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Chapter 1 : SAMPLE BOOK PROPOSAL (from a Professional Literary Agency)

1. You will learn what questions you should be asking yourself before writing a book's foreword. 2. You will learn that the reader's wants and needs come first - before your need for self-promotion. 3. You will learn what the basic format of a book's foreword should look like. Here is a list.

Man of Letters Dr. Yet everything he did, however unexpected or even contradictory it might seem, was informed by the same single-minded and passionate integrity. The young Irish rebel and the mature war-time friend of Britain, the eccentric librarian, the enthusiastic man of the theatre and the meticulous self-taught scholar, the sonorous translator of Irish poetry and the superlative short-story writer, the inspiring public lecturer and the dogged master of the seminar "all were unquestionably the same unique and original man. In a literary career that spanned forty-four years - , he produced eleven collections of short stories. He also published two novels, one book of original poetry, seven books of translated Irish poetry, a biography, an autobiography, three travelogues on Ireland, eight plays, two selected anthologies of Irish writing, five books of literary criticism, and over three hundred articles and reviews on cultural, social and political issues. He was also actively involved in a myriad of letter debates in Irish newspapers from the s to the s. Within two years of his death in , the second volume of his autobiography, an eighth book of translated Irish poetry and a sixth book of literary criticism appeared. Fifteen more collections of his short stories have been posthumously published. He also left behind a lifetime of almost daily-written correspondence to family, friends and colleagues, and an extensive collection of papers. A Life of Michael Collins " is still in print and is a text that scholars of the period have regularly engaged with in Irish historical studies. It is also a critical commonplace to note that these writers played a dominant role in the development of an oppositional perspective on Church and State discourse in the post-independence years. He became disillusioned with, and frequently and bitterly fought against, Free State government and Church policies, but he was also a young adult who retained a deep love for his country, and its culture and traditions. It was this tension of contraries that became central to his writings. These conflicts also extended to his relationship with Irish nationalism. The people are bewildered because they are divided and they have been divided ever since the split and the civil war. We shall not see the end of Partition until they are reunited. It has been proved over and over again that the united strength of Irish nationalism is immense Before anything more can be done to unite all Ireland, Irish nationalism must become once more a united force. Moreover, in his travelogue of Ireland, Leinster, Munster, and Connaught , the province of Ulster is noticeably missing. Of course, this absence can be explained by the fact that a separate travelogue on Ulster had been published the previous year by the same publishers of Leinster, Munster, and Connaught. His post-independence nationalism instead amounted to an ambivalent attitude toward the Free State, and his ambivalence stemmed from his frustration with Church and State rule. The reasons for this neglect are various. Fathers need not be wolves, nor sons bleating lambs. If only they could learn that life begins with the word! Somewhere, the word, spoken softly, clearly, sympathetically, is being lost. And it may not always be due entirely to the Irish fathers themselves. Like fathers everywhere, they expect, but rarely receive, some recognition and even appreciation for their efforts. Those very expectations may be a cause for some of their bitterness and brutality. It aims at a psychological approach but ultimately fails Instead, two select bibliographies have appeared to date. A number of articles and edited publications have appeared in recent years, but it would seem that it is mainly because of American interest which accounts for nearly all of the unpublished postgraduate theses on him that his work has managed to survive into contemporary criticism. Internationally, introductions to and stylistic theorising about the short story has produced several publications but these publications contain for the most part little or no mention of the Irish practitioners of the form Joyce excluded. More recently, however, a new and informative publication has appeared on the Irish short story and it assesses some of the most neglected practitioners of the form " especially women writers such as Emily Lawless, George Egerton and Norah Hoult. The publication

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also importantly re-contextualises the writers examined within a literary history of an Irish short story tradition. He had always loudly proclaimed his admiration for nineteenth-century realist writers such as Gogol, Maupassant and Chekhov; he especially professed the influence of Ivan Turgenev on his writing. The consensus seemed to be that his work did not merit academic explication. Furthermore, he was well known for his sometimes visceral criticisms of Irish life throughout his career. This did not endear him to the social and political establishment. When he returned to Ireland in September , he gradually began to receive recognition and was awarded an honorary doctorate by Trinity College, Dublin, in July This reappraisal of his worth was all too brief and he died on 10 March Of course, not all of the reviews were positive and the reputation of being a dated and simplistic short-story writer began to seriously emerge in the late s and early s. Writing in , Richard J. Attention is also being given to his writings with the republication of his study of the short story, *The Lonely Voice* Cork: Cork City Council, Gill and Macmillan, , vii. Four Courts Press, , Oxford University Press, ; repr. Oxford University Press, Time Reading Program, , xv-xxi. Gill and Macmillan, Gill and Macmillan, , Cambridge University Press, , Note 11 Shearman, Hugh, *Ulster* London: Robert Hale, , A Survey of Irish Literature London: Macmillan, , Note 14 Evans, Robert C. *Locust Hill* Press, , xv. An Introduction New York: Columbia University Press, , Note 16 Steinman, Michael ed. *Mainstream Publishing*, ; Matthews, *Voices*, Note 18 Kerrigan, John C. Note 19 Kerrigan, *Ibid.* *New Perspectives* chronology by John M. Burdett and Robert C. The chronology also contains some errors: *A Critical Survey* London: A Critical History Boston: Critical Essays , Note 25 See, for example: Four Courts Press, ; Brand, Gordon ed. *Writing the Interspace* Cork: Ashgate, ; Pierse, Mary ed. *Artistic Visions and Literary Worlds* Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars, ; Frawley, Oona ed. *Mercier Press*, ; Laing, K, S. *New Critical Perspectives* Dublin: Liffey Press, ; Delaney, Paul ed. *Irish Writers in Their Time* Dublin: Irish Academic Press, Note 26 Thompson, Richard J. *Penguin*, , xiii. All rights are reserved - overall copyright of the website shall remain the property of University College Cork and all writings therein shall remain the copyright property of the respective authors. Writings from this online site are to be used only for reference and no part of these writings may be reproduced or transmitted in any form, by any means electronic, photocopying, recording, or otherwise without the prior written permission of the author. All images and recordings on this website are copyrighted and cannot be used under any circumstances without the express permission of the copyright holders.

