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*Teaching Creative Writing* Multilingual Matters

*Creative Writing Practice: reflections on form and process* explores the craft of creative writing by illuminating the practices of writers and writer-educators. Demonstrating solutions to problems in different forms and genres, the contributors draw on their professional and personal experiences to examine specific and practical challenges that writers must confront and solve in order to write. This book discusses a range of approaches to writing, such as the early working out of projects, the idea of experimentation, of narrative time, and of failure. With its strong focus on process, *Creative Writing Practice* is a valuable guide for students, scholars and practitioners of creative writing.

*A Companion to Creative Writing* Routledge

First published in 1931, this volume offers Gertrude Stein's reflections on the art and craft of writing. Although written in her distinctive experimental style, the book is remarkably accessible and easy to read. The modernist author's characteristic humor is borne out by some of the chapter titles, "Saving the Sentence," "Arthur a Grammar," "Regular Regularly in Narrative," and "Finally George a Vocabulary." Stein's experimental style features elements such as disconnectedness, a love of refrain and rhyme, a search for rhythm and balance, a dislike of punctuation (especially the comma), and a repetition of words and phrases. Those who are unfamiliar with her Stein's work or have found it difficult to understand will discover in *How to Write* an excellent entrée to a unique literary voice and an imaginative approach to language that continues to inspire writers and readers.

**Myth and Creative Writing** Unbound Publishing

All writers are familiar with terms like plot, suspense, conflict and character. They may be less familiar with intertextuality, anachrony, and fabula, and they may be even less confident in achieving the effects these terms refer to. This book defines fictional techniques and guides the potential writer in their use. It may spark off ideas for stories and novels and provide first-aid for failing stories. A story's ending may come as a surprise to the reader, suspense may have the reader on the edge of the seat, and conflict may lead to unbearable excitement. It is the job of the writer to create these effects and this book illustrates how it is done. The book is for students doing creative writing in higher education, at "A" level, and it will be essential reading for anyone interested in writing fiction. Contents: Definitions of over 200 terms and techniques to do with fiction writing How to achieve fictional effects Literary examples of the techniques described Characteristics of genre as well as literary fiction Basic but essential techniques such as writing dialogue and using figures of

speech Definitions of major terms used in publishing

**A Community of Writers** Realm & Sands

Crammed with crucial facts, ideas, and warnings never before brought together into clear focus, this guide is not only fun to read, but also work-boots practical. Not only inspiring, but pinch-penny accurate, it is an energizing tonic for writers' weary brain cells. \*Lightning Print On Demand Title

*The Creative Writing Coursebook* Polity

A concise, inspirational discourse by one of America's finest writers, on the difficulties, rewards, and importance of teaching creative writing.

*Career as an Advertising Copywriter* Pan Macmillan

*Key Issues in Creative Writing* explores the teaching, learning and researching of creative writing. It outlines current issues, as defined by experts from the UK, USA and Australia. These expert contributors suggest solutions that will positively impact on the development of the discipline of creative writing in universities and colleges today and in the future.

*Studying Creative Writing* Cambridge University Press

*Write. Publish. Repeat. The No-Luck-Required Guide to Publishing* In 2013, Johnny B. Truant and Sean Platt published 1.5 million words and made their full-time livings as indie authors. In *Write. Publish. Repeat.*, they tell you exactly how they did it: how they created over 15 independent franchises across 50+ published works, how they turned their art into a logical, sustainable business, and how any independent author can do the same to build a sustainable, profitable career with their writing. *Write. Publish. Repeat.* explains the current self-publishing landscape and covers the truths and myths about what it means to be an indie author now and in the foreseeable future. It explains how to create books your readers will love and will want to return to again and again. *Write. Publish. Repeat.* details expert methods for building story worlds, characters, and plots, understanding your market (right down to your ideal reader), using the best tools possible to capture your draft, and explains proven best practices for editing. The book also discusses covers, titles, formatting, pricing, and publishing to multiple platforms, plus a bit on getting your books into print (and why that might not be a good idea!). But most importantly, *Write. Publish. Repeat.* details the psychology-driven marketing plan that Sean and Johnny built to shape their stories into "products" that readers couldn't help but be drawn into -- thus almost automatically generating sales -- and explores ways that smart, business-minded writers can do the same to future-proof their careers. This book is not a formula with an easy path to follow. It is a guidebook that will help you build a successful indie publishing career, no matter what type of writer you are ... so long as you're the type who's willing to do the work. *What Indie Authors and Thought Leaders Are Saying: "Two of the best in the biz... A gem for aspiring authors."* -- Hugh Howey "I

have a pretty popular blog on self-publishing, and I've written a couple of books on the topic myself - meaning I've read a lot on the topic and come across lots of different strategies and approaches to building a loyal audience. For my money, this is the best book on self-publishing out there." -- David Gaughran "It's tough to find more honest and straight-forward marketing advice than what you'll get from these indie authors." -- Jane Friedman, former publisher of *Writer's Digest* "The most important book on self-publishing I've ever read." -- Karol Gajda "Consider it the most valuable guide book to publishing success." -- Jim Kukral, Author Marketing Club You'll Wish You Could Have Read it Years Ago!

