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Three Shadows

A companion volume to the Language Construction Kit, this book explains everything you need to know about creating your own world with its own geology, creatures, cultures, religions, technology, and styles of war- plus how to create maps, illustrations and 3-D models. An essential whether you're writing science fiction or fantasy, designing RPGs, creating movies or video games, or remodeling a spare asteroid.

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City of Lies

For writers, screenwriters, and gamers. World Building involves more than elaborate settings, more than magic and magical beings, and more than paranormal happenings. Speculative fiction is a fast growing market, and world building is an essential tool for creating successful stories where the reader can suspend disbelief. This World Building Guide & Workbook gives writers the proper tools to craft a well written manuscript, rich with details, by guiding them through steps for choosing the right world elements to include in their story. Use a simple blueprint method to lay the foundation, and then complete the story. Beginning writers in the genre can learn to identify potential pitfalls. More complex concepts are included for intermediate to advance level authors. Get started world building today!

Cyberabad Days

Marie Brennan's *Turning Darkness Into Light* is a delightful fantasy of manners, the heir to the award-winning *Natural History of Dragons* series, a perfect stepping stone into an alternate Victorian-esque fantasy landscape. "Overwhelmingly fun."—io9 on *The Tropic of Serpents* As the renowned granddaughter of Isabella Camherst (Lady Trent, of the riveting and daring Draconic adventure memoirs) Audrey Camherst has always known she, too, would want to make her scholarly mark upon a chosen field of study. When Lord Gleinheigh recruits Audrey to decipher a series of ancient tablets holding the secrets of the ancient Draconeian civilization, she has no idea that her research will plunge her into an intricate conspiracy, one meant to incite rebellion and invoke war. Alongside dearest childhood friend and fellow archeologist Kudshayn, must find proof of the conspiracy before it's too late. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management

The Complete Art of World Building

"What do Luke Skywalker, John McClane, and lonely dog on Ho'okipa Beach have in common? Simply put, we care about them. Great storytelling is making readers care about your characters, the choices they make, and what happens to them. It's making your audience feel the tension and emotion of a situation right alongside your protagonist. And to tell a damn fine story, you need to understand why and how that caring happens"--Back cover.

Competing in a Flat World

Mark J.P. Wolf's study of imaginary worlds theorizes world-building within and across media, including literature, comics, film, radio, television, board games, video games, the Internet, and more. *Building Imaginary Worlds* departs from prior approaches to imaginary worlds that focused mainly on narrative, medium, or genre, and instead considers imaginary worlds as dynamic entities in and of themselves. Wolf argues that imaginary worlds—which are often transnarrative, transmedial, and transauthorial in nature—are compelling objects of inquiry for Media Studies. Chapters touch on: a theoretical analysis of how world-building extends beyond storytelling, the engagement of the audience, and the way worlds are conceptualized and experienced a history of imaginary worlds that follows their development over three millennia from the fictional islands of Homer's *Odyssey* to the present internarrative theory examining how narratives set in the same world can interact and relate to one another an examination of transmedial growth and adaptation, and what happens when worlds make the jump between media an analysis of the transauthorial nature of imaginary worlds, the resulting concentric circles of authorship, and related topics of

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canonicity, participatory worlds, and subcreation's relationship with divine Creation Building Imaginary Worlds also provides the scholar of imaginary worlds with a glossary of terms and a detailed timeline that spans three millennia and more than 1,400 imaginary worlds, listing their names, creators, and the works in which they first appeared.

Timekeeper

Writing advice tends to be full of 'rules' and 'tips' which are either too broad to be helpful or outright wrong. In *On Writing and Worldbuilding*, we will discuss specific and applicable ideas to consider, from effective methods of delivering exposition and foreshadowing, to how communication, commerce, and control play into the fall of an empire. to *On Writing to Part I: Prologues*Part II: The First ChapterPart III: The Exposition ProblemPart IV: ForeshadowingPart V: Villain MotivationPart VI: Hero-Villain RelationshipsPart VII: Final BattlesPart VIII: The Chosen OnePart IX: Hard Magic Systems Part X: Soft Magic SystemsPart XI: Magic Systems and Storytelling to *On Worldbuilding to Part XII: Polytheistic Religions*Part XIII: Hidden Magical Worlds Part XIV: How Empires RisePart XV: How Empires WorkPart XVI: How Empires Fall to Exclusive Content to Part XVII: How I Plan a Novel

Turning Darkness Into Light

Can you ever escape your fate? Three shadows stand outside the house - and Louis and Lise know why the spectral figures are there. The shadows have come for Louis and Lise's son, and nothing anyone can do will stop them. Louis cannot let his son die without trying to prevent it, so the family embarks on a journey to the ends of the earth, fleeing death. Poignant and suspenseful, Three

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Shadows is a haunting story of love and grief, told in moving text and sweeping black and white artwork by Cyril Pedrosa.

