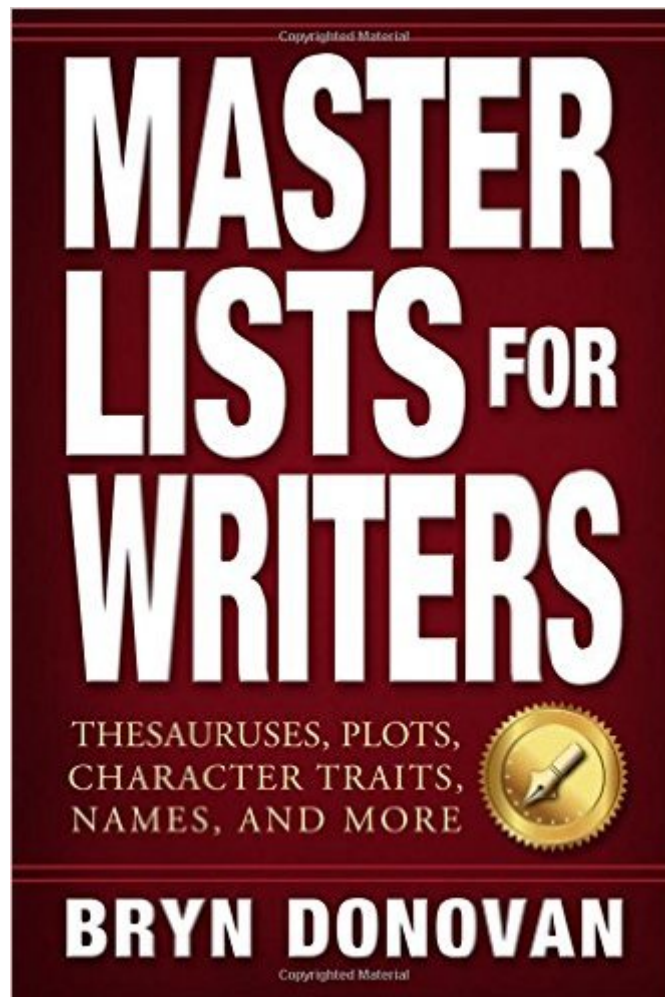


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I have many reference books. I love them. And most of them sit on the shelf until that one time I really need to use it. This is the first reference book I've come across that doesn't simply support what I'm already writing, but actually paves the way for new writing. Donovan provides lists - lists upon lists - that touch on character descriptions and names, plot points and twists, motivations for murder, ways people say hello and goodbye, different names for negative feelings and on and on. Before each section, she has an intro that gives tips on how to use dialogue (and how NOT to use dialogue), or settings or character quirks. So many lists, but here's the key: the lists aren't exhaustive, they aren't overwhelming. I don't need or want to read every known way to describe someone's eyes, I just need a few key phrases to push me in the right direction. And that's what

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