



NEWSLETTER

Mentoring Writers Writing Challenge 2020

and the winner is



SHEVON CLAIRE

Shevon (or Shelley as we call her) was the overall winner of the Mentoring Writers 2020 Writing Challenge with her short story: The Mystical Tree House.

She was the only entrant to achieve top marks, although there were many others not far behind her. Shevon was judged to be the best of the best.

The judges declared her story to be one that drew them into the mystery of the treehouse and what the outcome would be for the little girl aiming to protect her brother.

**ARE YOU A NEW OR
DEVELOPING WRITER?**

**NEED HELP WITH
STARTING YOUR WRITING?**

**WANT TO PROGRESS YOUR
MANUSCRIPT BUT ARE
STUCK WITH THE PLOT?**

**THEN CHECK OUT THE
MENTORING WRITERS
WEBSITE:**

mentoringwriters.co.uk



ATTEND THE DRAMA CLUB

Are you interested in scriptwriting?

A good way to discover your inner scriptwriter is to attend a drama club to see how other scriptwriters create their scripts.

Remember drama scripts are different from novel scripts and other types of stories.

We at Mentoring Writers are developing a programme of workshops and courses which we feel will benefit future scriptwriters.

Keep checking our podcasts and Resource Box listings on our website to find out more.

MEMBERSHIPS

*JOIN THE MENTORING
WRITERS MEMBERSHIP
LIST AND GAIN
BENEFITS WHICH WILL
HELP YOU PROGRESS
YOUR WRITING.*

**Membership
Area**

START A DAILY WRITING ROUTINE

When you start writing it is important to plan when and where you are going to do it.

Often we are wrapped up with our normal busy lives meaning many people are writing words in between doing other things such as looking after the children.

It doesn't matter where you write as long as you try and dedicate the same amount of time each day to your craft. To help you with organising your time check out our tips, starting with the one below.



Always carry a note book and pen with you as you never know when those bright ideas will suddenly appear?



WRITING ROUTINE

Having a writing routine is important, especially when you are just starting out on your writing journey.

I have spent many hours putting together a plot and plan system which has helped me organise how I write.

As Chief Mentor for Mentoring Writers I am able to share and pass along all I have learnt to new and developing writers in order to help them achieve their writing goals.

Ann Brady



WRITING OUTSIDE IN NATURE

You should aim to write a minimum of 20 minutes per day in order to achieve your writing goals. Of course, if you can do more, well that's even better.

Also where you write is important as well. Check out our podcast no:

'B005 Places to Write'

This will help you discover the sort of places you should be looking at in order to find a more comfortable and relaxing place to write.



WRITER'S BLOCK

And when writer's block hits you, get up and get out. Do whatever you can to take your mind away from your writing problem.

Go shopping, clean the house, go for a run or a bike ride. Take time out and after you have cleared your mind come back and face that keyboard once again.

You will be surprised how clear your mind is and how refreshed you feel.



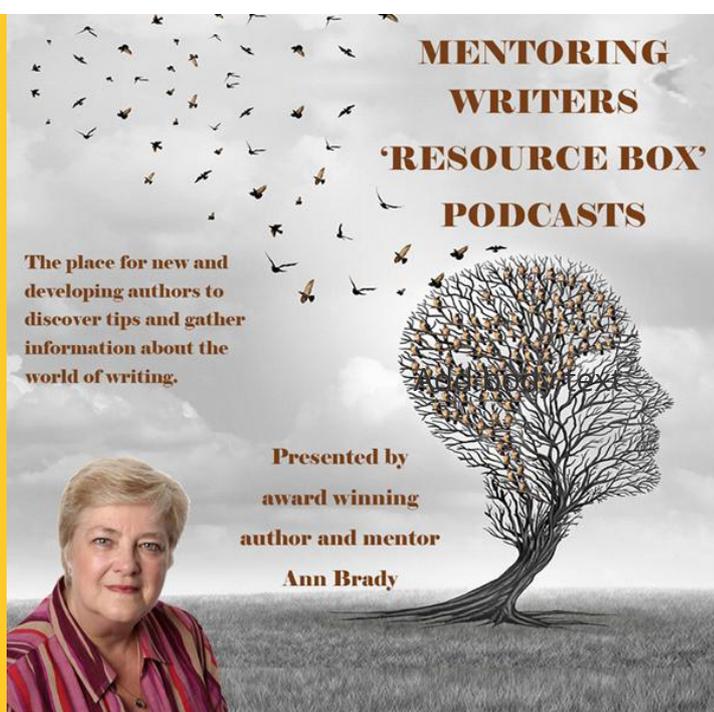
Want some ridiculous simple tips to help you write a book? Then check out our blog of the same title at this link:
<https://www.mentoringwriters.co.uk/simpletips.html>

LISTEN TO OUR PODCASTS

In June Mentoring Writers launched the Resource Box series of podcasts. All the episodes are aimed at offering informational tips and ideas to help all writers learn the craft of writing. We cover all aspects of writing from the basics to techno knowledge to plotting and planning, as well as other tips and ideas which will help you along your writing journey.

All podcasts are available on our own website as well as other podcast outlets including Google Play, Apple Itunes, Spotify etc. Check them out now:

<https://mentoringwriters.libsyn.com/website>



SCHOOL VISITS

We are all aware that school starts soon but whether we authors will be allowed to visit or not is questionable.

If you are fortunate to be able to attend a school then check out our Quick Tips lists below to help you get great results from your visit.

QUICK TIPS – GREAT RESULTS

- STAND** (if possible). This will help you make a better first impression and allows you to more easily interact with anyone passing your stand.
- POSTER OF YOUR BOOK COVER.** This will help you stand out more and people can see from afar what you're offering.
- PROP UP YOUR BOOK(S).** This will make for a great display of your work.
- "SIGNED BY AUTHOR."** Along with your image, this propped up display will instantly increase the perceived value of your book.
- PAPERBACKS.** Bring a number of paperbacks for each of your books so you're ready to sell copies to interested parties.
- VISUAL PROPS.** As your stand is for children & their parents, bring visually appealing and book-related props, e.g. if your book is about monkeys, bring a stuffed monkey.
- PINS/ TAPE/ PENS/ ETC.** Just in case.
- SMILE.** Bring your biggest and brightest smile.
- PITCH LINE.** Have a pitch line ready so you can inform the interested party about your book(s) in an interesting and concise manner.

MENTORING SERVICES

No matter what stage in your writing journey you are at, whether just starting out or you are progressing nicely, we at Mentoring Writers are still able to offer you some help and support to achieve your writing goals.

We can begin by teaching you the basics, showing you how to plot and plan your story line out, help with creating your storyboard or just be here to chat to you about resolving some writers block issues you might be experiencing.

Our Chief Mentor is an award-winning author with over 30 years practical experience in editorial work, non-fiction and fictional writing.

She works with writers and authors of all ages across the world and loves nothing better than passing along her knowledge of the writing world.



In 'Our 'Meet the Author' session allows you to ask those questions you need answering. And all mentoring services begin with a free meet and chat to enable us to assess and create a mentoring programme which suits the individual's requirements.

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