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Chapter 2 : The Impossibility of Knowing Mark Twain

Sam Clemens enjoys a reputation unrivaled in American literary history and he was in large part the architect of that reputation. From the start of his career, he tried to control his public image.

Background[edit] Merezhkovsky started working upon the novel in the summer of One glance for me was enough to see everything " Acropol, Parthenon , Propylaea and be overwhelmed by the feeling that will stay with me till my dying day. The joy poured into my soul, that of this instant escape from life that Beauty provides us. Pathetic worries over money, the unbearable heat, the tiredness from the journey, the weight of modern day petty skepticism " all this evaporated. Bewildered, almost out of my mind, I was standing there, repeating again and again: My God, what is that? I was staring and remembering all those things that were familiar and close to my heart. Without any prevailing idea or a wish, neither crying nor rejoicing, I just stood there, feeling very calm. Dogged by poverty, Merezhkovsky still managed to finish the novel. In Severny Vestnik published it, but not in its original form and under another title, editor Akim Volynsky having subjected the text to severe editing. He started to invite the young author now labeled "a decadent" by the press to his prestigious literary parties and this got things going. Merging the young writers with the old, Veinberg was making the public more and more tolerant to radical newcomers," Zinaida Gippius later remembered. Veinberg was the first of the old school of the Russian men of literature who fully supported the novel. He organized the public reading of it in his own house and thus helped it gain more support. Even most ardent detractors who were denouncing the young author as " a Nietzschean " had to acknowledge the merits of what turned out to be the first Symbolist novel in Russia: This, according to biographer Yuri Zobnin, distinguished it from other Russian historical novels, set in the tradition started by Nikolay Danilevsky. Christianity "in its highest manifestations is presented in the novel as a cult of an absolute virtue, unattainable on Earth which is in denial of all things Earthly," according to scholar Z. Ascetic to the point of being inhuman, early Christians reject the reality as such. As the mother of a Christian youth Juventine curses "those servants of the Crucified" who "tear children off their mothers," hate the life itself and destroy "things that are great and saintly," the elder Didim replies: The advent of Christianity in the novel is presented as "the victory for evil and blind mob," who treat "Julian as not just an Apostate, but Antichrist," according to modern critic and biographer Oleg Mikhaylov. The Emperor in the novel, acknowledging the "beautiful loftiness of Christian sermon," refuses to accept it, seeing it as a denial of the human sensuality and humanity as such. The author conceded later that his initial philosophical approach was too straightforward and explained the way it changed: As I was embarking upon the trilogy Christ and Antichrist, it seemed to me that there were two truths: Christianity, the truth about Heaven, and Paganism, the truth about Earth. I considered the merging of the two as a way of attaining the higher religious truth. As I was finishing it, I knew already that the union of Christ and Antichrist was blasphemous lie. I understood that both truths, those of heaven and Earth, have been already united in Jesus Christ. But now I am also sure that I had to walk this misguiding path to its very end to finally see the truth. False things are declared true. True things exposed as false. Could this be dialectics? The norm is perverse, perversion is normal. There is a Christian girl who " out of sheer kindness " gives herself to stableman to be debauched. There is a Christian deacon, the altar priest, who puts on a mascara to look as a whore and enjoys dirty erotic adventures in circus. There is a crucifixion, the body of Christ, the head of an ass. There is a holy martyr who spits into the eyes of his executors, pronouncing unholy oaths. Christians who think only how to slaughter the non-Christians. Christ comes as equal to the pagan god Dionysius [If it is, then it defies all the laws of art.

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Chapter 3 : A Cloud in Trousers - Wikipedia

A foreword is a (usually short) piece of writing sometimes placed at the beginning of a book or other piece of literature. Typically written by someone other than the primary author of the work, it often tells of some interaction between the writer of the foreword and the book's primary author or the story the book tells.

Franklin originally intended the document of his life and works to be for the sole use and enjoyment of his son, William. As much a historical account of eighteenth-century America as a guide to being virtuous, *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin* follows in the tradition of "conduct books" made popular by statesmen, soldiers, and noblemen before Franklin. By 1727, Franklin had his own print shop, started his own newspaper, and was well on his way to becoming a honored member of Philadelphia society. Once his financial standing was secure, Franklin began to indulge in his passion for scientific inquiry. He investigated the phenomena of electricity and invented the lightning rod, bifocals, the Franklin stove, and the flexible urinary catheter, among other things. He held many public offices, was awarded honorary degrees by both Harvard and Yale universities, and was selected to serve on the committee to draft the Declaration of Independence. He lived outside of Paris, in a town called Passy, for nine years and became one of its most beloved residents. He returned to America in 1759 and became president of the abolitionist society in 1787. Franklin died at the age of 84 on April 17, 1790, in Philadelphia and was buried beside his wife, Deborah. An estimated 20,000 mourners attended his funeral on April 21, 1790. His autobiography was published nearly a century later, in 1791. More fascinating, still, is the fact that Franklin himself had much to do with the construction of the emerging nation. Due to his reputation, the printer-turned-statesman was able to influence his colleagues to pursue industry, knowledge, economy, and sobriety as a way of becoming successful. These traits, along with his love of reading and flourish with language, are responsible for his success in the many and varied endeavors he undertook in his lifetime. He was also elected to represent the American colonies on trips to England and the Continental Congress, and he was selected to become a member of the committee that drafted the Declaration of Independence. According to Edmund S. Morgan in his foreword to the second Yale University Press edition of the book, [*The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*] became itself the most widely read autobiography ever written by an American. It has served many Americans as it may have served Franklin "to define what it meant, what it had meant, and what it ought to mean to be an American. He writes that he enjoyed "obtaining any little Anecdotes of my Ancestors" and so believes William might like to "know the Circumstances of my life. Franklin himself was the youngest son of the youngest son for five generations. His father, Josiah Franklin, left England for America in 1723 with his first wife and three children. After settling in their new home, they had four more children. Josiah Franklin wanted his youngest son to become a member of the clergy. This meant he would have to go to school, unlike his other brothers who became apprentices in various trades. Franklin proved a failure at math, but showed great promise in reading and writing and quickly rose to the top of his class. Franklin admired his father and writes of how the man, though lowly in station, was well respected by his neighbors and friends. Josiah taught his son much, including right virtues and the art of debate. The latter would come to serve Franklin especially well in his later life. Indentured by contract to work there for the next eight years, Franklin was able to pursue his love of reading and books due to his new station. He read the works of Cotton Mather and Daniel Defoe and, around this time, began imitating the writing style of professional writers in an effort to improve his own. He discovered a book "by one Tryon, recommending a Vegetable Diet," which Franklin pursued for a brief time. James printed the pieces, not knowing his younger brother had penned them. In 1742, seventeen-year-old Franklin found work with a man named Keimer who ran a Philadelphia print shop. He received a letter from his brother-in-law, Robert Holmes, who asked Franklin to return home to Boston. The Printers at Philadelphia were wretched ones, and if I would set up there, he made no doubt I should succeed. Franklin first decided to travel to England to make connections with professionals in book-selling and stationery businesses there. He asked Deborah Read to marry him, but she refused because

