answers these questions and more about the craft in his positive, thought-provoking and inspirational blog.

16 The Kill Zone ✓ 📧 🐦
killzoneauthors.blogspot.com
Hosted by 11 top mystery and thriller authors (including frequent WD contributor James Scott Bell), The Kill Zone's main mission is outreach to fellow writers of suspense, but the advice often crosses genre lines.

17. Nathan Bransford
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blog.nathanbransford.com
With this highly popular blog, author and former literary agent Nathan Bransford takes the cynicism out of publishing and offers fellow writers a balanced perspective on the industry.

18. A Newbie's Guide to Publishing ✓ 📧 🐦
jakonrath.blogspot.com

Thriller author J.A. Konrath's blog is jam-packed with his (sometimes con-

troversial) observations on what it really takes to break in to publishing and sell your work—both independently and traditionally. Konrath is known for being strongly opinionated, but he backs it up, speaking from experience with both publishing routes.

19. Novel Rocket ✓ 🍎 ⭐ 📧 🐦
novelrocket.com

Get your novel off the ground with this collection of advice on improving your fiction, building your online presence, and more from literary agents and published novelists alike.

20. Plot Whisperer for Writers and Readers
✓ 🍎 ⭐ 📧 🐦

plotwhisperer.blogspot.com
Writing instructor Martha Alderson posts useful tips to help you solve the biggest plot problems in your fiction.

21. Preditors & Editors
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pred-ed.com

Defend yourself against industry scams. Preditors & Editors helps writers avoid fraudulent or questionable publishing organizations and businesses.

22 The Quintessentially Questionable Query Experiment ✓ 🗣️ 📧 🐦
theqqqe.blogspot.com

Blogger Matthew MacNish runs this honest and hilarious blog as an attempt to help fellow writers avoid mistakes he's made on his publication journey (still in progress). He posts and critiques real queries, then asks his blog followers to chime in.

23. Storyfix ✓ 📧 🐦
storyfix.com

Ready to get real with your writing goals? Writing instructor Larry Brooks (author of *Story Engineering* from WD Books) offers straight talk on character development, story structure and more.

24 WordServe Water Cooler ✓ 📧 🐦
wordservewatercooler.com

Check out this community of agented authors (all represented by WordServe Literary) as they share their experiences and provide tips on surviving the book industry.

25. WOW! Women on Writing ✓ 🍎 ⭐ 📧 🐦
wow-womenonwriting.com

Founded in 2006, WOW! aims to foster women writers' energy and creativity throughout all stages of the writing process. Topics range from crafting believable fictional characters to making it as a full-time freelance writer.

26. Writer Beware Blog ✓ 📧
accrispin.blogspot.com

Affiliated with the Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of America, this watchdog group tracks and exposes scammers, raises awareness of questionable activities in publishing, and dissects noteworthy industry changes and practices with writers' best interests at heart.

27. Writer Unboxed ✓ 📧 🐦
writerunboxed.com

Making its seventh consecutive appearance on our list, Writer Unboxed offers constructive business and craft advice for fiction scribes from a panel of experts, including literary agent Donald Maass and bestselling authors Ann Aguirre and Carleen Brice.

28. The Writer Underground ✓ 📧 🐦
writerunderground.com

Although it's run by online marketing consultant Tom Chandler, The Writer Underground isn't focused solely on copywriting. Scribes of all types can benefit from his excellent advice on navigating the business of writing, plus track industry news via his Week in Tweets roundups.

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EVERYTHING AGENTS

29. Agent Query agentquery.com

Search this free database of more than 900 literary agents and what they're currently seeking.

30. Andrea Hurst & Associates Literary Management andreahurst.com/category/blog

Agent Andrea Hurst doesn't just give advice. She also interviews top-notch authors and publishing industry colleagues in her Authonomics series centered around the business.

31. Carly Watters, Literary Agent Blog agentcarlywatters.wordpress.com

Carly Watters of P.S. Literary Agency may be relatively new to the trade, but her blog has already amassed a great deal of useful information on the ins and outs of the submissions process.



32. Kidlit kidlit.com

Kidlit is the go-to blog for writers of children's and young adult fiction. Senior literary manager Mary Kole of Movable Type Management offers writing and submission advice as well as contest and conference announcements.

33. Pub Rants pubrants.blogspot.com

This blog by Kristin Nelson of Nelson Literary (who, incidentally, represents this issue's WD Interview subject, Hugh Howey) makes our list time and again because of its rich archives, filled with her expert advice ranging from the basics, such as submissions protocol, to more complicated matters, such as contract negotiations.

