

STORY HELP FOR CHAPTER 1

From story idea to written page ...



WELCOME:

Got an idea for a story but not sure what's next?

You're in the right place.

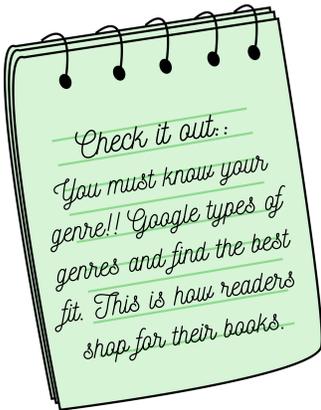
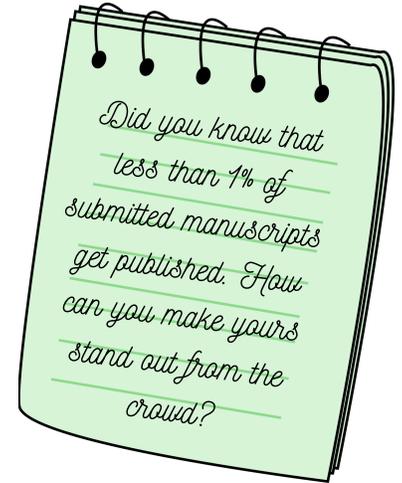
Writing a story is huge - it's multi-layered and complex. But that's not all. Great writers must learn to decipher the difference between writing a story and mastering storytelling.

Thankfully, you don't have to do it alone. I am so excited for you and can't wait to hear about your plans.

This document will walk you through the beginning steps on a path toward great storytelling and hopefully a published story.

If anywhere along the way you have questions, you can email us at

letstalkewritethenedit.com



STEP ONE: GUIDE

In this step you will need to gather basic information. Take some time to craft answers for these four categories, then move to step two.

- Know your genre - key step - might take some research
- Brief blurb on what your story is about - big picture (think back of a book or movie explanation)
- Is any of it written yet? Are you comfortable sharing?
- Previous writing experiences (none is an acceptable answer)

STEP TWO: POLISH

Take the information you've gathered and email your answers to us at **letstalkewritethenedit.com**

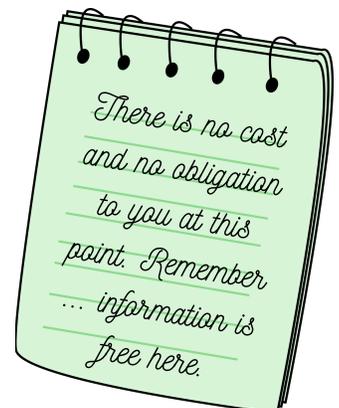
This is when we begin a conversation.

Believe it or not the most important question is #3 - your readiness to share. This can be a hard step for writers.

Take some time to journal your thoughts. *What if I show my story to someone and they don't like it? What if they don't understand it? What if someone wants to change my story?*

Let's talk.

(BTW, we won't change your story. We work with you on how you "tell" it.)



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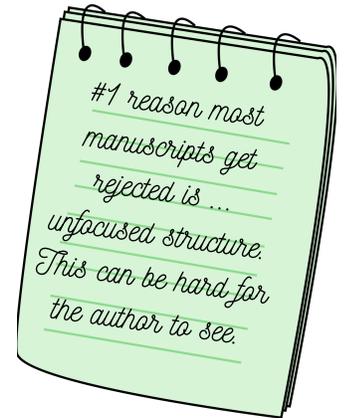
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STEP THREE: HIGHLIGHT

Now its time to download our free **Write Questions** page at www.writethenedit.com/blog/categories/writingresources. Work through the prompts one at a time, taking as much time as you need. Contact us at any point for guidance. Once the page is complete, write your first chapter. Don't worry about being perfect - NO ONE is in the 1st draft. But it is so much easier to work with words on a page rather than a blank screen. When you are ready, consider sharing your Chapter 1 with us.

Our starter package in the highlight stage is a read-through and a 2+ page report. We will point out areas of strength in your writing and give direction on areas to focus and grow in. At any time you can reach us at letstalk@writethenedit.com. Happy writing!

Jodi



The Write Questions

Download (free)

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Story Help for Act 1

- Plot/Character Analysis of Act One *starts at \$100 (CAD)

Includes a 2+ page report summarizing:

- character goals, motivations and conflicts
- three dimensional qualities
- dialogue
- reader's perspective
- writing tips

Story Help for Chapter 1

- Review of Chapter One \$50 (CAD)

Includes a 2+ page report summarizing:

- setting, characters, and dialogue
- hook - tension, motivation and expectations
- reader's perspective
- writing tips

Highlight a Full Manuscript

- Complete Analysis of a completed manuscript is an option. Prices will be negotiated based on length and depth of the novel. Email for a quote. letstalk@writethenedit.com

