

## **Suggested Reading/Resource List for Writers by Donny Seagraves**

- ***The First Five Pages: A Writer's Guide to Staying Out of the Rejection Pile*** by Noah Lukeman, 068485743X.
- ***Creating Characters Kids Will Love*** by Elaine Marie Alphin, 1582973695.
- ***Breathing Life Into Your Characters: How to Give Your Characters Emotional & Psychological Depth*** by Rachel Ballon, PH.D., 978-1582975979.
- ***Fiction is Folks: How to Create Unforgettable Characters*** by Robert Newton Peck, 0898791138.
- ***Writing Alone and With Others*** by Pat Schneider, 019516573X.
- ***Techniques of The Selling Writer*** by Dwight V. Swain, 0806111917.
- ***Second Sight: An Editor's Talks on Writing, Revising & Publishing Books for Children and Young Adults by Cheryl B. Klein, 978-0615420820***
- ***Booklife: Strategies and Survival Tips for the 21st-Century Writer*** by Jeff Vandermeer, 978-1892391902.
- ***The Scene Book: A Primer for The Fiction Writer*** by Sandra Scofield, 9780143038269.
- ***The Plot Thickens: 8 Ways to Bring Fiction to Life*** by Noah Lukeman, 0312309287.
- ***Plot & Structure: Techniques and Exercises for Crafting a Plot That Grips Readers From Start to Finish*** by James Scott Bell, 978-1582972947.
- ***Novel Metamorphosis: Uncommon Ways to Revise*** by Darcy Pattison, 978-0979862106.
- ***The Marshall Plan for Novel Writing: A 16-step program guaranteed to take you from idea to completed manuscript*** by Evan Marshall, 978-1582970622.
- ***The Complete Idiot's Guide to Publishing Children's Books*** by Harold D. Underdown, 978-1592577507.

- **2011 Children's Writer's & Illustrator's Market: Where & How to Sell Your Children's Stories & Illustrations**, 978-1582979526. →
- **2011 Writer's Market** by Robert Lee Brewer, 978-1582979489.
- **2011 Writer's Market Deluxe Edition** (includes a year's subscription to Writersmarket.com) by Robert Lee Brewer, 978-1582979496. *Note: Cost on Amazon.com is \$31.49 for book and online version. Cost of online subscription only is \$39.99 for a year.*
- **ePublish: Self-Publish Fast and Profitably for Kindle, CreateSpace, iPhone and Print on Demand** by Steve Weber, 978-0977240654.
- **Secrets of the Zona Rosa: How Writing (and Sisterhood) Can Change Women's Lives** by Rosemary Daniell, 978-0805077803.
- **The Elements of Style** by William Strunk, Jr., Kindle version is .99 on Amazon.com.
- **On Writing** by Stephen King, 978-0671024253.
- **2011 Guide To Literary Agents** by Chuck Sambuchino, 978-1582979533.
- **Writing Down the Bones: Freeing the Writer Within** by Natalie Goldberg, 978-1590307946.
- **Get Known Before the Book Deal: Use Your Personal Strengths to Grow an Author Platform** by Christina Katz, 978-1582975542.
- **Definition of an Author's Platform:** Platform encompasses all the ways you are visible and appealing to your future, potential, or actual readership. Platform development is important not only for authors; it's also crucial for aspiring and soon-to-be authors. Your platform includes your Web presence (website, blog, social media, which is mainly Facebook and Twitter), public speaking, teaching, your publication credits, and any other means you have for making yourself known to a viable readership.

#### **Websites, Blogs, Etc.**

- [www.writersmarket.com](http://www.writersmarket.com)
- [writersdigest.com](http://writersdigest.com) (*Writers Digest*)
- [writermag.com](http://writermag.com) (*The Writer*)
- [pw.org](http://pw.org) (*Poets & Writers*)
- [pred-ed.com](http://pred-ed.com) (*Preditors & Editors*)
- [tribalwriter.com](http://tribalwriter.com) (*Tribal Writer* blog)
- [doctorssyntax.net](http://doctorssyntax.net) (*Dr. Syntax* blog)
- [publishersweekly.com](http://publishersweekly.com) (*Publishers Weekly*)
- [darcypattison.com](http://darcypattison.com) (*Fiction Notes*, Darcy Pattison)

- [donnyseagraves.com](http://donnyseagraves.com) (My website)

#### **Software for Writers**

- Scrivener - [literatureandlatte.com/scrivener.php](http://literatureandlatte.com/scrivener.php)
- Montage, Contour, Storymill, etc. - [marinersoftware.com](http://marinersoftware.com)
- Wordpress.com (hosted by Wordpress blogs and websites)
- Wordpress.org (self-hosted on your webspace blogs and websites)
- Blogger.com (hosted by blogger blogs)