

RESOURCES FOR WRITERS



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<http://www.latayne.com> (professional and bio)

<http://novelmatters.blogspot.com> (novel writing)

<http://representationalresources.com> (theological)

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My book trailer for *Latter-day Cipher* at YouTube: <http://tinyurl.com/chtrco>

Recommended reading for writers:

Writer's Market. In book form, with CD. Or, subscribe and search online: <http://www.writersmarket.com> (Free trial for 7 days; service is \$6 a month.) There is a religious equivalent called *Christian Writers' Market Guide* by Sally Stuart, see at <http://www.stuartmarket.com/> I have used both these for years.

Elements of Style by Strunk and White. THE authoritative book on writing effectively. An older but free online version at <http://www.bartleby.com/141/>

The Marshall Plan For Novel Writing and *The Marshall Plan Workbook* by Evan Marshall. This is what I used to “plot” my novel, *Latter-day Cipher*, Moody, 2009. (May I brag? Marshall said of *Cipher*: “An ingenious new take on the religious thriller. Well-written and highly suspenseful, it opens a door onto a world few of us know. I highly recommend it. Scott is an author to watch.”)

“The Snowflake Method” by Randy Ingermanson.
<http://www.advancedfictionwriting.com/art/snowflake.php> Innovative and effective method, mainly for fiction.

Writing Down the Bones: Freeing the Writer Within by Natalie Goldberg.
Writing exercises and inspiration.

The Tao of Writing: Imagine. Create. Flow. By Ralph L. Wahlstrom. Theory and exercises for increasing creativity in your writing.

Useful sites for manuscript and proposal preparation:

(Note: These are all from an agent who specializes in the religious marketplace, but they are succinct and informative.)

Submission guidelines: <http://cba-ramblings.blogspot.com/2009/02/submission-guidelines-updated.html>

Questions to ask an agent: <http://cba-ramblings.blogspot.com/2009/05/questions-to-ask-agent.html>

How to write a book proposal: <http://cba-ramblings.blogspot.com/2007/12/how-do-you-write-book-proposal.html>

How to write a query letter: <http://cba-ramblings.blogspot.com/2007/12/how-to-write-query-letter.html>

Critique and Community:

List of writers' conferences (religious): <http://cba-ramblings.blogspot.com/2007/12/writers-conferences.html>

List of writers' conferences (secular): <http://writing.shawguides.com/>

Information about forming and joining critique groups: <http://www.writing-world.com/links/critique.shtm>

