

Location Location Location: Selected Resources

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(in alphabetical order by title)

“4 Reasons Why You Should Travel to Research Your Novel” – Colleen M. Story (June 6 2022) - <https://www.insecurewriterssupportgroup.com/2022/06/4-reasons-why-you-should-travel-to.html>

“8 Ways to Find Your Creative Style” – Crystal Tan Art (video 12:37)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWJAcqdrTZ4>

“10 Tips for Research Travel for Authors” – Rosanne Parry - From the Mixed Up Files of Middle Grade Authors - <https://fromthemixedupfiles.com/10-tips-research-travel-writers/>

“12 Dos and Don'ts of Research Travel for Writing” – Amie K. Runyan, *Writers' Digest* (Aug 3, 2023) - <https://www.writersdigest.com/be-inspired/12-dos-and-donts-of-research-travel-for-writing>

“A Change of Scenery Would Do You Good” – Jessca Stawser, *Writers Digest Magazine*: July/August 2025, p. 34-37

Adobe Creative Types and quiz - <https://mycreativetype.com/the-creative-types/>

“Digging for Details: A Historical Fiction Writer's Guide to Research” - DK Marley, *History Unboxed*, March 11, 2025, <https://www.thehistoricalfictioncompany.com/post/digging-for-details-a-historical-fiction-writer-s-guide-to-research>

The Five Minute Medievalist (podcast and book) – Danièle Cybulskie – <https://www.danielecybulskie.com/the-fiveminute-medievalist>

“Following in Chaucer's Footsteps” – J C Corry, *Travel & Culture*:
<https://travelandculture.substack.com/p/following-in-chaucers-footsteps-historical>

“How a trip to Wales inspired a medieval fantasy series” – Marie Powell (Nov 1, 2021) *Books N Buzz Magazine*: <https://booksandbuzzmagazine.com/2021/11/01/how-a-trip-to-wales-inspired-a-medieval-fantasy-series/>

“How Important Is It for Authors to Do On-Location Research?” – Bryan Wiggins, *Helping Writers Become Authors* website (K. M. Weiland)
<https://www.helpingwritersbecomeauthors.com/important-authors-location-research/>

“How to finally find your unique artistic style” – Jenna Rainey (video 12:34)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcG-6Y04F3Q>

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“How to Use Symbolic and Archetypal Settings in Your Story” – K M Weiland, April 2024: <https://www.helpingwritersbecomeauthors.com/how-to-use-symbolic-and-archetypal-settings-in-your-story/>

“Rebecca Makkai on the Most Underutilized Tool in Fiction: Setting” – Rebecca Makkai, Feb 24 2023, Literary Hub: <https://lithub.com/rebecca-makkai-on-the-most-underutilized-tool-in-fiction-setting/>

“Setting Tutorial.” One Stop for Writers (subscription required): <https://onestopforwriters.com>

“Setting: The Oft Neglected Cousin to Plot, Character, and Dialogue” – Terrence Rundel West: HNS-NA, September 11, 2025: <https://hns-conference.com/2025/09/11/setting/>

The Welsh Castle that Inspired a Fantasy Novel” – Marie Powell, Travel & Culture:

“Tips for Research Trips” – Juliete Tetel Andresen - <https://julietetelandresen.com/tips-for-research-trips/>

“What is the setting of a story? 5 functions of setting in literature” – Jack Smith, Writers.com, May 17, 2024 <https://writers.com/what-is-the-setting-of-a-story>

Historical Fiction Books to mention (in random order):

- *The Pillars of the Earth* – Ken Follett
- *The Huntress* – Kate Quinn
- *A Place Called Winter* – Patrick Gale
- *The Nightingale* – Kristin Hannah
- *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* – Heather Morris
- The Ironbridge Saga – Molly Walton/Rebecca Mascull
- *The Storyteller’s War* – J C Corry
- *The Last Magdalene* – Donna D. Conrad

Lists for books that use setting well:

- Top 20 Historical Novels Inspired by True Events by Samuel Cole <https://backintimetoday.com/top-20-historical-novels-inspired-by-true-events/>
- Goodreads list: <https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/setting-driven>
- Fiction Fox: <https://www.thefictionfox.com/post/suspiciously-specific-6-books-where-setting-is-as-much-a-character-as-the-characters-themselves>
- “7 Short Story Collections That Draw From Setting to Build Characters” by Ada Zhang