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of his upcoming travels. Franklin asked his friend James Ralph, a fellow writer and lover of debate, to accompany him to England. Though Franklin found some measure of success in London as a writer, he returned to Philadelphia in , after eighteen months abroad. He began practicing Deism and formed a group called the Junto. Members of the group convened every Friday night to discuss topics related to morality and philosophy. He fell out with Keimer and opened his own printing shop in . Franklin became the official printer for the Pennsylvania assembly and began making a substantial amount of money, which he used to expand his newspaper operation. After writing a pamphlet called *The Nature and Necessity of a Paper Currency*, Franklin was chosen by the legislature to print the money, which brings in even more income. Franklin married Deborah Read and began a subscription library, his "first project of a public nature. The first, from Abel James, was written in . The second, from Benjamin Vaughn, is dated January . Vaughn, after having read the outline and sections of early text, encourages Franklin to finish the book because it would offer direction to people hoping to better their lives. He also points out that wide publication of the *Autobiography* would show the British how industrious and virtuous the Americans were. Further, it would prove that America held great economic promise. The library he started in was a huge success. He hesitated to take full credit for the system, sensing some resentment about his growing good fortune. He and his wife started a family that Franklin supported by continuing to be frugal and industrious. Around this time he embraced a personal challenge: As I knew, or thought I knew, what was right and wrong, I did not see why I might not always do the one and avoid the other. This project involved listing thirteen virtues, to be mastered in order, perfecting each one before moving on to the next. Franklin decided that temperance, silence, order, resolution, frugality, industry, sincerity, justice, moderation, cleanliness, tranquility, chastity, and humility are the most important virtues. Once he began his project, he was not troubled by realizing just how many faults he had, noting, "A benevolent Man should allow a few Faults in himself, to keep his Friends in Countenance. Part 3 Part 3 begins, "I am now about to write at home, August [,] but cannot have the help expected from my Papers, many of them being lost in the War. Because of his devotion to several public and private occupations, he did not have the time or energy to establish the party. Franklin considered the *Almanack* a means with which to instruct the common people; this same interest drove Franklin to dedicate parts of his newspaper, the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, to educational purposes as well. As he aged, Franklin became more politically motivated and began to advocate the education of women. He learned several languages and played chess regularly. He made amends with his brother, James, in Boston. In , his four-year-old son died of small pox, a fate he hoped to spare other parents from enduring: I long regretted bitterly and still regret that I had not given it to him by Inoculation; This I mention for the Sake of Parents, who omit that Operation on the Supposition that they should never forgive themselves if a Child died under it; my Example showing that the Regret may be the same either way, and that therefore the safer should be chosen. In , the original twelve members of the Junto decided that each should go and start his own group to increase their "Power of doing Good. Through the Junto, he advocated a property tax to better fund the police and formed the Union Fire Company, the first American fire department. With these many successes under his belt, Franklin became famous. Franklin invented a room-warming stove in and refused to patent it in hopes that it would more widely proliferate. He wrote *Plain Truth* , a pamphlet calling for colonial unity. Franklin became Commissioner of the Peace and a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly and advised the construction of a Presbyterian meeting house. In , he wrote a pamphlet titled *Proposals Relating to the Education of Youth in Pennsylvania*, which launched interest in planning an educational academy. Franklin chose members of the Junto to become a board of trustees and the Academy now the University of Pennsylvania opened in . During this time, he also rose to the rank of Postmaster General of America. This set Franklin to the task of drawing up plans to defend the colonies and for setting up a wartime government. He developed a plan to fund the armed forces, which began to cause great concern among the English government. They saw the colonies becoming self-sufficient and so they began sending British forces to the colonies. Franklin implored those with extra horses and wagons to relinquish them to the war effort, and he began preparing care packages for fighting soldiers. He spent a good

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deal of time in the field and became a financial commissioner in charge of distributing funds to organize a militia. He spent any extra time, effort, and money on keeping the troops supplied. Franklin focuses the end of part 3 less on his military experiences and more on his scientific experiments, which he conducted at home in Philadelphia. He published a paper "on the Sameness of Lightning with Electricity," which caused much debate and notoriety: He was awarded a medal of honor from the Royal Society and became a member. He arrived in London on July 27, I had always understood from our Charters, that our Laws were to be made by our Assemblies, to be presented indeed to the King for his Royal Assent, but that being once given the King could not repeal or alter them. Upon his return to Philadelphia, the Assembly acknowledged his efforts to promote American interests abroad. Franklin dies before he is able to finish The Autobiography, which recounts events only up to the year