*The Art of Creative Writing* The Psychology of Creative Writing  
*The Creative Writer's Mind* is a book for creative writers: it sets out to cross the gap between creative writing and science, between the creative arts and cognitive research. It examines what cognitive psychology, neuroscience and literary studies can tell creative writers about the processes of their writing mind.

**The Program Era** Sterling Publishers Pvt. Ltd

This is a book about discovering how you do creative writing. How you begin, how you structure, how your writing process works, how a work embodies movement and change, what influences you, and, ultimately, how you end. *Discovering Creative Writing* points you toward clues that can assist you in understanding your own creative writing as well as the creative writing of others. This book is both a practical guide and a critical examination that empowers the reader to find things out and use that information to develop and support their own creative writing. This book will enable students of creative writing at both undergraduate and postgraduate level to deepen their understanding of their practice, and will be a valuable guide and inspiration for anyone wishing to begin, continue, or improve their writing.

**Creative Writing Practice** Multilingual Matters

You already have the tools to become a gifted writer; what you need is the spark. Harvard creative writing professor and acclaimed author Bret Anthony Johnston brings you an irresistible interactive guide to the craft of narrative writing. From developing characters to building conflict, from mastering dialogue to setting the scene, *Naming the World* jump-starts your creativity with inspiring exercises that will have you scrambling for pen and paper. Every chapter is a master class with the country's most eminent authors, renowned editors, and dedicated teachers. • Infuse emotion into your fiction with three key strategies from Margot Livesey. • Christopher Castellani dumps the "write what you know" maxim and challenges you to really delve into the imagination. • A point-of-view drill from Susan Straight can be just the breakthrough you need to flesh out your story. • Jewell Parker Rhodes shares how good dialogue is not just about what is being said but about what is being left unsaid. Brimming with

imaginative springboards and hands-on exercises, Naming the World has everything you need to become a stronger, more inventive writer. "A delicious book. Imagine yourself at a cocktail party crammed with literary lions. You have the chance to spend a few moments with each of them. Wit and wisdom abound." -Julia Cameron, author of *The Artist's Way* "A highly useful and perceptive book. With charm and intelligence it touches on nearly every teachable aspect of the devilishly difficult art of writing." -Ethan Canin, professor of creative writing at the Iowa Writers Workshop, and author of *Carry Me Across the Water* "These entertaining and useful exercises, intelligently organized, are a boon for both beginning and experienced writers." -Andrea Barrett, National Book Award-winning author of *The Air We Breathe* "Forget about getting an MFA! For any writer struggling with his craft, here is the equivalent of a master class in writing by some of the best writer/teachers around." -Betsy Lerner, author of *The Forest for the Trees: An Editor's Advice to Writers* *The Happy Writing Book* Random House "There are many guides to good writing but none as valuable as this." Oliver Kamm, author and columnist for *The Times* Creative writing can enhance wellbeing, which can enhance creative writing, which can enhance wellbeing ... Become a better writer with over 100 inspiring prompts, insights and exercises specially devised by an award-winning author and creative writing teacher. Discover how the practice of creative writing - being expressive, exploring ideas, crafting words, shaping stories - can also deepen your appreciation of life.

[Power and Identity in the Creative Writing Classroom](#) Montgomery The rise of Creative Writing has been accompanied from the start by two questions: can it be taught, and should it be taught? This scepticism is sometimes shared even by those who teach it, who often find themselves split between two contradictory identities: the artistic and the academic. *Against Creative Writing* explores the difference between 'writing', which is what writers do, and Creative Writing, which is the instrumentalisation of what writers do. Beginning with the question of whether writing can or ought to be taught, it looks in turn at the justifications for BA, MA, and PhD courses, and concludes with the divided role of the writer who teaches. It argues in favour of Creative Writing as a form of hands-on literary education at undergraduate level and a form of literary apprenticeship at graduate level, especially in widening access to new voices. It argues against those forms of Creative Writing that lose sight of literary values - as seen in the proliferation of curricular couplings with non-literary subjects, or the increasing emphasis on developing skills for future employment. *Against Creative Writing*, written by a writer, is addressed to other writers, inside or outside the academy, at undergraduate or graduate level, whether 'creative' or 'critical'. *Private Citizens* St. Martin's Press

The creative writing workshop has long been entrenched as the primary pedagogy of creative writing classes. This book offers twelve different approaches to the teaching of creative writing to supplement or replace traditional workshop pedagogy. Contributors are from both creative writing and composition studies--a discipline rich with a wide range of established pedagogies.

