

Calling all young writers!

RESOURCES TO GET AND KEEP YOU WRITING!

- NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) Young Writers' Program: <https://ywp.nanowrimo.org/> ← I cannot recommend this heartily enough!
- Scribe Forge workbooks—awesome for those fantasy writers! <https://scribe-forge.myshopify.com/>
- Wattpad: <https://www.wattpad.com/>
- Underlined: <https://www.getunderlined.com/create/>
- Understorey Magazine: <https://understoreymagazine.ca/resources/five-step-guide-young-writers/>
- Writing Prompts on Tumblr: <https://writingprompts.tumblr.com/>
- Pinterest (awesome for making boards of things that inspire your stories!): <https://www.pinterest.ca/>
- Stencil (sort of free—hobbyist level available): <https://getstencil.com/>
- Canva (not free): <https://www.canva.com/>
- PicMonkey (not free): <https://www.picmonkey.com/>
- Crello (has a free option): <https://crello.com/>
- Blogger: <https://www.blogger.com/about/>
- Wordpress: <https://wordpress.com/>
- Online dictionary: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/>
- An incredible thesaurus collection that covers everything from occupations to emotions to emotional wounds for our characters: <https://writershelpingwriters.net/thesaurus-collections/>
- Inkarnate, an amazing FANTASY MAP MAKER: <https://inkarnate.com/>

- Need names for your characters? Want to give your characters names that mean specific things? <https://www.behindthename.com/>

STOCK PHOTOGRAPHY SITES (if you want to make a mock cover for your book!):

These sites **are not free**, and it's not ethical to steal photography as this work belongs to an artist (just like you), but if you fall in love with an image, they can be very affordable to buy. Also, you can save an image (like, to your Pinterest board) or make a mock book cover with it, as long as you don't try to sell your book until you pay for the stock image.

- iStock: <https://www.istockphoto.com/ca>
- BigStock: <https://www.bigstockphoto.com/>
- Dreamstime: <https://www.dreamstime.com/>
- Adobe Stock images: <https://stock.adobe.com/>
- Deposit Photos: <https://depositphotos.com/>
- Shutterstock: <https://www.shutterstock.com/>
- EyeEm: <https://www.eyeem.com/>
- Stocksy: <https://www.stocksy.com/>
- Pexels: <https://www.pexels.com/>
- Unsplash: <https://unsplash.com/>
- StockSnap: <https://stocksnap.io/>

AWESOME WRITING BOOKS!

- *Spilling Ink: A Young Writer's Handbook*, by Anne Mazer and Ellen Potter
- *The National Novel Writing Month's Young Novelist Workbook* for elementary, middle, and high school levels
- *Seize the Story*, by Victoria Hanley
- *Writing Magic: Creative Stories That Fly*, by Gail Carson Levine

- *Writer to Writer*, by Gail Carson Levine
- *Brave the Page: A Young Writer's Guide to Telling Epic Stories*, by Rebecca Stern and Grant Faulkner
- *Rip the Page! Adventures in Creative Writing*, by Karen Benke
- *Banish Boring Words!* by Leilen Shelton (a Scholastic book)
- *Basher Basics: Creative Writing*, by Simon Basher
- *Basher Basics: Grammar*, by Simon Basher
- *My Weird Writing Tips*, by Dan Gutman
- *The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation*, by Jane Straus
- *Wonderbook*, by Jeff VanderMeer (FOR OLDER STUDENTS)

If you want more online resources to inspire and help you with your writing, google
“resources for young writers” for a ton more! The sky is the limit!