



TIPS FOR MAKING YOUR BOOK THE BEST IT CAN BE

- Most writers will submit a manuscript to an agent or a publisher too soon
- Most manuscripts will get rejected
- These two facts are not unrelated
- You need to make your manuscript stand out from the crowd
- How do you achieve that? By making your manuscript the best it can be

WIP+ patience + hard work = finished novel

- Read your work aloud
- Make notes as you read
 - Is a particular character mentioned more than any other?
 - Is there an area of the plot that needs more clarity?
 - Does anything feel rushed or slow?
 - Do you have any holes in the plot?
 - Are all the strands of a plot tied up at the end?
 - Have you told the reader all that they need to know?
- Work through your notes to polish your manuscript
- Always run it through a spell checker and a grammar checker and do this after every revision to spot errors that may have slipped in
- Use beta readers to see whether your story is working in the way you intended it to
- Don't be afraid of feedback – fear is your enemy. Be brave!

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