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Creating
Stylized
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All fiction is character-driven, according to William Bernhardt, despite what you might have heard elsewhere. If your characters don't interest readers, even the most exciting plots will fail. "Action is character," Aristotle wrote, but what does that mean, and how can you use that fundamental principle to create dynamic fiction that will captivate readers? This book explains the relationship between character and plot, and how the perfect melding of the two produces a mesmerizing story. Using examples spanning from The Odyssey to The Da Vinci Code, Bernhardt discusses the art of character creation in a direct and easily comprehended manner. The book also includes exercises designed to help writers apply these ideas to their own work. William Bernhardt is the author of more than thirty novels, including the blockbuster Ben Kincaid series of legal thrillers. Bernhardt is also one of the most sought-after writing instructors in the nation. His programs have educated many authors now published by major houses. He is the only person to have received the Southern Writers Gold

Medal Award, the Royden B. Davis Distinguished Author Award (U Penn) and the H. Louise Cobb Distinguished Author Award (OSU), which is given "in recognition of an outstanding body of work that has profoundly influenced the way in which we understand ourselves and American society at large." The Red Sneaker Writing Center is dedicated to helping writers

achieve their literary goals. What is a red sneaker writer? A committed writer seeking useful instruction and guidance rather than obfuscation and attitude. Red sneakers get the job done, and so do red sneaker writers, by paying close attention to their art and craft, committing to hard work, and never quitting. Are you a red sneaker writer? If so, this book is for you.

Artistic Creation and Ethical Criticism CRC Press
#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER #1 INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER
A heartbreaking and hilarious memoir by iCarly and Sam & Cat star Jennette McCurdy about her struggles as a former child actor—including eating disorders, addiction, and a complicated relationship with her overbearing mother—and how she retook control of her life.
Jennette McCurdy was six years old

when she had her first acting audition. Her mother's dream was for her only daughter to become a star, and Jennette would do anything to make her mother happy. So she went along with what Mom called "calorie restriction," eating little and weighing herself five times a day. She endured extensive at-home makeovers while Mom chided, "Your eyelashes are invisible, okay? You think Dakota Fanning doesn't tint hers?" She was even showered by Mom until age sixteen

while sharing her diaries, email, and all her income. In *I'm Glad My Mom Died*, Jennette recounts all this in unflinching detail—just as she chronicles what happens when the dream finally comes true. Cast in a new Nickelodeon series called *iCarly*, she is thrust into fame. Though Mom is ecstatic, emailing fan club moderators and getting on a first-name basis with the paparazzi ("Hi Gale!"), Jennette is riddled with anxiety, shame, and self-loathing,

which manifest into eating disorders, addiction, and a series of unhealthy relationships. These issues only get worse when, soon after taking the lead in the *iCarly* spinoff *Sam & Cat* alongside Ariana Grande, her mother dies of cancer. Finally, after discovering therapy and quitting acting, Jennette embarks on recovery and decides for the first time in her life what she really wants. Told with refreshing candor and dark humor, *I'm Glad My Mom Died* is an inspiring story of

resilience, independence, and the joy of shampooing your own hair. The Character Gap Helping Writers Become Authors Create characters that leap off the page--and into readers' hearts! Populating your fiction with authentic, vivid characters is a surefire way to captivate your readers from the first sentence to the last. Whether you're writing a series, novel, short story, or flash fiction, *Creating Characters* is an invaluable guide to bringing your

fictional cast to life. This book is a comprehensive reference to every stage of character development. You'll find timely advice and helpful instruction from best-selling authors like Nancy Kress, Elizabeth Sims, Orson Scott Card, Chuck Wendig, Hallie Ephron, Donald Maass, and James Scott Bell. They'll show you how to:

- Effectively introduce your characters
- Build a believable protagonist
- Develop strong anti-heroes and compelling villains
- Juggle multiple

points of view without missing a beat

- Craft authentic dialogue that propels the story forward
- Motivate your characters with powerful objectives and a believable conflict
- Show dynamic character development over the course of a story

No matter what your genre, *Creating Characters* gives you the tools necessary to create realistic, fascinating characters that your readers will root for and remember long after they've finished the story.