THEMES Striving for Success Benjamin Franklin epitomizes the ideal American hero in that he came from humble beginnings, worked hard, and made an almost mythically successful life for himself and his family. He was largely influenced by his father, a maker of soap and candles, whose lowly profession belied the influence he had on his community and his family. He recalls of his father: I think you may like to know Something of his Person and Character. He had an excellent Constitution of Body, was of middle Stature, but well set and very strong. But his great Excellence lay in a sound Understanding, and solid Judgment in prudential Matters, both in private and publick Affairs. But this would not be the case had he not applied himself vigorously to the labor of becoming a self-made man. His active life in public affairs came about only after he had become a printer with his own shop, begun a successful newspaper business, published several well-received articles and pamphlets, invented a number of creations to better the lives of those who used them, started a public library and the postal service , created a fire department and sanitation system, and paved and lighted public streets, among other improvements to society. And while he was hard at work, doing what he could to better the lives of the colonists, he decided to strive for moral perfection: The difficulty of the task did not turn Franklin from it, however. He lived his belief that "God helps them that help themselves," and as such an exemplar of industry and good fortune, became the prototypical American living the American dream.

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Chapter 4 : How to Write a Preface and a Foreword | Scribendi

If you are writing a foreword for a new edition of a book, it's common to talk about what's different in the current edition. If you're lucky enough to be writing a foreword for a re-released classic, you could discuss the historical impact of the book.

How to Write a Preface an November 7, Are you thinking about writing a preface for your book or have you been asked to write a foreword? A preface is a brief introduction written by the author, as opposed to a foreword, which is an introduction written by another person that usually comes before the preface. As it is an introduction to a book, a preface should include information about the book. Consider including a few or all of the following ideas: Discuss how the book came about. Why did you write it? Why did you choose the particular subject? What was your motivation? You could also discuss what your inspiration was especially if it is a work of fiction. State the purpose of the book, especially if the work is non-fiction. For example, if your book is intended to educate the reader about famous African scientists in the 20th century, you may want to state this in the preface. You could also describe what the reader can hope to learn by reading the book. Describe the journey of writing the book—what you learned, how you felt, and any insights into real life situations gained through the writing. Talk about any problems that came up during the writing and how you dealt with these trials and tribulations. If it is a non-fiction book, discuss your research process. Talk about your sources. Why are they unique? Why is this particular biography of Nixon, for example, special compared to others? Thank the people who were instrumental in the writing of your book. Depending on the level of formality of the writing, these could range from colleagues to editors to family members. Include any suggestions about how to read the book if there is a special structure. Remember to keep it short! A good rule is to try to keep it to one page, two at maximum, and be sure it is free of spelling and grammatical errors. If you want someone to have a look at your preface, our book editors would be more than willing to help.

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Chapter 5 : Conversations with Myself by Nelson Mandela – book review | Books | The Guardian

See also Parts of the Book, below More on the order of parts of the book, Acknowledgments page, More on foreword, preface and introduction, More on Index.) What is the difference between a preface, a foreword, and an introduction?

It is an indispensable source for the legend of Saint Mark. Invariably he was for the oppressed. He had a natural instinct for the right, but, right or wrong, he was for the underdog. Weir echoed the dubious claim: Howells, Sam described his autobiography as the truest of all books; for while it inevitably consists mainly in extinctions of the truth, shirkings of the truth, partial revealments of the truth, with hardly an instance of plain straight truth, the remorseless truth is there, between the lines, where the author-cat is raking dust upon it which hides from the disinterested spectator neither it nor its smell – the result being that the reader knows the author in spite of his wily diligences. The man who could do it would be famed to the last day. In the end, Sam failed to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth about his life in his memoirs. From the beginning, he was reticent to discuss sex, for example. Many parts contain not so much a remembrance of things past but a remembrance of things that did not happen. He seems to have been a yarn spinner from an early age. Put another way, virtually all of his major works, including his autobiography, are semiautobiographical. The statement underscores the pressing need for a complete and reliable biography of the author for what it tells us about the alchemy of his imagination. Shortly after the birth of his youngest daughter, in , he interrupted a note to his friend Joseph Twichell to admonish the future reader of his private correspondence: Somebody may be reading this letter 80 years hence. No, I keep my news; you keep your compassion. This pattern of massaging the message and spin-doctoring holds throughout his life. Late in his career, he hired a clipping service, and today the files of the Mark Twain Papers at the University of California, Berkeley, are filled with the articles he was sent. Most of his interviews in Australasia and South Africa in through are known to scholarship only because newspaper clippings of them survive in his scrapbooks. In the course of his long career, Sam Clemens lost as many friends as he made. He did not suffer fools or rivals gladly, especially if they wore crinoline. He targeted them indiscriminately – from religious leaders e. If Sam was often loved in public, he was sometimes loathed in private. He feuded for years with C. Particularly early in his career, he systematically burlesqued all types of fiction and journalism e. His hoaxes and parodies gradually evolved into social and political satire. But everything he wrote did not turn to gold, nor was every speech he delivered touched with genius. He readily violated the classical unities and ignored the standards of the well-made novel. Or as Howells remarked, He was not enslaved to the consecutiveness in writing which the rest of us try to keep chained to. That is, he wrote as he thought, and as all men think, without sequence, without an eye to what went before or should come after. If something beyond or beside what he was saying occurred to him, he invited it into his page, and made it as much at home there as the nature of it would suffer him. While Huck Finn is generally hailed as a great American novel, Sam also suffered his share of reverses and disasters. He was hardly exempt from the slings and arrows of outraged critics. He published his share of flops and potboilers, such as Merry Tales , The American Claimant , and Tom Sawyer Abroad , all written when he was in the throes of financial exigency and imminent bankruptcy. All of these books clearly fall below the mark of his best writing. A consummate performer in his own right, he nevertheless cowrote with Bret Harte the play Ah Sin , the most disastrous collaboration in the history of American letters. Ambitious to succeed, he was notoriously unwise in his investments, thinking the telephone a wildcat speculation while backing such inventions as a steam pulley, a carpet-pattern machine, and a powdered food supplement made from the albumin of eggs called plasmon. Over the decades, the field of Samuel Clemens biography has often resembled a bloody battleground. In , Clemens commissioned Paine, a young sycophant without a pedigree, to write his official biography. Thomas Sergeant Perry once disparaged the archival method of compiling such magisterial works. Then he dumps the load in front of your door. Then he goes forth again on the same errand. And there is Vol. Out of this rubbish the reader constructs a biography. In his introduction to a reprinting of

