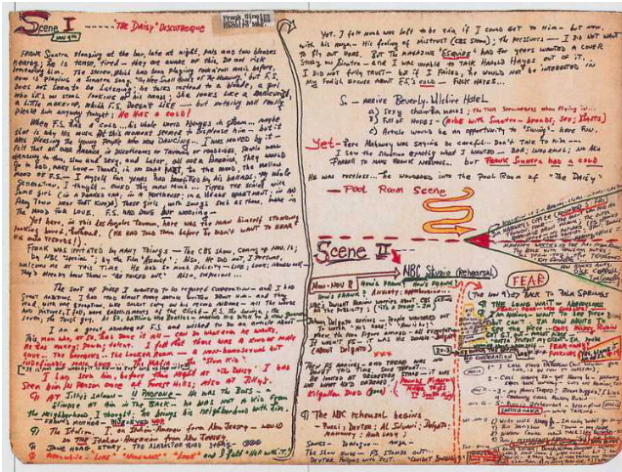


Resource List for Journal Writers

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A page from the journal of writer
Gay Talese – the plan for his famous
profile of Sinatra, “Frank Sinatra
Has a Cold.”

ORGANIZATIONS

Richard Hugo House • 1634 11th Avenue, Seattle, WA (Capitol Hill), 98122

206.322.7030 • www.hugohouse.org

Open M-F noon – 9 pm, Sa noon – 5 pm. See & hear locally, nationally, and internationally known writers (ongoing readings and events), see a play (in the theatre) share your work and get feedback (open mics), take a class to hone your writing/reading skills (there's a scholarship program), read from the nation's largest independent zine library, read lit mags & plays & books (members' only library), find a writers' group/conference/reading (bulletin board) get a free, one-on-one critique of your work from a writer in residence. It's all here.

Artist Trust • 1835 12th Avenue, Seattle, WA (Capitol Hill), 98122

206.467.8734 • www.artisttrust.org

Open M-F 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. All sorts of support for local artists, literary and otherwise. They have a small library/resource area that is absolutely packed with information. They offer grants, excellent workshops, good parties, a fantastic website and a very useful guide called “Artist's Assets.”

STORES

Elliott Bay Book Company • 101 South Main Street, Seattle, WA (Pioneer Square), 98104

206.624.6600 / 800.962.5311 • www.elliottbaybook.com

We all know it and love it. Writers come to Elliott Bay from NYC, Ottawa, London & SF, and say, “This is one of the best bookstores in the United States.” Yup. Lots of good readings here, usually 1-3 of them every day.

Third Place Books • www.thirdplacebooks.com

In Lake Forest Park and in the Ravenna neighborhood of Seattle.

Their author events and their broadside series (signed, limited edition prints w/author quotations) are legendary.

Open Books • 2414 N. 45th Street, Seattle, WA

206.633.0811 • store@openpoetrybooks.com • www.openpoetrybooks.com

Did you know that Seattle is one of the only *two* cities in the United States to have a poetry-only bookstore? (The other is Cambridge.) A lovely store run by lovely people, open T, W, Th noon – 6 pm, Fri-Sat noon – 7 pm.

AbeBooks • www.abebooks.com

The place to order books online. An int'l network of independent bookstores. You *can* say *no* to Amazon and still find almost any book ever published (with money enough, and time).

WEBSITES

www.cmmayo.com

Catherine Mayo, a Mexico City based writer and translator, has 365 writing exercises posted at her website.

www.identitytheory.org

A great read brought to you by people who love great reads.

www.ipl.org

The Internet Public Library. A portable library.

maudnewton.com

Smart woman, great blog: "Maud Newton's Blog: occasional literary links, amusements, politics and rants."

www.newpages.com

Looking for a good read? From literary magazines to zines to book reviews, it's all here.

www.nyfa.org

Lots of resources for practicing artists & writers, brought to you by the New York Foundation for the Arts.

www.practicing-writer.com

Erika Dreifus has researched everything from MFA programs to grant sources – some info is free, some not.

www.seattlewritergirls.org

This group of more than 500 local writers has gathered some interesting resources at their website. Great listserv, too.

www.wordswithoutborders.org

"Words Without Borders: An Online Magazine for International Literature" brings you great, global reads.

www.writehabit.org

Produced by local writer Angela Jane Fountas, this website is a great compendium of creative writing resources.

HEMEROTECA

Dipping into literary (and other) magazines is an excellent way to get the writing juices flowing. All the magazines listed here are in the Seattle Public Library's Downtown collection, so you can read for free.

Aperture • www.aperture.org

Quarterly. The full-color photos will inspire full-color words. *Aperture* pairs words and images beautifully.

Arts and Letters Daily • www.aldaily.com

Daily. Online only. A staggering amount of reading material crammed into this *daily* online magazine.

Believer • www.believermag.com

Monthly. (almost, 10 issues/year) Thick and expensive, beautifully designed, smug and almost too cool -- boy do they publish some interesting stuff.

Bookmarks: For Everyone Who Hasn't Read Everything • www.bookmarksmagazine.com

Monthly. A reader-friendly report on who has won what writing prize, profiles book groups and authors, summarizes what critics are saying about new books and reviews at least 50 books in each issue. Published in Chapel Hill, NC.

Books in Canada: The Canadian Review of Books

Nine issues per year. The first time I walked into a Canadian bookshop I was shocked: so many authors I'd never heard of. They read us, but do we read them? Published in Toronto.

Callaloo: A Journal of African Diaspora Arts and Letters • www.callaloo.tamu.edu • 1.800.548.1784

Quarterly. Smart, thought-provoking, and elegantly written interviews, reviews, poetry and essay. Edited at Texas A&M University and published by the Johns Hopkins University Press.

Granta: The Magazine of New Writing • www.granta.com

Quarterly. A British take on things, with some of the best writing in English. Not visually beautiful, but verbally fascinating.

Poets & Writers • www.pw.org

Bimonthly. The main rag of the literary writers' scene. Interesting profiles of writers, good reviews of writing conferences and colonies, and occasionally a good article about the writing craft.

Print: design culture world • www.printmag.com

Bimonthly. Glitzy eye-candy -- the odd images will get you thinking and inspire some offbeat words.

Times Literary Supplement • tls.timesonline.co.uk

Weekly. The publication the *New York Review of Books* wishes it were. Ah, the British, they have so much more patience than we do. Their books are longer, their reviews are longer; they can hold a single thought in mind longer.

Tin House • www.tinhouse.com

Quarterly. OK, so they are a little too smart, maybe even a tad self-satisfied. But this is a beautiful literary magazine, from Portland, with lots of good writing.

Transition: An International Review • www.transitionmagazine.com

Quarterly. "Transition was founded in 1961 in Uganda.... The first series of issues developed a reputation for tough-minded criticism, both cultural and political, and this new series carries on the tradition." Yup. Wole Soyinka chairs the Editorial Board and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. edits. Visually spare, appealing. Published in Cambridge, MA.

The Writer's Chronicle • www.awpwriter.org

Bimonthly. The members' magazine of the Association of Writers and Writing Programs. Lots of info about where to submit your writing for publication, awards to apply for, and some good articles about the craft of writing.

WLT: World Literature Today • www.ou.edu/worldlit

Bimonthly. Publishes theme issues on topics related to global, with book reviews of work recently translated into English. Opens your eyes to just how close the U.S. publishing industry is to being an "English only" venture. Published by the University of Oklahoma.

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A gorgeous meditation in verse on writing, written 1700 years ago.

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