

# Character Development

Who are your characters and how do you and your reader get to know them?

Most of us are comfortable writing characters that resemble the types of people that we are most familiar with. What about the myriad of other types of characters that might be needed to fill out a story and make a well-rounded, fictional world? Do you struggle with writing a different gender? How about someone with technical expertise different from your own? Trauma, PTSD, parent/child or other relational dynamics?

Every person is different. Even identical twins, raised together, will develop distinct personalities that define their world and how they interact with it based on their perceptions and interpretations of their experiences. Get to know your characters like you would any other person to help you write more engaging worlds.