The Art of Over the Garden Wall

Penguin
A jargon-free manual on the basics of developing interesting fictional characters. Vibrant, believable characters help drive a fictional story. Along with a clever plot, well-drawn characters make us want to continue reading a novel or watching a movie. In *Creating Characters*, Dwight V. Swain shows how writers

can invent interesting characters and improve them so that they move a story along. "The core of character," he says in chapter 1, "lies in each individual story person's ability to care about something; to feel implicitly or explicitly, that something is important." Building on that foundation—the capacity to care—Swain takes the

would-be writer step-by-step through the fundamentals of finding and developing "characters who turn you on." This basic but thought-provoking how-to is a valuable tool for both the novice and the seasoned writer. **The Actor's Guide to Creating a Character** Lone Eagle **The Science of Writing Characters** is a comprehensive handbook to help writers create compelling and psy

chologically-credible characters that come to life on the page. Drawing on the latest psychological theory and research, ranging from personality theory to evolutionary science, the book equips screenwriters and novelists with all the techniques they need to build complex, dimensional characters from the bottom up. Writers learn how to create rounded characters using the 'Big Five' dimensions of personality and then are shown how these personality traits shape action, relationships and dialogue. Throughout The

Science of Writing Characters, psychological theories and research are translated into handy practical tips, which are illustrated through examples of characters in action in well-known films, television series and novels, ranging from Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri and Game of Thrones to The Bonfire of the Vanities and The Goldfinch. This very practical approach makes the book an engaging and accessible companion guide for all writers who want to better understand how they can make memorable

characters with the potential for global appeal. Ethics Dark Horse Comics At Westish College, a small school on the shore of Lake Michigan, baseball star Henry Skrimshander seems destined for big league stardom. But when a routine throw goes disastrously off course, the fates of five people are upended. Henry's fight against self-doubt threatens to ruin his future. College president Guert Affenlight, a longtime

bachelor, has fallen unexpectedly and helplessly in love. Owen Dunne, Henry's gay roommate and teammate, becomes caught up in a dangerous affair. Mike Schwartz, the Harpooners' team captain and Henry's best friend, realizes he has guided Henry's career at the expense of his own. And Pella Affenlight, Guert's daughter, returns to Westish after escaping an ill-fated marriage, determined to start a new life. As the season counts down to its

climactic final game, these five are forced to confront their deepest hopes, anxieties, and secrets. In the process they forge new bonds, and help one another find their true paths. Written with boundless intelligence and filled with the tenderness of youth, *The Art of Fielding* is an expansive, warmhearted novel about ambition and its limits, about family and friendship and love, and about commitment--to oneself and to others.

The Art of Game Design 3dtotal Publishing
The long-awaited third volume of Robert McKee 's trilogy on the art of fiction. Following up his perennially bestselling writers' guide *Story* and his inspiring exploration of the art of verbal action in *Dialogue*, the most sought-after expert in the storytelling brings his insights to the creation of compelling characters and the design of their casts. **CHARACTER** explores the design of a character universe: The dimensionality, complexity and arcing of a protagonist, the invention of orbiting major characters, all encircled by a cast of service and

supporting roles.
Creating Character Arcs
Random House
Anyone can master the fundamentals of game design - no technological expertise is necessary. The Art of Game Design: A Book of Lenses shows that the same basic principles of psychology that work for board games, card games and athletic games also are the keys to making top-quality videogames. Good game design happens when you view your game from many

different perspectives, or lenses. While touring through the unusual territory that is game design, this book gives the reader one hundred of these lenses - one hundred sets of insightful questions to ask yourself that will help make your game better. These lenses are gathered from fields as diverse as psychology, architecture, music, visual design, film, software engineering, theme park design, mathematics, writing, puzzle

design, and anthropology. Anyone who reads this book will be inspired to become a better game designer - and will understand how to do it.

Building Character
Anchor
Contained within this rare antiquarian book is a fascinating guide for actors pertaining to the craft of creating and becoming a character, written by the father of method acting: Konstantin Stanislavski. A truly amazing and insightful book on the naturalistic approach to acting, this is a book sure to

have been read by many famous actors and constitutes a veritable must-have for aspiring and seasoned actors alike. Konstantin Sergeievich Stanislavski (1863-1938) was a Russian actor and theatre director, famous for being the progenitor of the Stanislavski method. Stanislavski received the Order of Lenin in 1937, the Order of the Red Banner of Labour in 1938, and People's Artist of the USSR in 1936 for his prolific contributions to the arts. Elected for republication due to its immense historical and educational value, this book originally

published in 1950 is proudly republished here with a new introductory biography of the author." *The Dance of Character and Plot* by William Esper, one of the most celebrated acting teachers of our time, takes us through his step-by-step approach to the central challenge of advanced acting work: creating and playing a character. Esper's first book, *The Actor's Art and Craft*, earned praise for describing the basics taught in his famous first-year acting class. *The Actor's Guide to Creating a*