*From 'Huh?' to 'Hurray!'* SIU Press  
Part textbook and part handbook, this book leads creative writers of all levels and all genres through the entire writing process. Each chapter offers an overview and several specific examples of its topic, followed by a set of clear exercises designed for writers of all varieties.

*Creating Characters* Harvard University Press  
A COMPANION TO CREATIVE WRITING A Companion to Creative Writing is a comprehensive collection covering myriad aspects of the practice and profession of creative writing in the contemporary world. The book features contributions from an international cast of creative writers, publishers and editors, critics, translators, literary prize judges, and many other top professionals. Chapters not only consider the practice of creative writing in terms of how it is "done," but also in terms of what occurs in and around creative writing practice. Chapters address a wide range of topics including the writing of poetry and fiction; playwriting and screenwriting; writing for digital media; editing; creative writing and its engagement with language, spirituality, politics, education, and heritage. Other chapters explore the role of literary critics and ideas around authorship, as well as translation and creative writing, the teaching of creative writing, and the histories and character of the marketplace, prizes, awards, and literary events. With its unprecedented breadth of coverage, *A Companion to Creative Writing* is an indispensable resource for those who are undertaking creative writing, studying creative writing at any level, or considering studying creative writing.

*The Creative Writer's Mind* Penguin  
Discover the Difference Between a So-So Manuscript and a Novel Readers Can't Forget We've all read them: novels by our favorite authors that disappoint. Uninspired and lifeless, we wonder what happened. Was the author in a hurry? Did she have a bad year? Has he lost interest altogether? Something similar is true of a great many unpublished manuscripts. They are okay stories that never take flight. They don't grip the imagination, let alone the heart. They merit only a shrug and a polite dismissal by agents and editors. It doesn't have to be that way. In *The Fire in Fiction*, successful literary agent and author Donald Maass shows you not only how to infuse your story with deep conviction and fiery passion, but how to do it over and over again. The book features:

- Techniques for capturing a special time and place, creating characters whose lives matter, nailing multiple-impact plot turns,

making the supernatural real, infusing issues into fiction, and more.

- Story-enriching exercises at the end of every chapter to show you how to apply the practical tools just covered to your own work.
- Rich examples drawn from contemporary novels as diverse as *The Lake House*, *Water for Elephants*, and Jennifer Government to illustrate how various techniques work in actual stories. Plus, Maass introduces an original technique that any novelist can use any time, in any scene, in any novel, even on the most uninspired day...to take the most powerful experiences from your personal life and turn those experiences directly into powerful fiction. Tap into *The Fire in Fiction*, and supercharge your story with originality and spark!

*Against Creative Writing* Cambridge University Press  
What happens when you leave city life and move to five acres on a hunch, with a husband who's an aspiring alpaca-whisperer, and a feral cockerel for company? Can you eat the cockerel for dinner? Or has it got rigor mortis? In search of a good life and a slower pace, Fiona Stocker upped-sticks and moved to Tasmania, a land of promise, wilderness, and family homes of uncertain build quality. It was the lifestyle change that many dream of and most are too sensible to attempt. Wife, mother and now reluctant alpaca owner, Fiona jumped in at the deep end. Gradually Tasmania got under her skin as she learned to stack wood, round up the kids with a retired lady sheepdog, and stand on a scorpion without getting stung. This charming tale captures the tussles and euphoria of living on the land in a place of untrammelled beauty, raising your family where you want to and seeing your husband in a whole new light. Not just a memoir but an everywoman's story, and a paean to a new, slower age.

*Creative Writing* Laurence King Publishing  
Publisher description  
*Creative Writer's Handbook* Multilingual Matters  
Marking the tenth anniversary of the *New Writing Viewpoints* series, this new book takes the concept of an edited collection to its extreme, pushing the possibilities of scholarship and collaboration. All authors in this book, including those who contributed to *Power and Identity* in the *Creative Writing Classroom*, which launched the series ten years ago, are proof that creative writing matters, that it can be rewarding over the long haul and that there exist many ways to do what we do as writers and as teachers. This book captures a wide swathe of ideas on pedagogy, on programs, on the profession and on careers.

*Naming the World* Citadel Press  
*Teaching Creative Writing* includes lively contributions from two dozen leading practitioners in the field. Topics addressed include history of Creative Writing, workshops, undergraduate, postgraduate, reflective activities, assessment, critical theory, and information technology.

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