

Tools and Resources













1. Think: EVERNOTE

Ideas come at all times. Evernote is an app—with a FREE version that you can use on your smart phone, tablet or computer to capture your ideas and transfer them easily to your manuscript. Use it for dictation as well!

2. Plan: SCRIVENER

An organization tool just for writers, with a FREE trial. Well worth its \$45 price tag. There IS a learning curve but use the FREE tutorials on YouTube and in a couple hours you'll be on your way to planning out your entire series. **NOTE:** This can also convert your finished manuscript into any of several e-pub formats!

3. Learn: Writer's Journey

The one book EVERY series writer should read. This is based on Joseph Campbell's *Hero's Journey* but Christopher Vogler's all-new version is easy to read with examples galore. Grasp the archetype characters it explains and the cast in your series will earn its keep.

4. Write: OPEN OFFICE

If you have MSWord or Pages, skip this. But if you don't, then download the FREE OpenOffice.org word processor. You can save an Open Office file as a .doc file making it easy to transfer, convert or use in any other way to submit to publishers or to then reformat into an e-book.

5. Tools: <u>TYPINATOR</u> or <u>AUTOHOTKEY</u>

Repetitive names or phrases can slow your productivity. Use Typinator (for Macs) or AutoHotKey (for Windows) and you set it so that when you type something brief, it inserts something much longer. Type "BW" and it inserts "Bartholomew Wilderby" every time you need it!

6. Share: WORDPRESS

Get an author platform going! The sooner the better—meaning even BEFORE you finish your book. Use the FREE Wordpress.com to set yourself up. And start blogging about your writing experience, plans and make connections!

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