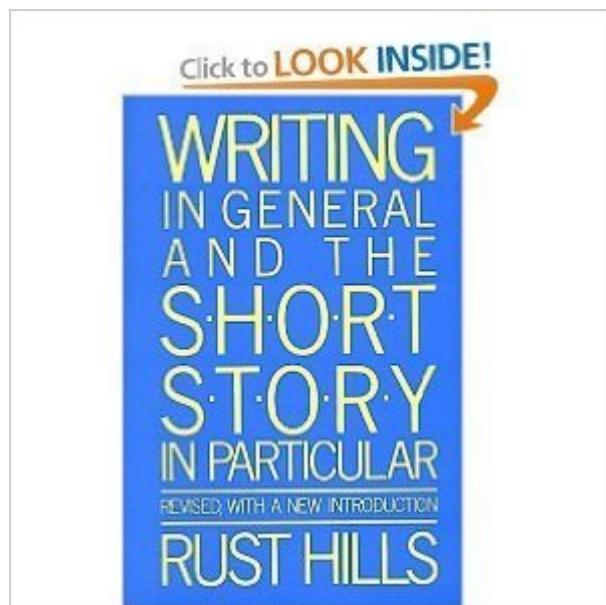


The book was found

Writing In General And The Short Story In Particular: An Informal Textbook



Synopsis

Here is a practical guide to writing short stories that explains all the essential techniques of fiction - from character and plot to flashback and foreshadowing - in a way that is both understandable and useful to the beginning writer. Long considered a classic in the field, WRITING IN GENERAL is the product of a lifetime of reflection by one of our best literary minds.

Book Information

Hardcover: 197 pages

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin (T); Rev Sub edition (June 1987)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0395442559

ISBN-13: 978-0395442555

Product Dimensions: 8.2 x 5.5 x 0.6 inches

Shipping Weight: 8.8 ounces

Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 starsÂ [See all reviewsÂ](#) (28 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #827,824 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #8 inÂ Books > Reference > Writing, Research & Publishing Guides > Writing > Newspapers & Magazines #2799 inÂ Books > Textbooks > Humanities > Literature > Creative Writing & Composition #333273 inÂ Books > Literature & Fiction

Customer Reviews

Tools of the MuseIn his informative and entertaining book,Writing in General and the Short Story in Particular, Rust Hills sets out to reach a broad range of potential writers. He attempts to establish a basic guide, useful to the nascent writer working in a workshop environment and to the solitary writer, who wishes "to learn to read literary stories in such a way as to help...write them." Hills' main idea that he stresses throughout the book revolves around the interrelation of every element within a short story. He writes: "A successful short story will thus necessarily show a more harmonious relationship of part to whole, and part to part...Everything must work with everything else. Everything enhances everything else, interrelates with everything else, is inseparable with everything else- and all this is done with a necessary and perfect economy." Hills formats the book so that each of the major literary terms and devices, essential to the short story writer, receive its own section for deeper analysis. Within these ongoing essays he often uses simplified fictional characters of his own invention to illuminate the discussion at hand. The characters, "Martin" and "Miranda," grow irksome at times, but his point is to make sure the reader unquestionably comprehends. Most of the

sections close with a statement that reiterates how the specific device or term fits into the overall design of the whole. He pounds this notion of interrelation into the reader's head. Hills presents a vast array of useful literary terms and devices in a manner that never hinders the logical sequence of the book.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Writing in General and the Short Story in Particular: An Informal Textbook Writing: A Guide Revealing The Best Ways To Make Money Writing (Writing, Writing Skills, Writing Prompts Book 1) Writing Romance: The Top 100 Best Strategies For Writing Romance Stories (How To Write Romance Novels, Romance Writing Skills, Writing Romance Fiction Plots, Publishing Romance Books) Arachnomania: The General Care and Maintenance of Tarantulas and Scorpions (General Care and Maintenance of... Series) New Citizenship Basics Textbook, DVD, and Audio CD U.S. Naturalization Test Study Guide 100 Civics Questions with New & Updated N-400 Application Questions: Pass the Citizenship Interview with the New Textbook, CD, and DVD Wall & Melzack's Textbook of Pain: Expert Consult - Online and Print, 6e (Wall and Melzack's Textbook of Pain) LOGICAL REASONING (General Aptitude and Abilities Series) (Passbooks) (General Aptitude and Abilities Passbooks) Koneman's Color Atlas and Textbook of Diagnostic Microbiology (Color Atlas & Textbook of Diagnostic Microbiology) Brunner & Suddarth's Textbook of Medical-Surgical Nursing (Brunner and Suddarth's Textbook of Medical-Surgical) Textbook of General and Oral Surgery, 1e Practical Evaluation Guide: Tools for Museums and Other Informal Educational Settings (American Association for State and Local History) Clinical Anesthesia Procedures of the Massachusetts General Hospital: Department of Anesthesia, Critical Care and Pain Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School 8th (eighth) Edition published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (2010) Textbook of Diagnostic Microbiology, 5e (Mahon, Textbook of Diagnostic Microbiology) Textbook of Diagnostic Microbiology, 4e (Mahon, Textbook of Diagnostic Microbiology) Shields Textbook of Glaucoma (Allingham, Shields' Textbook of Glaucoma) Textbook of Diagnostic Sonography: 2-Volume Set, 7e (Textbook of Diagnostic Ultrasonography) Oxford Textbook of Palliative Medicine (Hanks, Oxford Textbook of Palliative Medicine) Exploring Creation with General Science, 2nd Edition (Textbook Only) The Flavor of Wisconsin: An Informal History of Food and Eating in the Badger State The Texas Cookbook: From Barbecue to Banquet—an Informal View of Dining and Entertaining the Texas Way (Great American Cooking Series)

[Dmca](#)