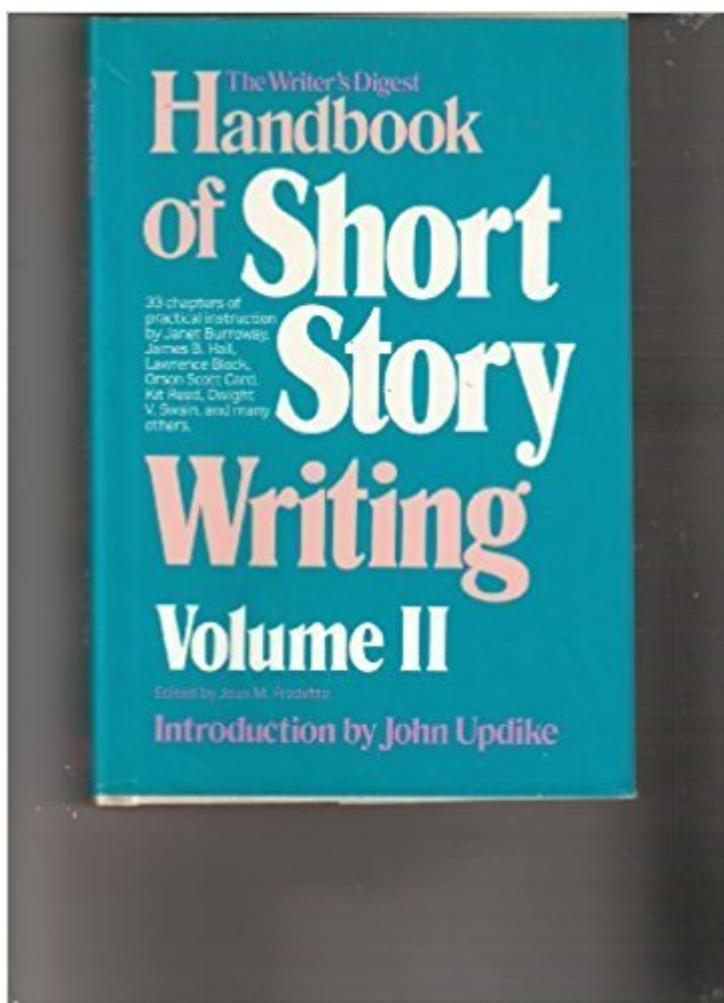


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4) A lot of the information in these articles/advice will circulate back through your subscription to Writer's Digest Magazine. Meaning you can get a subscription or get this book at the library, ebay, or used book store.

I am an amateur writer, but have no formal training in writing. I've only written a few short stories so far and also like to write poetry. However, I haven't submitted any of my writings to a publisher yet because I felt I needed more instruction or a guideline to use to help me construct a good short story. These days, I don't have the time or patience to read large volumes, so I am really into finding and reading great short stories and also books on writing them so I can become a better writer. I thank my lucky stars that I found the Handbook of Short Story Writing! This handy paperback helps the reader/writer get started with a pep talk, then gives ideas on how to stay creative, and goes on from there. For instance, I'm learning how to come up with interesting story ideas, bring characters to life, master the use of dialogue, and write better descriptions, etc. I've studied one-third of the book so far, but will soon learn more about making a scene, plotting, dramatizing conflict in the short story, choosing the right viewpoint, and so on. However, I can already see how this book is giving me the basic tools and insight I have needed in order to produce an interesting and well-written short story. I highly recommend it!

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