Character continues the journey. In these pages, co-author Damon DiMarco vividly re-creates Esper's second-year course, again through the experiences of a fictional class. Esper's training builds on Sanford Meisner's legendary exercises, a world-renowned technique that Esper further developed through his long association with Meisner and the decades he has spent training a host of distinguished actors. His approach is flexible enough to apply to any role, helping actors to create characters with truthful and compelling inner

lives.
Elements of Fiction Writing - Characters & Viewpoint Harper Collins
Aaron Ehasz won a Peabody Award for his work as head writer and co-executive producer of Avatar: the Last Airbender, and was part of the Emmy-award winning writing team of Futurama. Most recently, he was creative director at Riot Games where he worked on League of Legends as well as projects in development. He earned his MBA at Stanford, and

undergrad degree from Harvard. Justin Richmond was a Research and Development Producer leading the team creating one of Riot Games' next big projects. Before that, Justin was the Game Director on the Uncharted franchise at Naughty Dog. Uncharted is one of Sony's most iconic and beloved game franchises with over 25 million units sold as well as 13 DICE Awards and 4 BAFTA's. His Game Direction work on Uncharted 3 earned him a

nomination for the DICE Award for Outstanding Achievement in Game Direction. Justin has a B.S. in Film from Boston University and a degree in 3D Animation from Vancouver Film School.
The Science of Writing Characters
Anchor
Wham! Pow!
Bam! Kaboom!
Learn everything you need to make your own comic books, superheroes, and story lines with The Art of Comic Book Drawing. Featuring step-by-step tutorials,

helpful tips, and dozens of drawing and illustration techniques, aspiring cartoonists, graphic illustrators, and comic book artists will discover all of the basics, from creating characters to mastering features and expressions to bringing it all together with unique and interesting story lines. Veteran comic book artists teach you to draw basic cartoon characters, superheroes, villains, and more using simple, step-by-step drawing lessons. Once you

get the hang of illustrating your favorite characters, you ' ll learn to draw action scenes, set up panels, add speech bubbles, and even learn the basics of cartoon and comic book word treatments. With approachable exercises and projects to guide you, *The Art of Comic Book Drawing* allows beginning artists to create their own comic books, step by step. This helpful guide also includes practice pages to put your newfound skills to immediate use. [Creating Character](#) *Writer's Digest*

Books
Just as a compass provides direction for an explorer, so does motivation provide direction for characters in fiction. The "compass" of character motivation is composed of four points: Lack, Yearning, Resistance, and Desire. In *The Compass of Character* you'll learn to deeply consider the key question "What does my character want?" and learn techniques to answer that question by writing realistic and empathetic characters without falling into

formulaic, unsatisfying results that only diminish the character. Bestselling author and acclaimed writing instructor David Corbett provides writers with the essentials for building characters with motivations that range from clear to complex by exploring topics such as:

- human yearning
- pathological maneuvers
- the pain of life vs. the promise of life
- backstory and behavior
- mechanics of growth and transformation
- dramatizing mistaken desire and misbegotten yearnings
- moral arguments

The key

to fascinating characters is rendering subtle inner states in straightforward external circumstances, which requires a fundamental understanding of the simple building blocks of complex motivation as they manifest themselves in behavior, where complexity of purpose collides with the messy, indifferent world. *The Compass of Character* is the one book that can guide writers to that end with both instruction and inspiration. [Creating Character](#) Dark Horse Comics William Esper,

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compelling inner lives. Creating Characters Createspace Independent Publishing Platform 2 Manuscripts in 1 Book, Including: How to Write a Novel and Character Development! Book 1) How to Write a Novel: Step-by-Step Essential Romance Novel, Mystery Novel and Fantasy Novel Writing Tricks Any Writer Can Learn Struggling as an Author? Do you have an amazing story in mind, but you can't get it down on paper? You've got the idea and the characters but soon run out of steam? Perhaps you are a beginner and need help putting it all together. Whatever your reason, this book