34. Query Shark queryshark.blogspot.com

This site, helmed by agent Janet Reid of FinePrint Literary Management, consists of actual query letters with annotations and analyses. With more than 200 critiques, it's an invaluable roundup of dos and don'ts for writers in the querying process.

35. Rachelle Gardner rachelgardner.com

A regular on the 101 list, Rachelle Gardner of Books & Such Literary has been providing practical writing and submission advice for five years running. Posts give thoughtful responses to tough questions such as "Should You Re-Query an Agency?" and "Can I Make More Money via Traditional or Self-Pub?"

36. Red Sofa Literary redsofaliterary.com

Agent Dawn Frederick of Red Sofa Literary is the main voice behind this blog, which is making its second 101 appearance. Frederick breaks down her advice into easy-to-process suggestions and takeaway points.

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JOBS & MARKETS

37. All Freelance Writing allfreelancewriting.com

This directory of paying freelance jobs is

browsable by category, or you can search for specific markets.

38. Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism journalism.berkeley.edu/jobs/list/jobs

You might just find your next freelance or full-time editorial opportunity on this site, which offers dozens of pages of job listings, updated regularly.

39. Ed2010 ed2010.com

The young editors at Ed2010 offer writing and industry advice for aspiring magazine editors who want to learn the trade. They also provide opportunities to meet up with other magazine pros in various regions, as well as WhisperJobs listings of both freelance and full-time openings.

40. Editor & Publisher editorandpublisher.com

Check out this site's comprehensive classifieds section for writing, publishing and editing job opportunities.



41. Freelance Writing Jobs freelancewritinggigs.com

Stay up to date on the latest freelance gigs, big and small (even those originally appearing in venues such as Craigslist), in the "Job Leads" section of this very useful site.

42. FundsforWriters fundsforwriters.com

Visit author C. Hope Clark's site for a

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wealth of information on fellowships, grants, contests, markets and other monetary opportunities for writers.

43. JournalismJobs.com



journalismjobs.com

JournalismJobs.com offers hundreds of job listings from around the world for all experience levels. Search by position, industry and/or location.

44. The Market List

marketlist.com

Writing mystery, young adult, fantasy or other category fiction? This invaluable site specializes in market listings and resources for genre writers of all sorts.

45. Mediabistro



mediabistro.com

If you're a freelance writer, then Mediabistro is the one-stop shop for your industry news, job listings, blogs and more.

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GENERAL RESOURCES



46. Author Media

authormedia.com

Need help with your website, blog or social media page? Author Media (formerly Author Tech Tips) offers easy, step-by-step tutorials for authors who are less than tech savvy.

47. BabyNameWorld.com



babynameworld.com

Sites focused solely on character naming are scarce, so why not go to the next best thing? Give birth to believable characters with help from BabyNameWorld.com, a comprehensive resource revealing the origins and meanings of thousands of monikers from around the globe.

48. The Review Review



thereviewreview.com

If you're feeling overwhelmed by the task of investigating which literary journals might be the best fit for your poetry, short fiction or essays, then check out The Review Review, which can save you time and effort with its comprehensive guide to the latest issues of a wide range of literary pubs.

49. ShawGuides

writing.shawguides.com

Searching for a writing conference or retreat? Find your dream destination on this inclusive list of more than 1,000 domestic and international events and workshops for writers.

50. United States Copyright Office

copyright.gov

Every author needs to know how to protect his work, so consult this site for the official word on all your copyright-related inquiries.

51. Wealthy Web Writer



wealthywebwriter.com

Grow your platform and take your online writing to new heights with help from Wealthy Web Writer founder Rebecca Matter. Learn tricks to boost your Web traffic and expand your website's visibility with this site's helpful resources.

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PUBLISHING/ MARKETING RESOURCES

52. BoSacks—Precision Media Group

bosacks.com

Media veteran Bob Sacks rounds up all the latest industry news for fellow pros and curious onlookers. Sign up for his free newsletter to stay up to date on what's happening in book and magazine publishing, complete with thought-provoking opinion pieces from a potpourri of sources.

53. Coalition of Independent Authors

coalition-independent-authors.com

A group of self-published authors built this site as a way to gain exposure for their work by promoting their individual projects in one centralized spot. If you're self-published, you're welcome to add a listing of your own.

