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Bonus One: Read to Write

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Read. Read anything. Read the things they say are good for you, and the things they claim are junk. You'll find what you need to find. Just read. Neil Gaiman



Reading Is How Writers Grow

If you want to be a good writer, you need to read. Read in your genre. Read out of your genre.

- Reading Inspires - Get ideas for your story.
- Reading Instructs - Learn how others craft story.
- Reading Connects - Meet and engage with fellow authors.

You'll find yourself reading with a new awareness. Reading other writers works as a touchstone for your mystery.

- How the detective is introduced.
- How evidence and clues appear in the story.
- How to weave subplots into the main story.
- How the sleuth arrives at the final conclusion.

Ask yourself if you would emulate the writer's process. Or not,

Reading helps you refine your style and craft.



The list of authors includes a wide variety of styles and subgenres.

Read classics to see how the mystery genre began.

Read mysteries in your subgenre and outside your subgenre. The more you read, the better your story.

This is a starter to get you going. Reading is a life-long writer activity.

Classics

Wilkie Collins
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Agatha Christie
Dashiell Hammett
Dorothy L. Sayers
Edgar Allen Poe
G. K. Chesterton
Mickey Spillane

Psychological

Ruth Rendell
Elizabeth George

Contemporary

C. J. Fox
Michael Connelly
Ian Rankin
Philip Kerr
P. D. James
Patricia Highsmith
Graham Greene
Daphne du Maurier
Eric Ambler
Rex Stout
Ross Macdonald
John D. Mac Donald
Sue Grafton
John Grisham
Walter Mosley
Elmore Leonard
Tony Hillerman
Umberto Eco
Ken Follett
James Ellroy
Tana French
Donna Leone
Frederick Forsyth
Anne Perry
Mary Higgins Clark
Lee Child
Joseph Wambaugh
Adrian McKinty
Scott Turow
Caleb Carr
James M. Cain
Mary Roberts Rinehart
Margaret Millar
Josephine Tey
Dennis Lehane
Peter Høeg
Jo Nesbø
Very Caspary

Ann Cleeves
Georges Simonin
Andrea Camilleri
Arnaldur Indridason
Joy Ellis
Peter Robinson
Don Winslow
Ann Holt
Anthony Horowitz
Tony Parsons