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BOOKS ABOUT WRITING AND PUBLISHING

Thinking Like Your Editor: How to Write Great Serious Nonfiction and Get It Published *

- Susan Rabiner and Alfred Fortunato (* highly recommended)

The Forest for the Trees: An Editor's Advice to Writers* - Betsy Lerner

Your Life as Story* - Tristine Rainer

The Portable MFA in Creative Writing - The New York Writers Workshop

The Situation and the Story - Vivian Gornick

The Courage to Write - Ralph Keyes

On Writing - Stephen King

The Modern Library Writer's Workshop - Stephen Koch

Bird by Bird - Anne Lamott

Before We Get Started - Bret Lott

Unreliable Truth: On Memoir and Memory - Maureen Murdoch

Writing Life Stories - Bill Roorbach

Inventing the Truth: The Art and Craft of Memoir, Writing About Your Life, On Writing Well

- William Zinsser

What If? - Anne Bernays and Paula Painter (writing exercises)

Making Shapely Fiction - Jerome Stern (a dictionary of literary terms and techniques)

The Elements of Style

RESOURCES, ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLICATIONS (print & online):

The Writers Market lists publications, agents, publishers. In print or online <http://www.writersmarket.com>

Jeff Herman's Guide to Book Publishers, Editors & Literary Agents 2006 (Three Dog Press)

The Literary Marketplace (www.literarymarketplace.com) - publishing database; print or online

www.literaryagents.org - an online guide to literary agents

www.authorlink.com - find agents and pitch ideas online

www.publisherslunch.com - up-to-date publishing news and book deals

www.mediabistro.com - seminars, resources, info on publishing & media, tips for freelance writers

The Author's Guild (www.authorsguild.org) - legal advice, advocacy, contract review, seminars

International Women's Writing Guild (www.iwwg.org) - semi-annual Meet the Agents openhouse

Small Press Center (<http://www.smallpress.org>) Annual conference and small press book fair

ASJA/American Society of Journalists and Authors (<http://www.asja.org>)

The ASJA helps professional freelance writers advance their writing careers. Members share data on publishing contracts, editors, agents and more. Non-members benefit from Contracts Watch newsletter, annual writers conference and writing resources. Editors and others can search membership to hire authors and journalists.

Poets & Writers Magazine - articles, classifieds, residencies, competitions, articles <http://www.pw.org>

Associated Writing Programs - classifieds, residencies, competitions, articles <http://www.awpwriter.org>

International Directory of Little Magazines and Small Presses (Dustbooks)

Lists thousands of publications by topic. Published annually' \$35 list; online/Amazon \$25. Barnes & Noble generally has it in their writing reference section (can consult it in-store).

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