54. The Creative Penn



thecreativepenn.com

Author, entrepreneur and speaker Joanna Penn provides her best tips on publishing and marketing books, whether you want to self-publish or go the traditional route.

55. The Independent Publishing Magazine



theindependentpublishing magazine.com

This online magazine serves independent authors and small presses through relevant news articles, trend reports and, perhaps most useful of all, detailed ratings and reviews of self-publishing services—essential reading for those in the process of comparing providers.

56. Joe Wikert's Publishing 2020 Blog ✓ 📡 🐦

jwikert.typepad.com

O'Reilly Media publisher and general manager Joe Wikert shares experience-based predictions on the future of print publishing and online media to help you position yourself for success.

57. Mashable ✓ 📡 💰 🐦

mashable.com

Social media, the Web and technology are constantly changing. Mashable publishes news on these topics daily to help you stay with the times—and ahead of the curve.

58. OnceWritten.com ✓ ★ 📡 🗨️

oncewritten.com

Are you a beginning writer? Then find support at OnceWritten.com, which caters to newbies by offering writing prompts, contests and other resources to help you reach your publishing goals.



59. Publetariat ✓ 📡 🗨️

publetariat.com

Founded by April L. Hamilton (author of *The Indie Author Guide*, from WD Books), Publetariat is one of the leading online communities and news hubs specifically for self-published authors and small presses. Check out the “Publish” section, which offers helpful articles on getting your work out there.

60. Winning Writers ✓ ★ 📡 🐦

winningwriters.com

Winning Writers instantly emails you

information on more than 150 poetry contests just for signing up for its free monthly newsletter. Optional upgrade: A paid membership (\$9.95 quarterly) will gain you access to listings of 1,250 other writing competitions for both poetry and prose.

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GENRES/NICHES

CHILDREN'S/YOUNG ADULT

61. Adventures in YA & Children's Publishing

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childrenspublishing.blogspot.com

In an era where suddenly everyone

seems to be writing children's and YA, getting your work noticed can be a challenge. This site from a trio of the genre's authors—Martina Boone, Lisa Gail Green and Jan Lewis—aims to make that journey to publication easier with posts on finding an agent, landing book deals and more.

62. Resources for Children's Writers

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resourcesforchildrenswriters.com

Author and editor Rachele Burk shares links to hundreds of articles for children's writers, covering everything from craft tips to publishing advice to strategies for networking with other authors.

Beyond 101: The Writer's Digest Family of Sites

WritersDigest.com

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

WritersMarket.com

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

WritersDigestUniversity.com

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

WritersDigest.com/editor-blogs

Get daily doses of writing advice direct from the WD editors. Our family of bloggers has you covered on everything from staff-led discussions of craft and publishing to poetry, agent news and more.

DigitalBookWorld.com

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

ScriptMag.com

Though the newest member of the WD family, *Script Magazine* is anything but a newbie in the scriptwriting world. For years, it's been delivering essential advice and must-read news on craft, film festivals, how to make it in Hollywood and more.



63. Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators ✓ 🍎 ⭐ 🗨️ 🐦

scbwi.org

The online home of this popular organization is a must for authors of children's and YA work: It offers the scoop on international writing conferences as well as awards and grants specific to the genre. Although much of its info is available to nonmembers, membership in SCBWI (\$85 for the first year, \$70 annual renewal) grants special access to discussion forums, includes the bimonthly magazine *The SCBWI Bulletin* and provides info on the genre's markets, agents and publishers.

FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION

64. Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of America ✓ 🍎 ⭐ 🗨️ 🐦

sfwa.org

Get the latest news, book releases, contest info and more from this organization dedicated to science fiction and fantasy. Consider a paid membership (\$70–110, provided you meet the criteria of having been published in the genre) to access the site's forums and get personal support from SFWA.

FREELANCE

65. FreelanceWriting.com ✓ ⭐ 📧 📧 📧 🐦

freelancewriting.com

From the ins and outs of business writing to scoring bylines in consumer magazines, FreelanceWriting.com is home to hundreds of resources (articles, video

tutorials and more) that can help you build a lucrative career as a freelancer.

66. The Renegade Writer ✓ 🍎 📧 🐦

therenegadewriter.com

Renegades Linda Formichelli (who pens WD's Conference Scene column) and Diana Burrell teach an unconventional approach to becoming a successful freelance writer: Forget the rules, and do what works best for you. Learn from their experience, and get ready to go rogue.