The Nutcracker and the Four Realms: The Secret of the Realms

Want to write dystopian and post-apocalyptic fiction, but don't know where to start? Need guidance worldbuilding the future? Not sure if you're evil enough? How to Destroy the World breaks the genres down into easy-to-follow steps. By completing a series of creative prompts, this book will guide you from your initial idea, to your bleak, brutal future. This workbook will help you to: Create a believable and immersive vision of the future Hit the genre markers your readers will be looking for Use worldbuilding to increase tension and conflict in your story Create exciting character arcs to get your readers hooked Work your way through prompts designed to build your knowledge and confidence of these growing genres. Learn how to tear your world apart, and how to write characters capable of rebuilding it. Get How to Destroy the World today, and start rewriting the future. Available as both an ebook Guidebook and a paperback Workbook with space for answering each prompt.

On Writing and Worldbuilding

"Too much trouble, and you'll end up just like your crazy mother." Maeve was six when they took her mother away, and left her in the care of her Uncle Lou: a drunk, a misogynist, a fraud. For eleven years she's lived with him in Falside's slums, deep in the silt of the Falwere River. She bottles his miracle medicine, stocks his apothecary shop, and endures his savage temper. But as his violence escalates, and his lies come undone, she devises a plan to escape him forever. Even if it means people have to die. A dark and gripping thriller set in a future dystopia. If you like stories of

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oppressive governments, genetic selection, mass murder, and the fight for freedom, if you look for unlikely heroes and always root for the underdog, you'll love *The Bottle Stopper*. "Angeline Trevena, with her ever fertile imagination, creates dystopian visions of the future that are both innovative and chilling." "Tony Benson, author of *An Accident of Birth*"

Building Imaginary Worlds

"I was in an accident. I got out. I'm safe now." An alternate Victorian world controlled by clock towers, where a damaged clock can fracture time—and a destroyed one can stop it completely. A prodigy mechanic who can repair not only clockwork, but time itself, determined to rescue his father from a Stopped town. A series of mysterious bombings that could jeopardize all of England. A romance that will shake the very foundations of time. The first book in a dazzling new steampunk-fantasy trilogy, *Timekeeper* introduces a magical world of mythology and innovation that readers will never want to leave.

The Ultimate RPG Gameplay Guide

Listeners of THE ART OF WORLD BUILDING podcast can now benefit from the transcripts of 15 episodes collected here. Ranging from 25-35 minutes each, the episodes discuss gods, species/races, plants, animals, monsters, heroes, villains, and even undead.

Mazes of Power

First Draft in 30 Days provides you with a sure-fire system to reduce time-intensive rewrites and avoid writing detours. Award-winning author Karen S. Wiesner's 30-day method shows you how to create an outline so detailed and complete that it actually doubles

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as your first draft. Flexible and customizable, this revolutionary system can be modified to fit any writer's approach and style. Plus, comprehensive and interactive worksheets make the process seem less like work and more like a game.

Kobold Guide to Worldbuilding

Overwhelmed by creating fantasy worlds? Lost in your world? Unsure where to go next? 30 Days of Worldbuilding breaks the task into manageable chunks. By following 30 creative prompts, this book will guide you from idea, to full world. This workbook will help you to: Break the epic task of worldbuilding into easy steps Build a full and complete world with prompts you may not have thought of Tie your worldbuilding into your story to increase tension and conflict Bring your worldbuilding back to your characters to get your readers hooked This book also includes a bonus lesson on building magic systems that work. By completing just one prompt each day, you can have a fully created fantasy world in a month. You will also have an invaluable book of worldbuilding notes to keep beside you as you write. Get 30 Days of Worldbuilding today, and stop getting lost in your world. Available as both an ebook Guidebook and a paperback Workbook with space for answering each prompt.

