Solving Problems in Plotting

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I. Plotting

- A. The contract with the reader
- B. Managing suspense
- C. The line of compulsion
- D. The nature of conflict
- E. Three approaches to plotting
- F. Plot structure
- G. Common mistakes in plotting

II. Exposition

- A. Storytelling as seduction
- B. How much should I tell?
- C. Where do I put it?
- D. Techniques of exposition

III. Flashbacks

- A. Using flashbacks
- B. Patterns in time