HORROR

67. DarkMarkets ✓ ⭐ 📧 📍 🐦

darkmarkets.com

DarkMarkets is a free online market guide exclusively for horror writers. Look here to find outlets for your work, including literary magazines, book publishers, e-zines, anthologies and contests.

68. Horror Writers Association ✓ 🍎 ⭐ 📧 📍 🐦

horror.org/writetips.htm

Improve your craft with help from the Horror Writers Association's wealth of free articles and links for scribes setting out to scare. An HWA membership (\$21–115, open to writers at all levels) grants you special access to the discussion forums, members-only markets, the twice-monthly newsletter, and more.

MYSTERY/CRIME

69. Jungle Red Writers ✓ 📧 🐦

jungleredwriters.com

In the mighty jungle, eight crime fiction writers—including several bestsellers, Rhys Bowen and Hank Phillippi Ryan among them—dish on all things writing. No intimidation here, just good conversation (they describe the site as “The View,” but with bodies).

70. Mystery Writers of America ✓ 🍎 ⭐ 📧 🐦

mysterywriters.org

Connect with other writers of whodunits and find out what's going on in the genre. Nonmembers are welcome to access info on classes and contests for free.

71. Mystery Writing Is Murder ✓ 📧 🐦

mysterywritingismurder.blogspot.com

The prolific Elizabeth Spann Craig, author of multiple mystery series, generously doles out advice on what it takes to master the craft. Check in on Sundays for her weekly “Twitterific” roundup.

POETRY

72. Poetry Daily ⭐ 📧 🐦

poems.com

Poetry Daily is an ongoing anthology of contemporary poetry, with each day featuring a new poem from a recent literary journal or book. A year's worth of material is browsable in the archives.

73. PoetryFoundation.org ✓ 📧 * 🐦

poetryfoundation.org

The organization behind *Poetry* magazine offers a multitude of resources, including podcasts, technique advice, and content for children. Be sure to check out its popular Harriet poetry blog, which features a monthly rotation of special guest poets.

74. Poetry Out Loud ✓ ⭐ * 🐦

poetryoutloud.org

Created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, this contest encourages teen poets to learn about poetry through recitation and memorization. The site also includes articles and video instruction on reciting poetry.

75. Poetry Society of America ✓ 🍎 ⭐ 📧 🐦

poetrysociety.org

As the official website of the Poetry Society of America, this organiza-

tion offers info on annual contests and awards. It's also behind the popular poetic programs Poetry in Motion and Poem in Your Pocket Day.

76. Poets.org ✓ 📡 💬 * 🐦

poets.org

The Academy of American Poets' online hub includes not only poetry, but also a poetry map to help you find poets, events and writing programs in your area. Sign up for Poem-A-Day and receive a new, unpublished poem by a contemporary poet daily.

ROMANCE

77. Romance Junkies

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romancejunkies.com

This lively site spotlights budding romance writers, interviews with published novelists and more. At the Writer's Corner, writers in the genre meet to find critique partners and access articles on crafting marketable love stories.

78. Romance University

✓ 🍌 📡 🐦

romanceuniversity.org

Romance University offers free online lectures three days a week to help aspiring romance writers master the craft and succeed in the genre.

SCRIPTWRITING

79. MovieBytes ★ 📡 💬 📍 🐦

moviebytes.com

Visit MovieBytes for info on the latest screenwriting contests and markets. Don't miss the chance to network with fellow scriptwriters on the thriving message boards.

80. Script Doctor Eric

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scriptdoctoreric.com

If your script is on its last breath, Script Doctor Eric can help bring it back to life. Eric (no given surname) is a script reader and consultant who shares advice and

interviews with industry professionals on the art of crafting exciting scripts.

81. The Script Lab ✓ 📡 🐦

thescriptlab.com

Not only is The Script Lab a comprehensive screenwriting resource, but this site also provides links to full scripts of recent popular movies. Read, watch and learn.

SPIRITUAL

82. Christian Story Teller

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christianstoryteller.com

The not-for-profit Christian Story Teller educates and encourages Christian writers to keep their faith throughout their writing journeys.

83. Resources for Muslim Writers ✓ * \$ 📍

muslimwriters.blogspot.com

If you're a Muslim writer, then this site is a must. Get specialized information on faith-based competitions, organizations, scholarships, jobs and more.