Creating Life

A powerful new fantasy from Hugo award-winning author Elizabeth Bear, *Range of Ghosts* creates a world both deep and broad, where a sorcerer-prince seeks world domination for the glory of his God. Temur, grandson of the Great Khan, is walking from a battlefield where he was left for dead. All around lie the fallen armies of his cousin and his brother who made war to rule the Khaganate. Temur is now the legitimate heir by blood to his

grandfather's throne, but he is not the strongest. Going into exile is the only way to survive his ruthless cousin. Once-Princess Samarkar is climbing the thousand steps of the Citadel of the Wizards of Tsarepheth. She was heir to the Rasan Empire until her father got a son on a new wife. Then she was sent to be the wife of a Prince in Song, but that marriage ended in battle and blood. Now she has renounced her worldly power to seek the magical power of the wizards. These two will come together to stand against the hidden cult that has so carefully brought all the empires of the Celadon Highway to strife and civil war through guile and deceit and sorcerous power. The Eternal Sky Trilogy #1 Range of Ghosts #2 Shattered Pillars #3 Steles of the Sky At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Range of Ghosts

The digital technologies of the 21st century are reshaping how we experience storytelling. More than ever before, storylines from the world's most popular narratives cross from the pages of books to the movie theatre, to our television screens and in comic books series. Plots intersect and intertwine, allowing audiences many different entry points to the narratives. In this sometimes bewildering array of stories across media, one thing binds them together: their large-scale fictional world. Collaborative Worldbuilding for Writers and Gamers describes how writers can co-create vast worlds for use as common settings for their own stories. Using the worlds of Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, A Game of Thrones, and Dungeons & Dragons as models, this book guides readers through a step-by-step process of building sprawling fictional worlds complete with competing social forces that have complex histories and yet are always evolving. It also shows readers how to populate a catalog with hundreds of unique people, places, and things that grow

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organically from their world, which become a rich repository of story making potential. The companion website collaborativeworldbuilding.com features links to online resources, past worldbuilding projects, and an innovative card system designed to work with this book.

By Darkness Hid

Reality and fantasy collide in this “beautiful and reflective tale” (Booklist, starred review) for fans of *Counting by 7s* and *Bridge to Terabithia*, about a girl who must save a magical make-believe world in order to save herself. Things Finley Hart doesn’t want to talk about: -Her parents, who are having problems. (But they pretend like they’re not.) -Being sent to her grandparents’ house for the summer. -Never having met said grandparents. -Her blue days—when life feels overwhelming, and it’s hard to keep her head up. (This happens a lot.) Finley’s only retreat is the Everwood, a forest kingdom that exists in the pages of her notebook. Until she discovers the endless woods behind her grandparents’ house and realizes the Everwood is real—and holds more mysteries than she’d ever imagined, including a family of pirates that she isn’t allowed to talk to, trees covered in ash, and a strange old wizard living in a house made of bones. With the help of her cousins, Finley sets out on a mission to save the dying Everwood and uncover its secrets. But as the mysteries pile up and the frightening sadness inside her grows, Finley realizes that if she wants to save the Everwood, she’ll first have to save herself.

Creating Places

CREATING PLACES (THE ART OF WORLD BUILDING, #2) is a detailed how-to guide on inventing the heart of every imaginary world - places. It includes chapters on inventing planets, moons,

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continents, mountains, forests, deserts, bodies of water, sovereign powers, settlements, and interesting locales. Extensive, culled research on each is provided to inform your world building decisions and understand the impact on craft, story, and audience. You'll also learn how and when to create history and maps. Experts and beginners alike will benefit from the free templates that make building worlds easier, quicker, and more fun. Learn the difference between types of monarchies, democracies, dictatorships and more for realistic variety and believable conflict. Understand how latitude, prevailing winds, and mountains affect climate, rainfall, and what types of forests and deserts will exist in each location. Consistently calculate how long it takes to travel by horse, wagon, sailing vessels, or even dragon over different terrain types and conditions. **CREATING PLACES** is the second volume in **THE ART OF WORLD BUILDING**, the only multi-volume series of its kind. Three times the length, depth, and breadth of other guides, the series can help fantasy and science fiction creators determine how much to build and why, how to use world building in your work, and whether the effort to create places will reap rewards for you and your audience.

Cultures and Beyond

Write stories with worlds that create lifelong fans and fandoms! **Irresistible World Building for Unforgettable Stories** contains key methods and tips on how to weave your world building into every aspect of your story, from theme to plot to character arcs. -Use writing prompts and exercises to jumpstart your creativity-Get ideas on how to refresh world building genre tropes while still hitting reader sweet spots-Learn to embrace your inner geek and passions to connect your world building with readers **Vivid world building is great. Vivid world building that sells? Even better!** For a quick reference primer on building your story world's cultures,

check out World Building From the Inside Out.

