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**The Magic Words: Writing Great Books for Children and Young Adults**  
Candlewick

Press  
National Book Award Finalist  
\* Printz Award Winner for Best Young Adult Book of the Year  
"Ruby's novel deserves to be read and reread. It is powerful,

beautiful, extraordinary."  
—School Library Journal  
Everyone knows Bone Gap is full of gaps. So when young, beautiful Roza went missing, the people of Bone Gap

weren't surprised. But Finn knows what really happened to Roza. He knows she was kidnapped by a dangerous man whose face he cannot remember. As we follow the stories of Finn, Roza, and the people of Bone Gap, acclaimed author Laura Ruby weaves a tale of the ways in which the face the world sees is never the sum of who we are. *The Art of Being Normal* Penguin Poor Louie!

Life is perfect for this pup until Mom's belly starts getting bigger. . . . A funny and touching tale for big siblings from the illustrator of the Bink and Gollie series. Louie's life is great! A walk on the leash every morning, ice cream on Sundays, snuggling in bed at night with Mom and Dad. Even the playdates with Mom's friends — despite their little crawling creatures who pull Louie's ears — aren't all that bad.

But then things get weird: cold food on the floor, no room in the bed, and lots of new stuff coming into the house in pairs — two small beds, two little sweaters, two seats in the stroller. Does that bode double trouble ahead, or could there be a happier surprise in store for Louie? With perfect visual pacing, Tony Fucile takes a familiar story and gives it a comic spin. *The School for Good and Evil*

(The School  
for Good and  
Evil, Book 1)

Teach Yourself  
Whether you  
dream of  
writing a book  
for children or  
young adults,  
or you want to  
take a finished  
manuscript to  
the next level,  
it always helps  
to get a fresh  
point of view.  
Try a little  
SECOND  
SIGHT. In this  
collection of  
talks, a  
professional  
editor offers  
insights from  
the other side  
of the  
publishing  
desk on a  
wide range of  
writerly  
topics.\*  
Terrific first

lines and how  
they got that  
way\* What  
makes a  
strong picture  
book  
manuscript\*  
Why the Harry  
Potter series  
was such a  
tremendous  
success\*  
Finding the  
emotional  
heart of your  
story\*  
Worksheets  
and checklists  
for building  
characters  
and bolstering  
plot\* The  
Annotated  
Query Letter  
from Hell\* And  
an Annotated  
Query Letter  
That Does It  
Right With its  
wit,  
intelligence,  
and practical

tools for  
analyzing and  
revising your  
work, SECOND  
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a first  
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writers of  
children's and  
young adult  
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opinions, intentions, or interpretations of any of the writers or publishers mentioned.

*Writers' & Artists' Guide to How to Hook an Agent*  
Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)

Learn how to write young adult fiction with imagination and verve.

This is an authoritative and engaging introduction to writing young adult fiction for the complete beginner. It will help you understand how the genre

works, the big do's and don't's - as well as giving you the inspiration and motivation you actually need to write.

Written by a leading literary agent who knows what it takes to make it in this market, this book will give you the advice and tips you need to stand out.

An essential book for anyone hoping to emulate the success and addictive qualities that characterize books like *The Hunger*

*Games*, *Twilight*, *Divergent* and *The Fault in Our Stars*.

**ABOUT THE SERIES** The *Teach Yourself Creative Writing* series helps aspiring authors tell their story. Covering a range of genres from science fiction and romantic novels, to illustrated children's books and comedy, this series is packed with advice, exercises and tips for unlocking creativity and improving your writing.

And because we know how daunting the blank page can be, we set up the Just Write online community at [tyjustwrite](http://tyjustwrite.com), for budding authors and successful writers to connect and share.

**Writing Young Adult Fiction**

Bloomsbury Publishing Writing Youth: Young Adult Fiction as Literacy Sponsorship studies young adult (YA) fiction that analyzes corporate sponsorship of media literacy

practices in and through YA fiction. It shows how YA novels model for young people ways to manage the various media tools that surround them.

Solving the World's

Problems St. Martin's Press Adam Silvera reminds us that there's no life without death and no love without loss in this devastating yet uplifting story about two people whose lives change over the course of one unforgettable

day. #1 New York Times bestseller \* 4 starred reviews \* A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year \* A Kirkus Best Book of the Year \* A Booklist Editors' Choice \* A Bustle Best YA Novel \* A Paste Magazine Best YA Book \* A Book Riot Best Queer Book \* A BuzzFeed Best YA Book of the Year \* A BookPage Best YA Book of the Year On September 5, a little after midnight, Death-Cast

calls Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio to give them some bad news: They're going to die today. Mateo and Rufus are total strangers, but, for different reasons, they're both looking to make a new friend on their End Day. The good news: There's an app for that. It's called the Last Friend, and through it, Rufus and Mateo are about to meet up for one last great adventure—to live a lifetime

in a single day. In the tradition of *Before I Fall* and *If I Stay*, *They Both Die at the End* is a tour de force from acclaimed author Adam Silvera, whose debut, *More Happy Than Not*, the New York Times called “profound.” Plus don't miss *The First to Die* at the End: #1 New York Times bestselling author Adam Silvera returns to the universe of international phenomenon *They Both Die at the End* in