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the authorized biography, James M. The canon was established, and whatever biography or criticism had to say could be found in the six pounds of letterpress that composed Mr. Paine which accused [the primary scapegoat, Olivia Langdon Clemens] of steadily weakening the English language. Paine delivered his patronizing reply in the preface to the Centenary Edition of Mark Twain: He remained in this office until , and before his own death in he had received both a Pulitzer Prize for History and a National Book Award for Nonfiction. Twain biography became and has remained a fertile field for psychoanalytically-inclined critics. Mark Twain was a fiction of many and complex dimensionsâ€”not the least of them his relationship to his makerâ€”but he was a fiction. Clemens and Mark Twain , a play on Dr. To cite only a few examples: He also affirmed the standards of the social status quoâ€”except when he did not. By the end of his life he had become both king and court jester, both Lear and the Fool. Letters to the Editor. He lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Chapter 6 : Team FUSE | Fuse Literary

The sinister fact about literary censorship in England is that it is largely voluntary. Unpopular ideas can be silenced, and inconvenient facts kept dark, without the need for any official ban.

For the next quarter of a century he became a mystery man, the missing leader. And when he finally emerged victorious in , there was a pent-up demand to hear from him. Since then, books about and by Mandela have become an industry, practically a literary genre of their own: Is there really room for another book on the bulging Mandela shelf? What more is there to say? Quite a lot, it turns out. It also contains passages from an autobiography Mandela had been working on himself, in moments snatched here and there, but has finally abandoned, and allowed to be folded into this volume. The book is intensely moving, raw and unmediated, told in real time with all the changes in perspective that brings, over the years, mixing the prosaic with the momentous. Health concerns, dreams, political initiatives spill out together, to provide the fullest picture yet of Mandela. Verne Harris, director of the Nelson Mandela Centre of Memory and Dialogue, who led the project to select and assemble these archives, reminds us in a foreword that Mandela has become part of the creation myth of the new South Africa. As such, his public utterances were never entirely his own: In the transcript, a stony Mandela rarely expands further on his emotional state. He is mostly reluctant to answer the question: By going to his most personal of jottings, we finally get a glimpse of the man behind the mask. Luckily, it turns out that Mandela has always been something of a hoarder, as well as a copious note-maker, though many of his notes were seized by the police over the years, so there are inevitable holes. The prison years, as one might expect, are particularly moving. Some of the abstracts are taken from his letters to his family and friends, many of which never reached their intended recipients, because they were blocked by the censors. Mandela made copies of some of these letters in a hardback notebook it was stolen by the authorities but returned in by a penitent ex-security policeman. The book is a useful corrective to our tendency to see history through retrospectives, to think that what happened was somehow inevitable. To the prisoners on Robben Island at the time, the overthrow of the once mighty apartheid state was a distant dream, yet still one worth fighting for. But he would not do so. And in an application to the University of South Africa in , for an exemption from a Latin paper in his law degree, Mandela points out dispassionately that he is unlikely ever to actually practice, "as I am serving a sentence of life imprisonment". What emerges here is a man devoid of self-pity, who is immune to the temptations of self-aggrandisement. At one point, he insists scrupulously to ghostwriter Richard Stengel that he consistently missed his target while undergoing military training. One is reminded, too, of how steeped in history and the classics Mandela is. He read catholicly, quoted liberally from War and Peace, and when preparing to launch "the struggle" consulted texts as diverse as Machiavelli, Clausewitz, Mao Zedong, and Menachem Begin. He studied the Anglo-Boer war in detail, and was later to use the Afrikaner arguments against his own jailers. But the Mandela we see here can also be abrasively self-critical. The urge to impress and advertise is clearly noticeable. It is telling that, as a role model, he preferred Nehru to Gandhi. He also makes it clear that he only believed in non-violence as a tactic and not as a principle, though he could not say that at his trial. In , when his year-old mother had made her way down from the rural Transkei on her own, to visit him on Robben Island, Mandela writes: Ten months later his eldest son, Thembi, was killed in a car accident. When Winnie arrives on a visit, she brings him "some silk pyjamas and nightgown" Mandela returns them, saying, "this outfit is not for this place. But Mandela expresses no jealousy. And when Winnie is herself jailed, Mandela sends her advice on how to cope, suggesting that she meditate for 15 minutes before bed. But Winnie is an entirely different creature from her husband. When he writes to her after a visit from their young daughters, saying how beautifully the girls were growing up, he recalls that "It was as if I had committed treason" She reminded me: When the authorities moved him away from his comrades, isolating him in another prison, he decided to accept the move, as this would allow him to open secret talks with the apartheid authorities, without consulting his comrades. One element gleaned from

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the calendar section is how important the gestures made around the world were to Mandela while he was locked up. The mass petitions for his release and the attempts to make him honorary chancellor of universities, as well as the birthday cards – often dismissed as silly, ineffectual gestures – were all clearly vital in keeping up his morale. There are unexpectedly lighthearted moments too. We get Mandela the movie critic – he finds the end of *Amadeus* "somewhat flat", and the very juxtaposition of Nelson Mandela and "The Nerds Take Revenge" I think he must mean *Revenge of the Nerds* is startling. But not even this prepared me for the revelation that his printed "from the desk of Nelson Mandela" message pad has pictures of a grinning Garfield in the right-hand corner. Peter Godwin is the author of *The Fear*:

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Chapter 7 : Preface, foreword, or introduction? - Writers and Editors

Fuse Literary (formerly Foreword Literary) is a full-service, hybrid literary agency based in the Silicon Valley with offices in New York, Chicago, Dallas, North Dakota, and Vancouver.