How to Destroy the World

Creating a unique, immersive setting one world at a timeA guide for authors, gamers, and hobbyistsThe Complete Art of World Building brings together the first three volumes in The Art of World Building series. This how-to guide will make readers a master of inventing imaginary worlds and help your setting stand out from the multitude of fantasy and SF worlds audiences see. Creating Life (#1) teaches readers how to create gods, species/races, plants, animals, monsters, and even undead. Creating Places (#2) teaches how to create planets, moons, continents, mountains, forests, deserts, bodies of water, sovereign powers, settlements, and interesting locales. Learn the different government types, how climate impacts vegetation, and consistently calculate how long it takes to travel by horse, wagon, sailing vessels, or even dragon. Cultures and Beyond (#3) teaches how to create cultures, monetary systems, military groups, religions, the supernatural, systems of magic, magic items, names, and more. Learn what kind of files you'll need to create, how to organize them. The series draws on author Randy Ellefson's quarter century of world building experience and will quickly turn a beginner into an expert, making a time consuming project more fun, easier, and faster. Ellefson shares his experiences, lessons learned, and insights, including how much of your creations can realistically be mentioned during storytelling, how far creators should go, and what the benefits/risks to each approach might be. Elevate your work above the competition.

No Plot? No Problem!

A thrilling new fantasy series—full of deadly magic, double crosses, and a dangerous quest in a new world—from Sara Raasch, the New

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York Times bestselling author of the Snow Like Ashes series. Adeluna is a soldier. Five years ago, she helped the magic-rich island of Grace Loray overthrow its oppressor, Argrid, a country ruled by religion. But adjusting to postwar life has not been easy. When an Argridian delegate vanishes during peace talks with Grace Loray's new Council, Argrid demands brutal justice—but Lu suspects something dangerous is at work. Devereux is a pirate. As one of the stream raiders who run rampant on Grace Loray, he scavenges the island's magic plants and sells them on the black market. But after Argrid accuses raiders of the diplomat's abduction, Vex becomes a target. An expert navigator, he agrees to help Lu find the Argridian—but the truth they uncover could be deadlier than any war. Benat is a heretic. The crown prince of Argrid, he harbors a secret obsession with Grace Loray's forbidden magic. When Ben's father, the king, gives him the shocking task of reversing Argrid's fear of magic, Ben has to decide if one prince can change a devout country—or if he's building his own pyre. As conspiracies arise, Lu, Vex, and Ben will have to decide who they really are . . . and what they are willing to become for peace.

The Fade

Chris Baty, motivator extraordinaire and instigator of a wildly successful writing revolution, spells out the secrets of writing—and finishing—a novel. Every fall, thousands of people sign up for National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), which Baty founded, determined to (a) write that novel or (b) finish that novel in—kid you not—30 days. Now Baty puts pen to paper himself to share the secrets of success. With week-specific overviews, pep "talks," and essential survival tips for today's word warriors, this results-oriented, quick-fix strategy is perfect for people who want to nurture their inner artist and then hit print! Anecdotes and success stories from NaNoWriMo winners will inspire writers from the

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heralding you-can-do-it trumpet blasts of day one to the champagne toasts of day thirty. Whether it's a resource for those taking part in the official NaNo WriMo event, or a stand-alone handbook for writing to come, *No Plot? No Problem!* is the ultimate guide for would-be writers (or those with writer's block) to cultivate their creative selves.

Damn Fine Story

It's always darkest before the harvest. Each year, as summer fades to memory, and the sky begins to grow dark, and the leaves change color and fall, the faint, fetid scent of death--of slowly rotting things--begins to drift in, hanging on the chill air like a ghostly pall. Making us wonder, what this year's harvest will produce. Well the harvest is here. And it is dead. With these 50 dark tales and nearly 700 pages of terror, you will experience fear, depravity, love, and loss. And a kind of chill, that won't soon leave your bones. *DEAD HARVEST* is a crop like no other! Enter the field and get lost

Edited by Mark Parker Includes stories from Tim Lebbon, Richard Chizmar, Ronald Malfi, Benjamin Kane Ethridge, Jeff Strand, James A. Moore, Tim Waggoner, Greg F. Gifune and many more