this prequel. New star-crossed lovers are put to the test on the first day of Death-Cast's fateful calls. [A Father's Love Penguin](#) The gripping first installment in New York Times bestselling author Tahereh Mafi's *Shatter Me* series. One touch is all it takes. One touch, and Juliette Ferrars can leave a fully grown man gasping for air. One touch, and she can kill. No one knows why Juliette

has such incredible power. It feels like a curse, a burden that one person alone could never bear. But The Reestablishment sees it as a gift, sees her as an opportunity. An opportunity for a deadly weapon. Juliette has never fought for herself before. But when she's reunited with the one person who ever cared about her, she finds a strength she never knew she had. And

don't miss Defy Me, the shocking fifth book in the Shatter Me series!  
**Smack**  
 Lulu.com  
 This comprehensive guide introduces aspiring storytellers to the ins and outs of writing fiction and nonfiction for young adults. Information includes an overview of writing, from dialogue and point of view to plot, setting, and character construction; choosing an agent and publisher;

marketing the finished work; and more. -  
 Written by an experienced author who has written, edited, and published books for young adults. -  
 Features writing exercises, anecdotes, and insider information. -  
 YA is a popular and lucrative genre for aspiring and seasoned authors alike, both in fiction and nonfiction.  
*Poor Louie*  
 Penguin  
 THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD AND EVIL is

now a major motion picture from Netflix, starring Academy Award winner Charlize Theron, Kerry Washington, Laurence Fishburne, Michelle Yeoh, Cate Blanchett, and many more! A dark and enchanting fantasy adventure for those who prefer fairytales with a twist. The first in the bestselling series.

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Wendy Lamb Books  
10:00 tonight at the water

tower. Tell no one. -Chaos Club When Max receives a mysterious invite from the untraceable, epic prank-pulling Chaos Club, he has to ask: why him? After all, he's Mr. 2.5 GPA, Mr. No Social Life. He's Just Max. And his favorite heist movies have taught him this situation calls for Rule #4: Be suspicious. But it's also his one shot to leave Just Max in the dust... Yeah, not so much. Max and four fellow

students-who also received invites-are standing on the newly defaced water tower when campus security "catches" them. Definitely a setup. And this time, Max has had enough. It's time for Rule #7: Always get payback. Let the prank war begin. Oceans 11 meets The Breakfast Club in this entertaining, fast-paced debut filled with pranks and cons that will keep readers on

their toes,  
never sure  
who's pulling  
the strings or  
what's coming  
next.

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Norton &  
Company  
Break into the  
Bestselling  
Young Adult  
Market with  
this  
Indispensable  
Guide!  
Whether  
you're just  
getting  
started or are  
on the hunt  
for an agent or  
publisher,  
Writing Great  
Books for  
Young Adults  
is your  
complete insid  
er source on  
how to  
succeed in the  
flourishing

world of YA  
fiction  
and nonfiction.  
In this  
updated and  
revised  
edition,  
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literary agent  
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crafting the  
perfect pitch  
for your book.  
Learn How To:  
• Develop an  
authentic,  
engaging  
voice and  
writing style  
• Construct  
dynamic plots  
that will  
resonate with  
readers

• Avoid  
common  
pitfalls related  
to tone and  
point of view  
• Navigate the  
emerging  
genres of YA  
nonfiction and  
New Adult  
• Create an  
exceptional  
query letter  
and proposal  
that will grab  
the attention  
of agents and  
publishers  
You'll also  
discover how  
successful film  
adaptations  
like Harry  
Potter and The  
Hunger  
Games have  
broadened the  
market for  
your  
book. Filled  
with tips and  
advice from

agents, editors, and popular YA authors, Writing Great Books for Young Adults is your ticket to an incredible YA career! "Brooks offers writers who are serious about attracting teen readers solid guidance through the creation process of writing YA fiction."—Library Journal

**Get Started in Writing Young Adult Fiction**

Macmillan

After running away from their troubled homes, two

English teenagers move in with a group of squatters in the port city of Bristol and try to find ways to support their growing addiction to heroin.

**Lips Touch: Three Times**

John Wiley & Sons

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, 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. *Writing Young Adult Fiction For Dummies* Anchor Canada Creative Writing for Teens is part of the Creative Writing for Kids series. This series brings out the fun in creative writing and literacy, helping young people to develop creative thinking and gain new skills. The creative work is a combination of practical/technical

exercises, such as leaflets and reports and imaginative writing with exciting and gripping story ideas. The work is fully guided with lots of example answers, including a detailed and immersive project at the end of the book. All the exercises have been used in real-life tuition and classes, with different ages and abilities, by students aged 13 to 19. [Don't Get Caught](#) Harper Collins