84. Seekerville ✓ ★ 📡 🐦

seekerville.blogspot.com

Get a spiritual boost from The Seekers, a group of 13 published Christian writers who offer support, encouragement and information on the writing process.

THRILLER

85. International Thriller Writers 🍌 ★ 📡 🐦

thrillerwriters.org

With more than 1,500 members (including Lee Child, Douglas Preston, Sandra Brown and other bestselling authors) representing 22 countries, ITW is *the* premier association for writers of thrillers. Subscribe to its free monthly e-zine *The Big Thrill* to get the latest news on the genre, in-depth interviews and more. Offline, its annual ThrillerFest event boasts an impressive cast of well-known writers.

86. Murder By 4 ✓ 🍌 📡

murderby4.blogspot.com

Get an exclusive look at the writing lives of four published thriller authors. Beware: It's addictive to read ... but it won't be the death of you.

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ONLINE WRITING COMMUNITIES

87. Absolute Write

✓ 🍌 📡 💬 🐦

absolutewrite.com

For the dirt on real writers' experiences in publishing, gather around the Absolute Write Water Cooler, where you'll find almost 50,000 forum members engaged in heated discussions. *Has anyone else queried such-and-such agent? Is anyone else still awaiting payment from such-and-such magazine?* You'll be in good company.

88. Critique Circle 🍌 💬 * 🐦

critiquecircle.com

Home to writers of all ages and genres, this active online workshop provides a place to give and receive peer critiques, and includes tools for tracking submissions, measuring your manuscript's progress and generating characters.

89. JPic Forum for Writers

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jpforum.info

Jacqui's Poetry in Color forum is an online community dedicated primarily to sharing poetry, but there are also forums for short stories, novels and essays. Meet here to discuss and critique work from writers from around the world.

90. MoonTownCafe.com

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moontowncafe.com

With the tagline "A Family of Poets and Writers," this social networking community allows you to create your own free

My Café Space account to connect with other scribes. MoonTownCafe.com also provides free poems, contests, workshops, forums and blogs.

91. My Writers Circle  mywriterscircle.com

My Writers Circle boasts critique forums for prose, poetry and screenwriting. Submit material to the “Workshop” or “Poets Corner” sections for other writers to give honest feedback of your work.



92. National Novel Writing Month  nanowrimo.org

Join more than 250,000 writers annually and take part in the NaNoWriMo marathon by cranking out a 50,000-word novel in November. (Also offered: Camp NaNoWriMo, which hosts smaller versions of the challenge in July and August.) This site helps you track your book’s progress with its online word counter, and connects you with other participants for support.

Nominating Next Year’s 101

Don’t see one of your favorite sites here? Wish we’d add a new category? Send your comments and nominations for next year’s list to writersdigest@fwmedia.com with “101 Websites” in the subject line between now and Dec. 1.

93. Review Fuse  reviewfuse.com

Here’s how it works: For every four critiques of others’ works you give, you get three back. All reviews are done behind the privacy of a wall that only those with a free membership can access.

94. WritersCafe.org  writerscafe.org

Read and rate material from fellow writers in this free virtual community, then get critiques for your own work. Forums provide a place to discuss the craft further.

95. Writers-Networks  writers-network.com

Poets and writers are invited to join this free community to share work, get feedback and discuss writing-related topics. Members can also participate in contests and live chats, and earn points (the site’s currency system, redeemable for ad space or special contest entry “fees”) for reviewing others’ works.

96. Young Writers Online  youngwritersonline.net

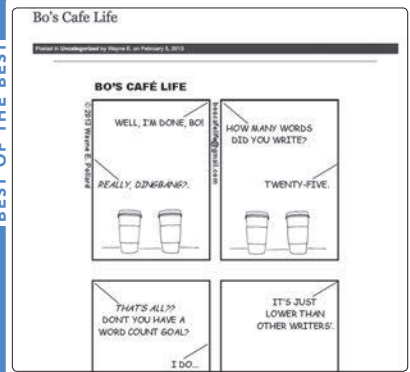
Exclusively for teens and writers in their early 20s, this forum provides a place for young scribes to meet and discuss and critique one another’s work.

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JUST FOR FUN

97. Apostrophe Abuse  apostropheabuse.com

Let’s face it: Clearly not everyone is as horrified (or as entertained) by misplaced apostrophes as writers are. Blogger Chris Duval rounds up many of these grammar fails for your amusement on this hilarious site.



98. Bo’s Café Life  boscafelife.wordpress.com

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