Irresistible World Building for Unforgettable Stories

Cyberabad Days returns to the India of 2047 as featured in Ian McDonald's acclaimed novel *River of Gods*. A new, muscular superpower of two billion people in an age of new nations, artificial intelligences, climate-change induced drought, water wars, strange new genders, genetically improved children that age at half the rate of baseline humanity, and a population where males outnumber females four to one. *Cyberabad Days* is a cycle of seven stories, three Hugo nominees and one Hugo winner among them, as well as an original thirty-one-thousand-word novella. Welcome back to the

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fierce, dazzling, thrilling world of River of Gods. Featuring: Sanjeev and Robotwallah (selected for both The Year's Best Science Fiction: Twenty-Fifth Annual Collection and Year's Best SF 13): A boy-soldier roboteer from the War of Separation learns that war may be hell, but peace is harder. Kyle meets the River: A young American in Varanasi learns the true meaning of "nation building" in the early days of a new country. The Dust Assassin: In the time of water-wars, the daughter of a powerful water-rajah learns that revenge is a slow and subtle art. An Eligible Boy: Love and marriage is never easy when there are four men for every woman. But it should be easy with an Artificial Intelligence matchmaker. Shouldn't it? The Little Goddess (Hugo nominee for best novella of 2006): In Kathmandu, a child-goddess discovers what lies on the other side of godhood and what divinity really means. The Djinn's Wife (Hugo for best novelette and BSFA short-fiction winner of 2007): A minor Delhi celebrity falls in love with an artificial intelligence, but is it a marriage of heaven and hell? Vishnu at the Cat Circus: A genetically improved "Brahmin" child finds himself left behind as he grows through the final generation of humanity. Praise for Cyberabad Days: "The sheer number of ideas and plotlines can sometimes make McDonald's novels seem dense, but the stories here are sharp, focused and witty." —BBCFocus "McDonald's India engulfs you with an overwhelming, perfumed, stinky embrace. A hugely impressive collection. Seven nifty, witty stories." —SFX "McDonald excels at conveying, in a gorgeous melange of sensory impressions, an India transformed by AIs, nanotech, robots and cybernetics: the subcontinent is chaotic and lurid, shot through with devotion to eternal Hindu gods and divided by internecine conflict. McDonald gives a refreshing take on the future from a non-western viewpoint." —The Guardian

The Planet Construction Kit

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With Stephen Gillett's help, you'll be on solid ground, no matter what kinds of worlds you create for your science fiction. World-Building explains science to help you make your fiction plausible. You'll give your worlds the pull of gravity, aware of the effects on inhabitants and the planets themselves. Mix elements and build planets with chemically credible, geologically accurate characteristics - and anomalies - that affect those who live there. Create planetary "engines," convincing atmospheres and fact-based weather patterns. Colonize a truly weird world: ancient Earth. Explore our neighboring planets and their satellites for SF possibilities. Light and heat your landscapes with the right types of stars. See how things might be on a "chloroxygen" world and other hypothetical places. In this book, you'll follow calculations, read tables, view diagrams, learn what forces are at work in the universe, and see how you can harness them to give realism to the fantasy in your storytelling.

Some Kind of Happiness

The Essential Elements for Building a World Roleplaying games and fantasy fiction are filled with rich and fascinating worlds: the Forgotten Realms, Glorantha, Narnia, R'lyeh, Middle-Earth, Barsoom, and so many more. It took startling leaps of imagination as well as careful thought and planning to create places like these: places that readers and players want to come back to again and again. Now, eleven of adventure gaming's top designers come together to share their insights into building worlds that gamers will never forget. Learn the secrets of designing a pantheon, creating a setting that provokes conflict, determining which historical details are necessary, and so much more. Take that creative leap, and create dazzling worlds of your own! Essays by Wolfgang Baur, Keith Baker, Monte Cook, Jeff Grubb, Scott Hungerford, David "Zeb" Cook, Chris Pramas, Jonathan Roberts, Michael A. Stackpole, Steve

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Winter, with an introduction by Ken Scholes. NOMINATED FOR TWO ENNIE AWARDS: Best Writing and Best RPG-Related Book Praise for Prior Kobold Design Guides "Highly recommended for gaming nerds everywhere." --CityBookReview.com "If you're an aspiring pro this book is a must. If you're a rules hacker like me, this stuff is solid gold." --Berin Kinsman, UncleBear Media "A fantastic collection A solid 5 star rating." --Joshua Guillion, AdventureAWeek.com "An amazing collection from some of the best designers and writers creating role-playing game material today." --Brian Fitzpatrick, BlogCritics.org

