

Resources for Writers

Reference and How-to Books

- *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* (standard, not collegiate edition)
- *Roget's Thesaurus of English Words*
- *Chicago Manual of Style* — primarily for book and academic publishing (revised edition online)
- *The Elements of Style* — Strunk & White
- *Associated Press Stylebook* — industry standard for newspapers, some magazines
- *Comma Sense: A Fundamental Guide to Punctuation* — Richard Lederer and John Shore
- *The Elements of Grammar* — Margaret Shertzer
- *The Sense of Style: The Thinking Person's Guide to Writing in the 21st Century* — Steven Pinker
- *Self-Editing for Fiction Writers: How to edit yourself into print* — Browne & King (also good for memoir and narrative/creative nonfiction writers)
- *Elmore Leonard's 10 Rules of Writing* — Elmore Leonard
- *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft* — Stephen King
- *How to Write Killer Fiction* — Carolyn Wheat
- *Writer's Market: Where to Sell What You Write* — Writer's Digest Books
- *How to Write a Book Proposal* — Michael Larsen
- *How to Write With a Collaborator* — Hal Bennett with Michael Larsen
- *Writing Creative Nonfiction* — Philip Gerard (editor)
- *Guide to Literary Agents* — Writer's Digest Books

Online

- Merriam-Webster (dictionary, thesaurus, usage) — <http://www.merriam-webster.com>
- Chicago-Style Citation Quick Guide
http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html
- Grammar Girl: Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing <http://grammar.quickanddirtytips.com>
- Guide to Grammar and Style — Jack Lynch
<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Writing/index.html>
- Five Grammatical Errors that Make You Look Dumb — Brian Clark
<http://www.copyblogger.com/5-common-mistakes-that-make-you-look-dumb/>
- Ten Rules for Writing Fiction, Parts 1 & 2 — Elmore Leonard, Diana Athill, Margaret Atwood, Roddy Doyle, Helen Dunmore, Geoff Dyer, Anne Enright, Richard Ford, Jonathan Franzen, Esther Freud, Neil Gaiman, David Hare, PD James, AL Kennedy
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/books/2010/feb/20/ten-rules-for-writing-fiction-part-one>
(Fun to read!)
- Kurt Vonnegut's 8 Rules for Writing Fiction
<http://writerblue.com/2010/06/kurt-vonneguts-8-rules-for-writing-fiction/>
- Stephen King's Top 20 Rules For Writers <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/blog/stephen-kings-top-20-rules-for-writers/>
- Larry Edwards: *I Know Nothing About Writing*: paean to P. Roth
<http://polishingyourprose.wordpress.com/2014/02/27/i-know-nothing-about-writing/>