

STORY MAKERS CHALLENGE BOOK CLUB 2024

1. January: Nonfiction book on writing, creativity or procrastination to kickstart your writing

Title Author Date Finished

2. February: Attend an author discussion or book signing

Title Author Date Finished

3. March: An author's first book and their twentieth book (or beyond) to illustrate how the author's writing style develops and progresses over time

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4. April: Book with a plot you can use as a model to plot your own novel, or a nonfiction book on plot development

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5. May: Independently published book in your genre

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6. June: Traditionally published book in your genre

Title Author Date Finished

7. July: Book in your genre that went viral

Title Author Date Finished

8. August: A book with a special edition or limited edition

Title Author Date Finished

9. September: A book with an interesting narrative structure or elements

Title Author Date Finished

10. October: A holiday book in your genre(s)

Title Author Date Finished

11. November: Book you would use as a comp to your own work

Title Author Date Finished

12. December: What book most influenced your writing this year

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DEFINITION OF TERMS

WIP work in progress

Independent Publishing when an author publishes their work on their own, taking on the expense of editing, design, printing, and advertising; often referred to as self-publishing

Traditional Publishing when an author is represented by a major publisher that takes on the expense of polishing and producing their books and sometimes the majority of advertising costs

Window a book that presents characters or ways of life that are outside of the reader's lived experiences

Mirror a book that presents characters or ways of life that are comparable to the reader's lived experiences

Sliding Glass Door a book that invites the reader to experience ways of life that are outside of the reader's lived experiences

Genre category of book (e.g. mystery, romance, nonfiction, etc.)

Trope any type of literary device, figure of speech, theme, character type, etc. found across many works (e.g. the evil stepmother is a fairy tale trope)

Comp comparable work (e.g. Percy Jackson is a comp to Harry Potter, Pride and Prejudice is a comp to Jane Eyre)

POV Point of view (e.g. first person, third person close, third person omniscient, second person)

Novella A work between 17,500 and 40,000 words

Short Story A work less than 7,500 words