The Bottle Stopper

Creating a unique, immersive setting one life form at a time. **CREATING LIFE (THE ART OF WORLD BUILDING, #1)** is a detailed how-to guide on inventing the heart of every imaginary world - life. With chapters on creating gods, species/races, plants, animals, monsters, heroes, villains, and even undead, it draws on the author's quarter century of world building experience. Pointed questions, and an examination of answers and their repercussions, will help readers decide on goals, how to reach them, and whether they are even worth pursuing. Always practical, **Creating Life** will quickly improve the skills of beginners and experts alike, making a time consuming project more fun, easier, faster, and skillfully done. Unlike other world building guides, the series discusses how to use your inventions in stories while balancing narrative flow with the need for explaining your world. Tailored examples illustrate this. Extensive, culled research on life forms is provided to classify and understand options without overwhelming world builders with extraneous details. Storytellers, game designers, gamers, and hobbyists will benefit from seven free templates that can be downloaded and reused. **CREATING LIFE** will help your setting stand out from the multitude of fantasy and science fiction worlds

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audiences see. **THE ART OF WORLD BUILDING** is the only multi-volume series of its kind and is three times the length, depth, and breadth of other guides.

30 Days of Worldbuilding

Worldbuilding is the ultimate act of creation for speculative fiction writers, but how exactly do you worldbuild? You ask 'what if' and use each answer as a springboard to more questions and answers about your fictional world. In *The A-Zs of Worldbuilding*, that 'what if' process is broken down into 26 themed chapters, covering topics ranging from architecture to zoology. Each chapter includes a corresponding set of guided exercises to help you find the 'what if' questions relevant to your story's world. Fair warning, though: worldbuilding is addictive. Once you get started, you might never put your pen down again.

The Last Days of New Paris

“This is essential reading for anyone seeking to compete—and succeed—in the flat world.” –John Hagel, Chairman of Deloitte Center of Innovation “Competing in a Flat World provides an extraordinary glimpse into a new kind of organizational architecture, one built around the notion of orchestrating resources you don’t control and doing so in a way that builds both trust and agility. This architecture may well turn out to be the dominant model of the firm for the 21st century. This book is a must read for anyone who wants to compete in a flat world. Every chapter details new and powerful ideas.” –John Seely Brown, Former Chief Scientist of Xerox Corporation and coauthor of *The Only Sustainable Edge* “We are led by unstoppable economic forces to connect our resources to form smart networks, either wired or unwired. The authors bring forward the notion of ‘network

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orchestration,” an almost one-size-fits-all strategy for organizations to survive and excel in an ever-flattening world.” –John Chen, Sybase Chairman, CEO and President In the “flat world,” everything changes...above all, what it takes to run a winning company. Success is less about what the company can do itself and more about what it can connect to. Find out how it’s done, from the company that pioneered “flat world” success, Li & Fung, which produces more than \$8 billion in garments and other goods for the world’s top brands and retailers—without owning a single factory. Victor and William Fung and Jerry Wind, author of the best-selling *The Power of Impossible Thinking*, reveal how they’ve replaced “old-fashioned” infrastructure and huge employee bases with a fluid, ever-changing network that can design, manufacture, and deliver almost anything, anywhere. The key to success in this world is a set of principles for “network orchestration,” described for the first time in this book. They examine how these principles can be applied in manufacturing, services and other industries. They show how to build and orchestrate your own world-class global network.

- * Compete “network vs. network”—and win!
- * Create a “big-small” company that combines scale and agility
- * Forge loose-tight relationships with suppliers
- * Balance control with empowerment, stability with renewal
- * Manage the “bumps” in the flat world—from politics to terrorism

Visit the authors' website:
www.competinginaflatworld.net

Save the Cat! Writes a Novel

Given the chance to train as a squire, kitchen servant Achan Cham hopes to pull himself out of his pitiful life and become a Kingsguard Knight. When Achan's owner learns of his training, he forces Achan to spar with the Crown Prince--more of a death sentence than an honor. Meanwhile, strange voices in Achan's head cause him to fear he's going mad. While escorting the prince to a council presentation,

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their convoy is attacked. Achan is wounded and arrested, but escapes from prison--only to discover a secret about himself he never believed possible.