Monday, May 10, How to Write a Foreword Several times a week, I receive a note from someone thanking me for helping them to write a foreword. It all dates back to a couple of blog posts I wrote several years ago after I was forced, mind you! I thought it might be useful to revisit the Foreword posts and streamline them into an updated version. So, without further ado, I present Foreword Writing What the Heck is a Foreword? The foreword is a strange literary beast. Often, the foreword of a book is written by someone that the general public recognizes more readily than the actual author. Forewords often have a personal, chatty feel to them. Forewords also tend to involve anecdotes that ideally have something to do with the work at hand. These generally serve as a practical or real-world example of whatever themes or ideas may be expressed later in the book itself. Again, they serve to simply reinforce that the writer knows his or her stuff. Why Me, O Lord? Generally, the only people who are asked to write such things are Those Who Matter. You have been asked to write a foreword because you have paid your dues in some manner. Maybe you are a recognizable name within a certain field. If done correctly, the foreword can be as valuable a tool for the person writing it as for the author of the actual book. It is also a plus if the person writing the foreword is not known primarily as a writer. The foreword writer has the opportunity to remind people of why he or she is well-known or at least qualified to write a foreword to a work in the first place. And that, in a nutshell, is all you ever wanted to know about a foreword. Now what do you do? What Am I Endorsing Anyway? If you are the conscientious sort, and if it interests you, read it. Find Something -- Anything -- Remotely Relevant to the Topic Write out a short anecdote about something that happened in your life that has some bearing no matter how far-fetched on what the book is about. Brag Feel free to name-drop shamelessly throughout the foreword. If you won an Olympic medal, reference an Olympic event. If you defended a famous celebrity in a murder trial, mention it. The public is notoriously dim-witted, with a frighteningly short attention span. Make Introductions Now, say something about the author. How long have you known each other or known OF each other? Can you relate a personal, non-humiliating anecdote about the author? What about telling of something the author did that affected you? Remember, part of your job is to introduce the author to the world. Do your job as well as possible. Circular Reasoning Finally, you will appear tres literary and oh-so-clever if you can reference an idea from your opening paragraph again at the end. Think of it as bringing the whole foreword full circle. Spin a yarn or two. Open a tiny little window into a personal moment. The more readable you make it, the more people will read it, rather than skipping it entirely and diving straight into the book. And that, of course, is the whole point!

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Chapter 8 : The Death of the Gods - Wikipedia

Conversations with Myself by Nelson Mandela - review practically a literary genre of their own: dozens of biographies, authorised and unauthorised, children's books, books distilling his.

Two sample chapters follow on pp. Think about the back cover copy of a good book. Here is a sample of a book that landed a publisher: Serving in the church nursery: Now she finds herself thirty-something, feeling a bit lumpy, lonely and lost. A nagging pit in her stomach tells her she desperately needs a change. Meanwhile, pro hockey hunkster Lindy Barrett is clearly out of her league € or is he? To decide, Jane must finally seek out that sweet spot lying somewhere between her head and her heart. Whose woo will win the heart of Jane Grey? Publishers want to know why you are the right person to write this book. They also want to know what platform or connections you have or can create to help promote your book. Here is a sample: Overcoming Doubts and Depression Dr. Rhonda Wilson is a licensed psychologist and holds two advanced degrees. She has served as director of counseling for two large churches. Wilson speaks at many conferences and venues where this book could be sold. Here is an example of how to show the scope of your novel so the editor has a good idea of where you are going, how the plot progresses, the conflicts involved in the story and how it ends. Basically, just give a synopsis of the story. As the only child of a southern aristocratic father and a bohemian artist mother, Kat feels out-of-place no matter where she is; even in her own family. In her world, everyone appears to have self-serving motives. As a result, Kat becomes angry and withdrawn. In her thirteenth summer, , Kat is dragged by her mother to yet another artist colony on the beaches of Northwest Florida. There, her feelings of isolation and hopelessness unleash into a selfish rage. Self-pity overwhelms her and she contemplates every escape, including suicide. It is revealed that Malcolm has a congenital heart defect that must be repaired if he is to live. One afternoon, Kat goes for a swim in the gulf and gets caught in the undertow. Malcolm had been following Kat and tries to rescue her. Malcolm is taken to the local hospital where he is in critical condition. Meanwhile, Hurricane Camille is fast approaching the Gulf Coast. Kat, Jeanette, Mary Alice, Chandler remain at the hospital to keep a vigil and to wait out the storm. Mary Alice Spaulding fills in the details of the back-story on Malcolm and his abandonment at the colony. Vera, who was finally free from an abusive husband, moved back near the colony so that she could keep watch over her son from a distance. As Kathleen and her mother leave the colony at the end of the summer, Kathleen begins to see how her life is starting to make more sense. The Epilogue is Kathleen on the flight she was about to catch during the Prologue. As Christians, we are told that God is in midst of suffering. Through his incarnation, we understand that God knows the pain that we feel. He wept at the tomb of his friend, Lazarus. He suffered and died on the cross. But the grief and suffering that comes with divorce seems to challenge this assumption. As a result, grief in divorce is given short shrift, if it is acknowledged at all. It is as though divorcing individuals do not have the right to grieve, let alone call upon God in the midst of their suffering. Pain and suffering, whatever the cause, can be transmuted into a deeper and richer experience of God. How the journey proceeds depends on the choice made at this intersection. One road leads to years, maybe even decades, of anger and vitriol, courtroom battles, custody fights, and, potentially, multiple failed marriages. The other, less traveled path leads toward peace and a deeper, more nuanced spiritual life. What makes the difference between these two responses to divorce? The willingness to enter into grief and allow it to become a process for spiritual formation. My book, *The Grace Filled Divorce: An Opportunity for Spiritual Formation* is written to help readers understand the experience of grief in divorce on both an interpersonal and spiritual level, to transmute the pain of divorce into a transformative experience. Beginning with a foreword written by pastor and author, Chuck Smith, Jr. In my practice as a Christian psychologist specializing in relational counseling, I have witnessed the extraordinary benefits that come from consciously entering, with God, into the grief of divorce. When things fall apart: Laying the Groundwork Chapter two. The Importance of Grief Chapter four. One divorce, two experiences Chapter six. Core Issues Chapter eight. Lessons from Marriage Chapter ten. Your

