

# Novel Writing Checklist

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- Writing a Novel
  - Write regularly.
  - Set aside some time every day when you can work undisturbed.
  - Keep your writing equipment in your writing place.
  - Use household chores as thinking time.
  - Keep a daily log of your progress.
  - Create a quick outline to help organize and expand your original idea.
  - Develop a detailed "story plan checklist" to solidify your story's details.
  - Combine and effectively use tools like your outline and story checklist to weave together a cohesive draft.
  - Maintain consistent style, tone, and point of view.
- Novel Structure
  - Chapters are linked and they flow.
  - The first sentence or paragraph is a grabber.
  - The story starts in the right place.
  - The story fall broadly into three acts.
  - The general direction of the story 'up'.
  - The tension intensifying and the level of danger increasing.
  - The promises made to the reader through foreshadowing are kept.
  - All the plots and subplots are relevant.
  - Every scene has a purpose.
  - Every chapter end in a way that makes the reader want to turn the page.