

# conquer<sup>THE</sup> CRAFT

Welcome to **Conquer the Craft**, a DIY MFA writing challenge. For the next 29 days you will receive a prompt in your inbox so that by the end of the month, not only will you have built a regular writing habit, but you'll also have mastered the craft of fiction. If you haven't signed up for the challenge, do it now so you can receive the daily prompts *and* the link to our Challenge Headquarters page where we'll post updates and other goodies. Go to [DIYMFA.com/challenge](http://DIYMFA.com/challenge) to join.

## *The Prompts*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 1:</b> Letter to Your Future Self             | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 18:</b> "The _____ Guide to _____"      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 2:</b> Mood Music                             | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 19:</b> Trust Me...                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 3:</b> Hint Fiction                           | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 20:</b> Zoom In, Zoom Out               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 4:</b> Random Word Box                        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 21:</b> Unconventional Literary Devices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 5:</b> Morphological Forced Connections       | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 22:</b> Following in Their Words        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 6:</b> Ordinary Joe (or Jane)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 23:</b> Character as a Lens             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 7:</b> Larger-Than-Life Hero                  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 24:</b> Smelling the Sights             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 8:</b> Not Good, Not Bad, Just Misunderstood  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 25:</b> One-Sided Dialogue              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 9:</b> The Day-to-Day Villain                 | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 26:</b> Dialogue Without Words          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 10:</b> Liven Up a Group Scene                | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 27:</b> Fortune Cookie                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 11:</b> The Mentor's Secret                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 28:</b> Sketch Out a Larger Story       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 12:</b> The Fool                              | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 29:</b> Plan Your Next Steps            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 13:</b> Five Promises in the First Five Pages |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 14:</b> Famous Last Words                     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 15:</b> Learn the Landmarks                   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 16:</b> Play with Plot Archetypes             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 17:</b> Punch Things Up with Single Syllables |   |

## *Weekend Writing Sprint*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 30:</b> Weekend Writing Sprint - Day 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Day 31:</b> Weekend Writing Sprint - Day 2 |