

First Draft Methods and Madness: A Recommended Reading List

From Kevin O'Malley

American Children's Folklore, by Simon J. Bronner

American Picturebooks from Noah's Ark to the Beast Within, by Barbara Bader

Screenplay: The Foundations of Screenwriting, by Syd Field

From Virginia Pye

On Becoming a Novelist, by John Gardner,

Becoming a Writer, by Dorothea Brande

Writing Down the Bones, by Natalie Goldberg,

Aspects of the Novel, by E.M. Forester,

The Writing Life, by Annie Dillard,

Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life, by Anne Lamont

Short story collections by the following authors: Raymond Carver, Jayne Anne Phillips,

Anton Chekov, Anne Beattie

From Lydia Netzer

Observatory Mansions, by Edward Carey

Cruddy, by Lynda Barry

Backseat Saints, by Joshilyn Jackson

The Intuitionist, by Colson Whitehead

Notable American Women, by Ben Marcus

Geek Love, by Katherine Dunn

My Horse and Other Stories, by Stacey Levine

Moby Dick, by Herman Melville,

Tess of the D'Urbervilles, by Thomas Hardy

Dubliners, by James Joyce,

You're a Bad Man Aren't You, by Susannah Bresli

The House of the Seven Gables, by Nathaniel Hawthorne

From Valley Haggard

Now Write! Nonfiction: Memoir, Journalism and Creative Nonfiction Exercises from

Today's Best Writers and Teachers, edited by Sherry Ellis

Now Write! Fiction Writing Exercises from Today's Best Writers and Teachers, edited by Sherry Ellis

Old Friend From Far Away: The Practice of Writing Memoir, Natalie Goldberg

Wild Mind: Living the Writer's Life, by Natalie Goldberg

Pen on Fire: A Busy Woman's Guide to Igniting the Writer Within, by Barbara DeMarco-Barrett

The Right to Write: An Invitation and Initiation into the Writing Life, by Julia Cameron

Telling True Stories: A Nonfiction Writer's Guide, From the Nieman Foundation at Harvard University, edited by Mark Kramer and Wendy Call

Inventing the Truth: The Art and Craft of Memoir, edited by William Zinsser

One Writer's Beginnings, by Eudora Welty

Zen in the Art of Writing: Releasing the Creative Genius Within You, by Ray Bradbury