helps to unlock the secrets of novel writing in simple-to-follow ways that will bring significant results fast. Contents Summary Each section is summarized with a series of short questions to help inspire deeper reflection. These are: **THE OUTLINE** - how to refine major schemes & subplots that make sense to the reader & also your protagonist. **THE SETTING** - the art of crafting a sense of place & how to work with multiple locations & time-periods. **POINT OF VIEW** - helping you to form the best character perspectives for your story. **CHARACTERS** - the best way to choose your central character to drive the story forward & one in

whom your audience will discover a gripping read. CONFLICT - how & when to use struggle to keep the reader engaged. ADDITIONAL TIPS - A final section that motivates the author to think differently to engage emotion & lose the reader in the heart of the story. Marsh helps an author to think outside of the box when faced with over-used cliches, and to deal with the pressures of deadlines and expectations. Book 2) Character Development: Step-by-Step Essential Story Character Creation, Character Expression and Character Building Tricks Any Writer Can Learn Need to Breathe Life into Your Characters? You may have a great

story but if your characters are flat and uninteresting your readers will find your story dull. If your lead protagonist isn't generating empathy, then no one cares what happens to them. Character Development covers every aspect of character building; from developing charismatic and believable people, to making sure they work holistically to drive the narrative forward in realistic ways. Know Your Anti-Hero from Your Antagonist In order to create compelling characters your readers will love, Marsh introduces the reader to 12-character types and explains how and when they are introduced to a story. She demonstrates the

importance of instilling flaws to create a balance of human qualities that evolve throughout the novel in captivating ways. Inspires New Connections There will be many thought-provoking subjects for both beginner and experienced authors that will motivate a much deeper conception of characters, some of which include: How Characters are Presented & Revealed Creating Expression Let Your Characters Suffer Bringing Characters to Life Use Contradictions Listen to Them Give Your Characters Plenty of Opportunity to Show Up You have made an excellent decision by choosing to learn more about novel character development. So,

don't delay it any longer. Take this opportunity and purchase your copy today. Order "Novel Character Development" Now! Building a Character Oxford University Press In this book, Linda Seger shows how to create strong, multidimensional characters in fiction, covering everything from research to character block. Interviews with today's top writers complete this essential volume. Truth Twelve Former private investigator and New York Times notable author

David Corbett offers a unique and indispensable toolkit for creating characters that come vividly to life on the page and linger in memory. Corbett provides an inventive, inspiring, and vastly entertaining blueprint to all the elements of characterization-from initial inspiration to realization-with special insights into the power of secrets and contradictions, the embodiment of roles, managing the "tyranny of motive," and mastering crucial techniques required for

memorable dialogue and unforgettable scenes. This is a how-to guide for both aspiring and accomplished writers that renders all other books of its kind obsolete. The Art of Creating Ellen Dark Horse Comics A tale packed with adventure, The Book of Life celebrates the power of friendship and family, and the courage to follow your dreams. To determine whether the heart of humankind is pure and good,

two godlike beings engage in an otherworldly wager during Mexico's annual Day of the Dead celebration. They tether two friends, Manolo and Joaquin, into vying for the heart of the beautiful and fiercely independent Maria, with comical and sometimes dangerous consequences. This volume is an inspirational behind-the-scenes look at the making of the animated feature film *The Book of Life*, from visionary producer Guillermo del

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characters and the design of their casts. **CHARACTER** explores the design of a character universe: The dimensionality, complexity and arcing of a protagonist, the invention of orbiting major characters, all encircled by a cast of service and supporting roles. *The Science of Screenwriting* Abdul Press In this “ delicate slow burn of a novel ” (Jan Carson), a woman's marriage and career are threatened by an old indiscretion just as she receives the opportunity of a lifetime—from the

award – winning author of the “ extraordinary ” (Colum McCann) *Dinosaurs on Other Planets*. Nessa McCormack ’ s marriage is coming back together again after her husband ’ s affair. She is excited to be in charge of a retrospective art exhibition for a beloved artist, the renowned late sculptor Robert Locke. But the arrival of two enigmatic outsiders imperils both her personal and professional worlds: A chance encounter with an old friend threatens to expose a betrayal Nessa thought she had long put behind her;

and at work, an odd woman comes forward with a mysterious connection to Robert Locke ’ s life and his most famous work, the *Chalk Sculpture*. As Nessa finds the past intruding on the present, she realizes she must decide what is the truth, whether she can continue to live with a lie, and what the consequences might be were she to fully unravel the mysteries in both the life of Robert Locke and her own. In this gripping and wonderfully written debut, Danielle McLaughlin reveals profound truths about love, power, and the secrets that define us.