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emotional workout partner Chapter twelve. I always thought the hard part would be writing the book. But the hard part was finding a publisher. I quickly became discouraged because most publishers no longer accept unsolicited manuscripts. At first I was skeptical, but figured I had nothing to lose. So, I took a chance. I gave birth to twins in November and did not have time to pursue individual publishers. If He wanted me to write this book, I needed Him to provide a publisher! Thank you so much for your service!!! I am now on my eighth project with Discovery House. As a former first-time author, the service that you provide in opening doors is invaluable and unique. The opportunity to encourage others in prayer especially the parents of prodigals is Kingdom work. I send this with a prayer that your work will continue to encourage and inspire many. So much of getting published is finding the right fit—the right publisher for your book. The structure is user-friendly, the staff are accessible, and it worked exactly the way I hoped! They cut through a jungle of distractions and dead-ends to make publishing a reality. The day after my work was posted two major publishing houses contacted me and asked to see a partial of my historical fiction novel. I recommend this service to everyone pursuing publication. Divorce is one of those experiences that everyone believes will happen to someone else. So what do you do when it happens to you? Melody holds a Ph. In their private practice, Melody and her husband Ron a marriage and family therapist, work with couples and individuals facing relationship challenges. They also conduct workshops for pre-engaged couples: Before You Pop the Question, and married couples:

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Chapter 9 : Jonathan Dollimore - Wikipedia

She has coauthored two guide books with Kathy Barco, and one literary research guide with R. Neil Scott, Postmarked Milledgeville: A Guide to Flannery O'Connor's Correspondence in Libraries and Archives. Nye is a trustee on the board of the New Mexico Library Foundation.

Only one of these had any ideological motive. Two had been publishing anti-Russian books for years, and the other had no noticeable political colour. One publisher actually started by accepting the book, but after making the preliminary arrangements he decided to consult the Ministry of Information, who appear to have warned him, or at any rate strongly advised him, against publishing it. Here is an extract from his letter: I mentioned the reaction I had had from an important official in the Ministry of Information with regard to *Animal Farm*. I must confess that this expression of opinion has given me seriously to think I can see now that it might be regarded as something which it was highly ill-advised to publish at the present time. If the fable were addressed generally to dictators and dictatorships at large then publication would be all right, but the fable does follow, as I see now, so completely the progress of the Russian Soviets and their two dictators, that it can apply only to Russia, to the exclusion of the other dictatorships. I think the choice of pigs as the ruling caste will no doubt give offence to many people, and particularly to anyone who is a bit touchy, as undoubtedly the Russians are. Obviously it is not desirable that a government department should have any power of censorship except security censorship, which no one objects to in war time over books which are not officially sponsored. But the chief danger to freedom of thought and speech at this moment is not the direct interference of the MOI or any official body. If publishers and editors exert themselves to keep certain topics out of print, it is not because they are frightened of prosecution but because they are frightened of public opinion. In this country intellectual cowardice is the worst enemy a writer or journalist has to face, and that fact does not seem to me to have had the discussion it deserves. Any fairminded person with journalistic experience will admit that during this war official censorship has not been particularly irksome. The press has some justified grievances, but on the whole the Government has behaved well and has been surprisingly tolerant of minority opinions. The sinister fact about literary censorship in England is that it is largely voluntary. Unpopular ideas can be silenced, and inconvenient facts kept dark, without the need for any official ban. So far as the daily newspapers go, this is easy to understand. The British press is extremely centralised, and most of it is owned by wealthy men who have every motive to be dishonest on certain important topics. But the same kind of veiled censorship also operates in books and periodicals, as well as in plays, films and radio. At any given moment there is an orthodoxy, a body of ideas which it is assumed that all right-thinking people will accept without question. Anyone who challenges the prevailing orthodoxy finds himself silenced with surprising effectiveness. A genuinely unfashionable opinion is almost never given a fair hearing, either in the popular press or in the highbrow periodicals. At this moment what is demanded by the prevailing orthodoxy is an uncritical admiration of Soviet Russia. Everyone knows this, nearly everyone acts on it. And this nation-wide conspiracy to flatter our ally takes place, curiously enough, against a background of genuine intellectual tolerance. For though you are not allowed to criticise the Soviet government, at least you are reasonably free to criticise our own. Hardly anyone will print an attack on Stalin, but it is quite safe to attack Churchill, at any rate in books and periodicals. And throughout five years of war, during two or three of which we were fighting for national survival, countless books, pamphlets and articles advocating a compromise peace have been published without interference. More, they have been published without exciting much disapproval. So long as the prestige of the USSR is not involved, the principle of free speech has been reasonably well upheld. There are other forbidden topics, and I shall mention some of them presently, but the prevailing attitude towards the USSR is much the most serious symptom. It is, as it were, spontaneous, and is not due to the action of any pressure group. The servility with which the greater part of the English intelligentsia have swallowed and repeated Russian propaganda from onwards would be quite astounding if it were not that they have behaved

