

A Few “Essential” Resources

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Websites:

- BibleGateway — <https://biblegateway.com> — The basic website is free and offers a searchable library of Bible translations. For a low monthly or annual fee, you can access tons of additional resources (as well as skip the ads).
- Chicago-Style Citation Quick Guide — *The Chicago Manual of Style* is the reference guide for the publishing industry. This link offers a “cheat sheet” for citations. https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html.
- Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary — <https://www.merriam-webster.com>
- Grammar Girl — <https://www.quickanddirtytips.com/grammar-girl> — Is it *lie* or *lay*? Grammar Girl knows!
- For rhyming help, check out Rhyme Zone (<https://www.rhymezone.com>) and Rhyme Desk (<https://www.rhymedesk.com>).
- Bible Hub — <https://biblehub.com> — Lets you dig deep into the original Hebrew and Greek.

Books:

- *The Chicago Manual of Style*, latest edition (currently the 17th edition)
- *The Christian Writer’s Manual of Style*, 4th edition (or latest edition)
- *Children’s Writer’s Word Book* by Alijandra Mogilner & Tayopa Mogilner

Other Helpful Blogs, Newsletters, and Websites:

- Christian Book Expo — <https://christianbookexpo.com> — Check out what’s selling in Christian publishing.
- Serious Writer Academy — <https://seriouswriteracademy.mykajabi.com> — This site offers a variety of online, recorded classes. Some are free; some require payment.
- Blue Ridge Mountains Christian Writers Conference — <https://www.blueridgeconference.com> — Subscribe to the blogs for helpful writing advice.

- The Write Conversation —<https://thewriteconversation.blogspot.com> — Subscribe to the blogs for helpful writing and marketing tips.
- Nonfiction Ninjas — <https://www.nonfiction-ninjas.com> — A helpful site for all things juvenile nonfiction.
- The Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators — <https://www.scbwi.org> — Check out the local chapters, conferences, and online resources. There is an annual membership fee.
- Steve Laube’s Website — <https://stevelaube.com> — Sign up for blog updates for lots of helpful writing tips and information.