World-building

This debut work of sociological science fiction follows a deadly battle for succession, where brother is pitted against brother in a singular chance to win power and influence for their family. The cavern city of Pelismara has stood for a thousand years. The Great Families of the nobility cling to the myths of their golden age while the city's technology wanes. When a fever strikes, and the Eminence dies, seventeen-year-old Tagaret is pushed to represent his Family in the competition for Heir to the Throne. To win would give him the power to rescue his mother from his abusive father, and marry the girl he loves. But the struggle for power distorts everything in this highly stratified society, and the fever is still loose among the inbred, susceptible nobles. Tagaret's sociopathic younger brother, Nekantor, is obsessed with their family's success. Nekantor is willing to exploit Tagaret, his mother, and her new servant Aloran to defeat their opponents. Can he be stopped? Should he be stopped? And will they recognize themselves after the struggle has changed them?

First Draft in 30 Days

Written to help fantasy and science fiction storytellers, game designers, gamers, and hobbyists, *Cultures and Beyond (The Art of World Building, #3)* is a how-to guide for filling an imaginary world with fascinating societies. It includes chapters on creating cultures, calendars, monetary systems, military groups, religions, the supernatural, systems of magic, magic items, names, and more. You'll also learn how to leverage real world cultures while making

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them seem original. Even those who've never invented a world will soon be masters as the authors decades of experience walk you through using pre-made templates that make world building faster, better, and easier to complete. Understand how to use analogues to quickly build unique societies based on Earth. Invent interesting crimes and punishments that involve imaginary creatures or technologies. Create currencies for different places while keeping them easy for your audience to fathom. Master the art of creating naming styles for different societies. Fashion new military groups in gritty detail. Dream up sensible rules for magic, its practitioners, the supernatural and what happens when things go wrong. Learn what kind of files you'll need to create, how to organize them, and get jump started with the free templates you'll use again and again. Cultures and Beyond is the third volume in The Art of World Building, the only multi-volume series of its kind. Readers will learn how much world building to do for each scenario they encounter and whether the effort will be rewarding for them and their audience.

I Should Be Writing

It was tiring carrying other people's memories. They got heavy, particularly the bad ones. Kioto is a memory trader, hired to extract people's unwanted memories. It's a dangerous job, one that she was born into, and one that makes her an outcast. When she stumbles upon a memory that casts doubt over everything she thought she knew, she's forced to face the past she's been running from. She doesn't have long to discover the truth, and she soon learns that the unlikeliest of allies are the only people she can trust. There's tough choices to be made, and the price might just be their lives.

The Smudger

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The first novel-writing guide from the best-selling Save the Cat! story-structure series, which reveals the 15 essential plot points needed to make any novel a success. Novelist Jessica Brody presents a comprehensive story-structure guide for novelists that applies the famed Save the Cat! screenwriting methodology to the world of novel writing. Revealing the 15 "beats" (plot points) that comprise a successful story--from the opening image to the finale--this book lays out the Ten Story Genres (Monster in the House; Whydunit; Dude with a Problem) alongside quirky, original insights (Save the Cat; Shard of Glass) to help novelists craft a plot that will captivate--and a novel that will sell.

Creating Life - The Podcast Transcripts

Improve your RPG campaign with this comprehensive and interactive guide to making the most out of your gaming experience. Whatever RPG game you play, from D&D to Call of Cthulu to licensed games like Star Wars, every detail is important. From setting the scene to choosing the right music or even adjusting the lighting to create the right atmosphere, every choice helps maximize your gaming experience. The Ultimate RPG Gameplay Guide provides practical advice for everything from pre-game preparations and in-game improvisation to working out a plan of attack with your teammates to learning how to lean into the setting of your game. Including instructions, prompts, and activities, it offers everything you need for successful, fun role-playing with your friends every time you play. Create hours of narrative and make the most out of your storytelling skills by setting the perfect scene for your adventure. Whether you need advice on your character or working better with your gaming group, James D'Amato includes everything you'll need to take your game to the next level.

Fantasy World-Building

This dazzling novel will not only retell the moving story from *The Nutcracker and the Four Realms*, but half of the book will expand and explore the world of the Walt Disney Studios film with brand-new, exclusive content. Complete with beautiful full-page chapter opener illustrations and never-before-seen details that add new depth to the story, this novel will have readers eager to step into the resplendent world of *The Nutcracker and the Four Realms* for generations to come.

The A-Zs of Worldbuilding

The astonishing new fantasy from the award-winning author of *The Haunting of Alaizabel Cray* A subterranean world of vast caverns, underground seas, crystalline forests. A civilisation born of darkness, in darkness, protected by shadows. A city of merchants, whose eyes have turned upward to the surface, where the lethal light of day beats down on their world. A conspiracy so vast that it will swallow them all A stunningly original fantasy from a multi-award winning author. With a beautiful baroque world, sharp characterisation and Chris Wooding's trademark insight into the fantasy genre, the dawning of *Halflight* is an event more than worth waiting for.