<p>Tar loves Gemma, but Gemma doesn't want to be tied down - not to anyone or anything. Gemma wants to fly. But no one can fly forever. One day, somehow, finally you have to come down. Commissioned and produced by Oxford Stage Company, Junk premiered at The Castle, Wellingborough, in January 1998 and went on to tour throughout the UK in 1998</p>	<p>and 1999. "John Retallack's excellent adaptation of Melvin Burgess's controversial Carnegie Medal winning novel is splendidly unpatronising. ..a truly cautionary tale" (Independent) <i>Writing Great Books for Young Adults</i> Sourcebooks, Inc. The "World" in Robert Lee Brewer's <i>Solving the World's Problems</i> is a slippery world ... where chaos always hovers near,</p>	<p>where we are (and should be) "splashing around in dark puddles." And one feels a bit dizzy reading these poems because (while always clear, always full of meaning) they come at reality slantwise so that nothing is quite the same and the reader comes away with a new way of looking at the ordinary objects and events of life. The poems are brim-full of surprises and delights, twists in the language,</p>
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double-meanings of words, leaps of thought and imagination, interesting line-breaks. There are love and relationship poems, dream poems, poems of life in the modern world. And always the sense (as he writes) of "pulling the world closer to me/leaves falling to the ground/ birds flying south." I read these once, twice with great enjoyment. I will go back to them often. - Patricia Fargnoli, former Poet

Laureate of New Hampshire and author of *Then, Something* [When You Reach Me](#) A&C Black A bestselling modern classic—both poignant and funny—narrated by a fifteen year old autistic savant obsessed with Sherlock Holmes, this dazzling novel weaves together an old-fashioned mystery, a contemporary coming-of-age story, and a fascinating excursion into a mind incapable of

processing emotions. Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. Although gifted with a superbly logical brain, Christopher is autistic. Everyday interactions and admonishments have little meaning for him. At fifteen, Christopher's carefully constructed world falls apart when he finds his

neighbour's dog Wellington impaled on a garden fork, and he is initially blamed for the killing. Christopher decides that he will track down the real killer, and turns to his favourite fictional character, the impeccably logical Sherlock Holmes, for inspiration. But the investigation leads him down some unexpected paths and ultimately brings him face to face

with the dissolution of his parents' marriage. As Christopher tries to deal with the crisis within his own family, the narrative draws readers into the workings of Christopher's mind. And herein lies the key to the brilliance of Mark Haddon's choice of narrator: The most wrenching of emotional moments are chronicled by a boy who cannot fathom emotions. The effect is dazzling,

making for one of the freshest debuts in years: a comedy, a tearjerker, a mystery story, a novel of exceptional literary merit that is great fun to read. [The Starlight Crystal](#) Penguin 25th ANNIVERSARY EDITION • From the bestselling author of *The Passenger* and the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Road*: an epic novel of the violence and depravity that attended America's westward

expansion, brilliantly subverting the conventions of the Western novel and the mythology of the Wild West. Based on historical events that took place on the Texas-Mexico border in the 1850s, *Blood Meridian* traces the fortunes of the Kid, a fourteen-year-old Tennessean who stumbles into the nightmarish world where Indians are being murdered and the market for their scalps is

thriving. Look for Cormac McCarthy's latest bestselling novels, *The Passenger* and *Stella Maris*. *Writing Young Adult Fiction For Dummies* CreateSpace THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES AND INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER \*\*THE BOOK THAT STARTED IT ALL, NOW A NETFLIX ORIGINAL SERIES\*\* "Eerie, beautiful, and devastating." —Chicago Tribune "A stealthy hit with staying

power. . . . thriller-like pacing." —The New York Times "Thirteen Reasons Why will leave you with chills long after you have finished reading." —Amber Gibson, NPR's "All Things Considered" You can't stop the future. You can't rewind the past. The only way to learn the secret . . . is to press play. Clay Jensen returns home from school to find a strange package with his name on it lying on his

porch. Inside he discovers several cassette tapes recorded by Hannah Baker—his classmate and crush—who committed suicide two weeks earlier. Hannah's voice tells him that there are thirteen reasons why she decided to end her life. Clay is one of them. If he listens, he'll find out why. Clay spends the night crisscrossing his town with Hannah as his guide. He becomes a firsthand witness to

Hannah's pain, and as he follows Hannah's recorded words throughout his town, what he discovers changes his life forever. Need to talk? Call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) anytime if you are in the United States. It's free and confidential. Find more resources at [13reasonswhy.info](http://13reasonswhy.info). Find out how you can help someone in crisis at [bethe1to.com](http://bethe1to.com). *The Bestseller Code* Sourcebooks, Inc.

Your hands-on, friendly guide to writing young adult fiction With young adult book sales rising, and bestselling authors like J.K. Rowling and Stephenie Meyer exploding onto the scene, aspiring YA writers are more numerous than ever. Are you interested in writing a young adult novel, but aren't sure how to fit the style that appeals to young readers?

Writing Young Adult Fiction For Dummies gives you tricks of the trade and proven tips on all the steps to write a YA book, from developing an idea to

publication. Unique writing exercises to help you find your own authentic teen voice Tips to avoid when submitting manuscripts How to break into the flourishing

young adult market With the help of this step-by-step guide, you'll have all the skills to write an inspiring and marketable young adult novel.