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THE 22ND ANNUAL **101 BEST WEBSITES** FOR WRITERS

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Writer's Digest has been assembling this list of the best resources for writers for nearly as long as I have been alive. With so many great websites to choose from and so many different genres of writing and aspects of the writing and publishing business to cover, the task of compiling this feature was intimidating to say the least.

But not impossible. In addition to annual staples that make this list every year, I found more than 40 new sites that I'm excited to share with WD readers. New fixtures include YouTube channels and Twitch streams about

writing, plus websites for my favorite genres—poetry, humor, and creative nonfiction—and so much more. This list will help you find your writing community, discover agents and track your submissions, get creative, uncover markets that pay writers, and meet all your other writing needs. It's no wonder this feature—now in its 22nd year—is a perennial reader favorite. All resources on this list are free unless otherwise noted.

★ First Appearance on Our Annual 101 List

to find new readers and get feedback on their work. With a global community of 80 million readers, Wattpad is simply the best to join. In addition to Wattpad's reach, authors who upload their work also have the opportunity to enter contests; be chosen for spotlight by Wattpad staff; and be seen by publishing, film, and TV professionals searching for new talent.

94. THE WRAC GROUP ★

THEWRACGROUP.COM

Stay accountable to the goals you set for yourself by joining this community. Choose up to three goals per year you'd like to meet, set deadlines for yourself, and you'll receive reminders and encouragement from the WRAC group. For success stories, view lists of projects completed by WRAC Group members in years past.

95. WRITERSCAFE

WRITERSCAFE.ORG

Find your community here: Post your writing for critique, where thousands of other writers convene and exchange reviews and advice. Enter free writing contests; join or start a writing group; search for agents, journals, publishers, and self-publishing services; and enroll in online writing courses.

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96. COFFITIVITY

COFFITIVITY.COM

If you work best with the noise of a coffee shop but don't feel like

putting on real clothes or buying anything to justify taking up a seat, Coffitivity has a solution. The site re-creates the backdrop noise of a crowded café so you don't even have to leave the house.

97. FIGHTER'S BLOCK ★

CEREY.GITHUB.IO/FIGHTERS-BLOCK

For those that never want to lose a game and suffer from writer's block/laziness/procrastination, this app is for you. Enter your word count goal, and a monster avatar will break out of its shell and fight your avatar until you either accomplish your goal or perish.

98. SMALL PRESS DISTRIBUTION ★

SPDBOOKS.ORG

If you read books from independent presses that are typically left out from large online or brick-and-mortar retailers, then Small Press Distribution is the bookstore for you. Purchase books in their online shop to support small presses, and browse their lists of bestsellers, prize winners, SPD Recommends, and SPD Staff Picks to find the next book on your reading list.

99. PENNSOUND ★

WRITING.UPENN.EDU/PENNSOUND

It can be a real treat to listen to a poem in the poet's own voice. This archive features over 1,500 downloadable recordings of poets reading their work—the largest collection of poetry sound files on the internet if you don't count YouTube. The archive is a project of The Center for Programs in Contemporary Writing at the University of Pennsylvania.

100. POINTS IN CASE ★

POINTSINCASE.COM

Follow this daily publication for enlightening and irreverent comedy articles. Whether you're looking for something to read to get your mind thinking funny before a writing session or just want a break to read something weird, the *Points in Case* writers will definitely make you LOL. (Full disclosure: I may be biased because this site has published some of my work.)

101. REDDIT'S R/WRITING MOTIVATION ★

REDDIT.COM/R/WRITERMOTIVATION

This subreddit is a water cooler for writers. Here, you'll find everything from writing prompts to inspirational quotes to "accountability posts"—writers publicly announcing their goals as an incentive to make them happen. Post writing-related questions here for community members to chime in with their advice, or offer your own expertise for other members' questions. **WD**

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