Dead Harvest

"Outwardly, Jovan is the lifelong friend of the Chancellors charming, irresponsible Heir. Quiet. Forgettable. In secret, he's a master of poisons and chemicals, trained to protect the Chancellors family from treachery. When the Chancellor succumbs to an unknown poison and an army lays siege to the city, Jovan and his sister Kalina must protect the Heir and save their city-state. But

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treachery lurks in every corner, and the ancient spirits of the land are rising and angry"--Amazon.com.

These Rebel Waves

A thriller of war that never was—of survival in an impossible city—of surreal cataclysm. In *The Last Days of New Paris*, China Miéville entwines true historical events and people with his daring, uniquely imaginative brand of fiction, reconfiguring history and art into something new. “Beauty will be convulsive. . . .” 1941. In the chaos of wartime Marseille, American engineer—and occult disciple—Jack Parsons stumbles onto a clandestine anti-Nazi group, including Surrealist theorist André Breton. In the strange games of the dissident diplomats, exiled revolutionaries, and avant-garde artists, Parsons finds and channels hope. But what he unwittingly unleashes is the power of dreams and nightmares, changing the war and the world forever. 1950. A lone Surrealist fighter, Thibaut, walks a new, hallucinogenic Paris, where Nazis and the Resistance are trapped in unending conflict, and the streets are stalked by living images and texts—and by the forces of Hell. To escape the city, he must join forces with Sam, an American photographer intent on recording the ruins, and make common cause with a powerful, enigmatic figure of chance and rebellion: the exquisite corpse. But Sam is being hunted. And new secrets will emerge that will test all their loyalties—to each other, to Paris old and new, and to reality itself. Praise for *The Last Days of New Paris* “Beautiful, stunningly realized . . . [The Last Days of New Paris] is a brief vacation in alien latitudes, a midnight layover in an imaginary place.”—NPR “A thoughtful, highbrow novella . . . Miéville’s self-assured style offers up a strong sense of humanity, while the strange Surrealist monsters give *Last Days* a fun and complementary mad-science component.”—USA Today “[A] testament to the necessary, progressive power of art . . . Both moving and disturbingly

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timely.”—Newsday “A novel both unhinged and utterly compelling, a kind of guerrilla warfare waged by art itself, combining both meticulous historical research and Miéville’s unparalleled inventiveness.”—Chicago Tribune “An extraordinarily original work that foregrounds Mieville’s considerable ingenuity and innovation.”—The Millions “Hauntingly poetic, strangely beautiful, and erratically intense.”—San Francisco Book Review “Dazzling . . . quite a feat.”—The Guardian

World Building Guide and Workbook

When artists and designers explore or create a fictional setting, the milieu must be completely fleshed out, explained, and designed. In this book, comic and gaming art veteran Mark A. Nelson explores and demonstrates his methods for fashioning visually stunning, believable environments for fantasy creatures and characters. Scores of images and step-by-step examples illustrate how variation and experimentation lead to fresh, original designs for otherworldly beings, their environments, and their stories. Nelson discusses how to find ideas and borrow from history to add the strength of realism to a fantasy world. In describing the best ways to establish a habitat, he offers specifics about climate, terrain, flora, and wildlife. He shares insights into founding societies in terms of their means of survival, manner of warfare, spiritual practices, style of dress, and levels of technology. All visual creatives who work with imaginative material — illustrators, comic artists, and writers — will take a lively interest in this source of inspiration and practical knowledge.

Collaborative Worldbuilding for Writers and Gamers

Don't just dream it, write it! I Should Be Writing is a writing workshop in a journal, full of helpful advice and encouragement for

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the person who wants to finally write the story they've always dreamed of creating. Let award-winning podcaster Mur Lafferty, who in the past has interviewed authors including John Scalzi, Neil Gaiman, Gail Carriger, Adam Christopher, and Kameron Hurley, guide you through the nuts-and-bolts process of honing your craft, including which writing myths to ignore, how to refine your creative process, listening to your inner muse while ignoring your inner bully, and more. This book also contains writing exercises that will help the blossoming writer strengthen the writer's muscle of writing every day. These include everything from situational writer's prompts to lists of ideas writers should try to jot down between writing sessions. With this helpful guide, you can make the phrase, "I've always wanted to write a story" a thing of the past. Because you should be writing!

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