

Recommended Print Resources for Writers 2011

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Writing Craft:

1. [Effective Magazine Writing: Let your Words Reach the World](#), Roger C. Palms, Shaw, 2000.
2. Just Write! Susan Titus Osborne, ACW Press, 2000. <http://www.christiancommunicator.com/>.
3. [Writing for Magazines: A Beginner's Guide](#), Cheryl Sloan Wray, McGraw-Hill, revised 2004. This one is now considered a textbook, so it is fairly expensive.
4. *Writer's Digest Handbook of Magazine Article Writing*, Michelle Ruberg, ed., WD Books, 2004.
5. *How to Write What You Love and Make a Living at It*, Dennis E. Hensley, Shaw/Waterbrook, 2000.
6. [The Little Handbook to Perfecting the Art of Christian Writing](#), Leonard G. Goss & Don M. Aycock, Broadman and Holman, Nashville, 2006.
7. *Writing Down the Bones: Freeing the Writer Within*, Natalie Goldberg, Shamhala Publications, 1996.

Marketing:

1. [Christian Writers' Market Guide: The Essential Reference Tool for the Christian Writer](#), Sally Stuart, editor. Sally offers other resources for Christian writers on her site (same link). Effective after 2011 edition, the guide will be published by [Christian Writers Guild](#).
2. [Writer's Market, Writers Digest Books](#), published annually in regular and deluxe edition (includes subscription to www.writersmarket.com). Some libraries have it.
3. [Selling Your Book: The No Nonsense, Step-By-Step Marketing & Promotion Workbook](#), John Vonhof, Footwork Publications, 2004.
4. [A Step in the Write Direction: The Complete How-to Book for Christian Writers](#), Donna Clark Goodrich.
5. [Jumpstart Your Publishing Dreams: Insider Secrets to Skyrocket Your Success](#), Terry Whalin.
6. [For the Write Reason: 31 Writers, Agents and Editors Share Their Experiences With Christian Publishing](#), Marybeth Whalen, editor.
7. *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Marketing Basics*, Sarah White, MacMillan General Reference/Alpha Books, Madison, WI, 1997.
8. *Marketing for Dummies*, C. Smith and Alexander Hiam, John Wiley & Sons, UK, 2006.
9. *Guerrilla Marketing for Writers: 100 Weapons to Help You Sell Your Work*, Conrad Levinson, Rick Frishman and Michael Larson, Writers Digest Books, New York, 2000.

Grammar and Style:

1. *The Associated Press Stylebook*, updated annually, for newspapers, newsletters, flyers. Online at <http://www.apstylebook.com/>, subscription cost is \$25/year.
2. *The Chicago Manual of Style*, University of Chicago Press, 2010. Also online <http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html>. Subscription cost, \$35 annually. New print edition coming soon (2010).
3. [The Christian Writer's Manual of Style](#), Zondervan, 2004.
4. *Macmillan Teach Yourself Grammar and Style*, Pamela R. Hahn, Dennis E. Hensley, 2000.
5. [Polishing the "PUGS" \(Punctuation, Usage, Grammar and Spelling\)](#), Kathy Ide, 2005. Highly recommended by Cecil Murphey, www.kathyide.com. Reviewed on this blog. [Click here](#).

Devotional Reading:

1. *Committed But Flawed*, Cecil Murphey, AMG Publishers, 2004.
2. [Write His Answer](#), Marlene Bagnall, ACW Press, 2001.
3. [How to Keep a Spiritual Journal: A Guide to Journal Keeping for Inner Growth and Personal Discovery](#), Ron Klug, Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, 2002.

Magazines and Newsletters:

1. *Christian Communicator* and *Advanced Christian Writer*, [American Christian Writers site](#).
2. *The Writers' Journal*, <http://www.writersjournal.com/>
3. *The Writer*, <http://www.writermag.com/wrt/default.aspx>
4. *Writers Digest*, <http://www.writersdigest.com/>

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