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similarly on several earlier occasions. On one controversial issue after another the Russian viewpoint has been accepted without examination and then publicised with complete disregard to historical truth or intellectual decency. To name only one instance, the BBC celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Red Army without mentioning Trotsky. This was about as accurate as commemorating the battle of Trafalgar without mentioning Nelson, but it evoked no protest from the English intelligentsia. In the internal struggles in the various occupied countries, the British press has in almost all cases sided with the faction favoured by the Russians and libelled the opposing faction, sometimes suppressing material evidence in order to do so. A particularly glaring case was that of Colonel Mihailovich, the Yugoslav Chetnik leader. The Russians, who had their own Yugoslav protege in Marshal Tito, accused Mihailovich of collaborating with the Germans. This accusation was promptly taken up by the British press: In July of the Germans offered a reward of , gold crowns for the capture of Tito, and a similar reward for the capture of Mihailovich. Very similar things happened during the Spanish civil war. Then, too, the factions on the Republican side which the Russians were determined to crush were recklessly libelled in the English leftwing [sic] press, and any statement in their defence even in letter form, was refused publication. At present, not only is serious criticism of the USSR considered reprehensible, but even the fact of the existence of such criticism is kept secret in some cases. For example, shortly before his death Trotsky had written a biography of Stalin. One may assume that it was not an altogether unbiased book, but obviously it was saleable. An American publisher had arranged to issue it and the book was in print " I believe the review copies had been sent out " when the USSR entered the war. The book was immediately withdrawn. Not a word about this has ever appeared in the British press, though clearly the existence of such a book, and its suppression, was a news item worth a few paragraphs. It is important to distinguish between the kind of censorship that the English literary intelligentsia voluntarily impose upon themselves, and the censorship that can sometimes be enforced by pressure groups. The best-known case is the patent medicine racket. Again, the Catholic Church has considerable influence in the press and can silence criticism of itself to some extent. A scandal involving a Catholic priest is almost never given publicity, whereas an Anglican priest who gets into trouble e. It is very rare for anything of an anti-Catholic tendency to appear on the stage or in a film. Any actor can tell you that a play or film which attacks or makes fun of the Catholic Church is liable to be boycotted in the press and will probably be a failure. But this kind of thing is harmless, or at least it is understandable. Any large organisation will look after its own interests as best it can, and overt propaganda is not a thing to object to. But then every thinking person knows the Daily Worker and the Catholic Herald for what they are. What is disquieting is that where the USSR and its policies are concerned one cannot expect intelligent criticism or even, in many cases, plain honesty from Liberal [sic " and throughout as typescript] writers and journalists who are under no direct pressure to falsify their opinions. Stalin is sacrosanct and certain aspects of his policy must not be seriously discussed. This rule has been almost universally observed since , but it had operated, to a greater extent than is sometimes realised, for ten years earlier than that. There was a huge output of anti-Russian literature, but nearly all of it was from the Conservative angle and manifestly dishonest, out of date and actuated by sordid motives. On the other side there was an equally huge and almost equally dishonest stream of pro-Russian propaganda, and what amounted to a boycott on anyone who tried to discuss all-important questions in a grown-up manner. You could, indeed, publish anti-Russian books, but to do so was to make sure of being ignored or misrepresented by nearly me whole of the highbrow press. This attitude was usually defended on the ground that the international situation, and me urgent need for an Anglo-Russian alliance, demanded it; but it was clear that this was a rationalisation. The English intelligentsia, or a great part of it, had developed a nationalistic loyalty towards me USSR, and in their hearts they felt that to cast any doubt on me wisdom of Stalin was a kind of blasphemy. Events in Russia and events elsewhere were to be judged by different standards. The endless executions in me purges of were applauded by life-long opponents of capital punishment, and it was considered equally proper to publicise famines when they happened in India and to conceal them when they happened in me Ukraine. And if this was true before the war, the intellectual

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atmosphere is certainly no better now. But now to come back to this book of mine. The reaction towards it of most English intellectuals will be quite simple: They will say that it is a dull, silly book and a disgraceful waste of paper. This may well be true, but it is obviously not the whole of the story. After all, acres of rubbish are printed daily and no one bothers. The English intelligentsia, or most of them, will object to this book because it traduces their Leader and as they see it does harm to the cause of progress. If it did me opposite they would have nothing to say against it, even if its literary faults were ten times as glaring as they are. The success of, for instance, the Left Book Club over a period of four or five years shows how willing they are to tolerate both scurrility and slipshod writing, provided that it tells them what they want to hear. The issue involved here is quite a simple one: Is every opinion, however unpopular – however foolish, even – entitled to a hearing? Is that entitled to a hearing? Now, when one demands liberty of speech and of the press, one is not demanding absolute liberty. There always must be, or at any rate there always will be, some degree of censorship, so long as organised societies endure. The same principle is contained in the famous words of Voltaire: Both capitalist democracy and the western versions of Socialism have till recently taken that principle for granted. Our Government, as I have already pointed out, still makes some show of respecting it. One of the peculiar phenomena of our time is the renegade Liberal. If one loves democracy, the argument runs, one must crush its enemies by no matter what means. And who are its enemies? In other words, defending democracy involves destroying all independence of thought. This argument was used, for instance, to justify the Russian purges. The most ardent Russophile hardly believed that all of the victims were guilty of all the things they were accused of: The same argument was used to justify the quite conscious lying that went on in the leftwing press about the Trotskyists and other Republican minorities in the Spanish civil war. And it was used again as a reason for yelping against habeas corpus when Mosley was released in . The audience were working-class and lower-middle class intellectuals – the same sort of audience that one used to meet at Left Book Club branches. The lecture had touched on the freedom of the press, and at the end, to my astonishment, several questioners stood up and asked me: Did I not think that the lifting of the ban on the Daily Worker was a great mistake? When asked why, they said that it was a paper of doubtful loyalty and ought not to be tolerated in war time. I found myself defending the Daily Worker, which has gone out of its way to libel me more than once.