



# **Brick by Brick**

## *How to Build Your Story*

**1) Character Building**

**2) World Building**

**3) Strong Opposition**

#### **4) Solid Structure (Save the Cat! Modified)**

- Opening Image
- Setup
- Catalyst
- Debate & Set Goal
- Fun & Games (Rising Action)
- Midpoint
- Bad Guys Close In (Strong Opposition)
- All is Lost
- Dark Night of the Soul
- Finale with Final Image

#### **5) Persuasive Message & Premise**

#### **6) Editing by Layers**

# Recommended Resources

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- *45 Master Characters: Mythic Models for Creating Original Characters*  
(Victoria Schmidt)
- 16personalities.com
- enneagramtest.net
- name-generator.org.uk
- *Between the Lines: Master the Subtle Elements of Fiction Writing*  
(Jessica Page Morrell)
- *Plot & Structure* (James Scott Bell)
- *Save the Cat! Writes a Novel* (Jessica Brody)
- *How to Grow a Novel* (Sol Stein)
- *Write Your Novel from the Middle* (James Scott Bell)
- *The Moral Premise* (Stanley D. Williams)
- *The 38 Most Common Fiction Mistake and How to Avoid Them* (Jack Bickham)
- *A Million Little Ways: Uncover the Art You Were Made to Live* (Emily Freeman)