

## Resources for Writers (Updated November 11, 2013)

(See <http://www.meredithsuewillis.com/resources.html> for more)

### Publications for writers:

#### ***Poets & Writers Magazine*** (literary: grants, etc.)

Poets & Writers  
72 Spring Street  
New York, NY 10012  
(212) 226-3586  
Highly recommended  
<http://www.pw.org/>

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#### ***Writers Chronicle***

Associated Writing Programs  
Tallwood House Mail Stop IE3  
George Mason University  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
Aimed at people in writing programs, but  
has good literary information  
<http://www.awpwriter.org/>

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#### ***Writers Digest***

1507 Dana Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45207  
Especially their yearly book **Novel &  
Short Story Writer's Market**  
Commercial orientation. Useful for informational  
articles and books on things like manuscript  
preparation, poisons for murder mystery writers, etc.  
<http://www.writersdigest.com/>

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#### ***The Writer Magazine***

<http://www.writermag.com/>  
(similar to *Writers Digest* in some ways. It's been  
around a long time.)

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#### ***Writer's Guide to Book Editors, Publishers and Literary Agents***

By Jeff Herman  
Widely available and useful.

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#### **Dustbooks--"The Small Press Source"**

P.O. Box 100  
Paradise, CA 95967  
<http://www.dustbooks.com/>

### Organizations:

#### **National Writers Union**

275 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (20<sup>th</sup> floor)  
New York, NY 10001  
<http://www.nwu.org/nwu/>

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#### **Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators**

8271 Beverly Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90048  
<http://www.scbwi.org/>

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#### **Poetry Society of America**

15 Grammercy Park West  
New York, NY 10003  
(212) 254-9628  
<http://www.poetrysociety.org/>

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#### ***Genre Organizations (Some have excellent general interest articles and information, esp. SFWA)***

##### **Mystery Writers of America**

<http://www.mysterywriters.org/>

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##### **Romance Writers of America**

(713) 440-6885  
<http://www.rwa.org/>

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##### **Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of America**

<http://www.sfwa.org/>

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##### **Western Writers of America**

<http://www.westernwriters.org/>

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### Online Resources (most of these have links to other resources as well):

<http://www.newpages.com> (Probably the best)  
<http://www.literarymarketplace.com>  
<http://www.publishersweekly.com/>  
<http://www.happilypublished.com>  
<http://www.writers.net/>  
<http://www.authorlink.com>  
<http://www.forwriters.com>  
<http://www.bookwire.com>  
<http://www.sfwa.org>  
<http://www.scbwi.org>

**Resources for Writers** (also see <http://www.meredithsuewillis.com/resources.html>)

## Copyrighting Your Writing

Go online to <http://www.copyright.gov> for the latest information.

From the moment you finish a piece of writing, the government recognizes that only you can decide how to use it. The law presently governing this is the copyright law of January 1, 1978. A piece of writing is copyrighted the moment you put it to paper. You may indicate your authorship with the word Copyright (or the c sign), the year, and your name, but this is not necessary. Protection lasts for your lifetime plus 50 years. If your work is anonymous or pseudonymous, protection lasts for 100 years after the work's creation or 75 years after its publication, whichever is shorter. None of this holds in the case of writing-for-hire. You do not have to register your work with the Copyright Office to receive protection. If you want to, however, you may request the proper forms from the Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20559. Most people are now ordering forms and getting information online at <http://www.copyright.gov>.

For more information, consult the current *Writer's Market* or *Writer's Digest's The Writer's Friendly Legal Guide*, edited by Kirk Polking.

## Literary Agents

Two good publications about literary agents are:

"Literary Agents: A Complete Guide,"

Poets & Writers, Inc.  
72 Spring Street  
New York, N.Y. 10012  
(212) 226-3586

*Writers Guide to Book Editors,  
Publishers, and Literary Agents*

by Jeff Herman.  
Prima Publishing  
P.O. Box 1260BK  
Rocklin, CA 95677  
(916) 632-4400

Also, Chuck Sambuchino has a good blog:

<http://www.writersdigest.com/editor-blogs/guide-to-literary-agents>

For a list of reputable agents and some information, go to the Association of Authors' Representatives' Website at <http://aaronline.org/>

*Literary Agents of North America* is the most comprehensive alphabetical listing of over 800 U.S. and Canadian literary agencies. It can be found in most libraries.

Online resources for getting names of agents along with what they are selling:

<http://www.publisherslunch.com> Free newsletter on publishing deals.

[Http://publishersweekly.com](http://publishersweekly.com) "Hot deals" link