Simple and Complete Fiction

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Introducing Myself

- Vincent Ros, former Pharmaceutical Research & Development Scientist turned Entrepreneur
- Lifetime fiction lover!
- Wrote fiction stories since the dawn of time
- Genres: fantasy, sci-fi, dark fiction…
- Great at writing, superb at communicating!
- Long term book publishing goal: get one of my books into a movie…

Today's Agenda

- What is Fiction?
- Why is Fiction so popular?
- What are some examples of fiction?
- Why write fiction?
- Fiction Basics
- Types of Fiction
- Genres of Fiction
- How to get started with Fiction today

Fiction Examples

- Star Wars
- Harry Potter
- Twilight
- Game of Thrones
- Fifty Shades of Grey
- Iron Man
- Dr. Who
- Star Trek
- ...and many more all around us!

Why Write Fiction?

- Huge market: incredibly lucrative, big money to be made
- Rabid buyers
- Loyal following
- Career as writer
- Many opportunities
- "Writer lifestyle"
- Lifetime royalties
- NO RESEARCH NEEDED
- Total control over the story
- Anonymity (in case your book flops...) with pen names

What is Fiction?

- Fiction is a story
- Fiction is a story with well-defined themes, characters, plots,
- Fiction is a fantasy world where anything and everything can happen
- Fiction is a safe place to live out a story or a fantasy and still feel safe
- Fiction is a world that you can return to at your own leisure, where you can press 'pause' and 'resume' at will

Genres of Fiction

- Drama
- Fable
- Fairy Tale
- Fantasy
- Folklore
- Historical fiction
- Horror
- Humor

- Legend
- Mystery
- Mythology
- Poetry
- Realistic fiction
- Science fiction
- Short story
- Tell tale

Most Popular Fiction

- Young Adult
- Romance
- Paranormal romance
- Thrillers
- Fantasy
- Sci-Fi

Why is Fiction so Popular?

- "Not boring"!
- Escape from reality
- Projection of your inner self
- Cure for boredom
- Inspiration
- "How it should be"
- Romantic
- Surreal
- Think about "campfire stories"

Types of Fiction

- Flash Fiction
  - < 1,000 words
- Short stories
  - 1,000 – 7,500 words
- Novella
  - 20,000 – 50,000 words
- Novel
  - 50,000 – 120,000 words
- Epic novel and Sequels
  - 120,000 words+

Basic Elements of Fiction

- Plot
  - A series of events with conflict and resolution
- Character
  - Drivers of your story
- Setting
  - Place; holds together the story; makes the story more believable
- Theme
  - Binds all elements together
- Point of View
  - Determines overall flexibility of story

Underlying Idea: Story Telling

- Tell a story from start to finish
- Think about talking with a friend on the phone about something that happened today at work
- Length of story doesn't matter; it's the INTEREST of the listener (or reader)!
- Should have a "suitable" ending… happy is best
- Image: bards in the ancient days…
- Make good use of literary words and techniques (advanced; do not worry about this at first)

"Ladder" Theory

- To get really good at fiction writing, start with shorter stories and make your way up
- Do Flash Fiction (x3)
- Do Short Stories (x3)
- Do Novellas (x3)
- Do Novels (infinity)

#1 Rule as Fiction Author

- Keep the customer happy!
- They will constantly ask for updates
- Some customers have waited for years just for another volume in the series...
- Once a loyal customer, always a loyal customer (but with minor complaints)

Best way to create a story

- Start with a character
  - You can use a real-life person as an archetype
- Base the entire story around this character's life
- Imagine the character going through his life
- Imagine the character going through trouble
- Imagine the character getting out of trouble
- Imagine the character interacting with other characters
- Let the character solve his/her problems
- All you have to do is observe and write it down!

Get Started TODAY!
"10 minute story creation"

- My friend was floored when I showed her how to create a story from scratch!
- Use a mind map and word processor
- Choose the following...
  - Theme, character, mood, perspective
- Write a description
- Write a simple plot: beginning, middle, end
- Fill in some details
- Fill in chapters

Increase your Fiction skills

- Get training
- Join groups on Facebook, Linkedin, Goodreads, Forums… anywhere!
- Practice, practice, practice!
- Publish as much as possible
- Join writing contests
- Always keep up-to-date with the market and trends
- ***Once you become really good, NONE of the rules apply to you anymore!***

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- Share your story ideas, talk to me, form a community!
- I always have some new and great training available for informed writers
- Dedicated to helping writers succeed in the world of publishing and self-publishing
- I'm focused on Content Creation, and so should you!
- Fiction writer training coming soon…