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Editorial Review

From the Publisher

By following this 16-step program, any writer can fulfill the dream of completing a novel that is ready to submit to agents and editors. No matter what type of novel the reader wants to write -- western to romance to literary to fantasy -- this program will work. It breaks down the novel-writing process into small, manageable tasks that even the most inexperienced writers can achieve. Readers will learn how to find a hook, create a conflict, develop a protagonist and set her into motion.

Formerly an editor and now a successful literary agent, Marshall knows the marketplace. His expertise illuminates every subject, from insightful advice about choosing the right story to strategies for building that story with an eye toward publication. He includes plenty of diagrams, charts and section sheets to make following the program easier, and there's even a section with proven advice and information for writing effective query letters and submitting manuscripts for publication.

From the Author

In my work as a literary agent and in my writing seminars, I have used this program to help hundreds of writers achieve success. Beginning writers bursting with ideas but unsure how to turn them into novels have found guidance in this methodical, "left-brain" process. Published writers who always wrote "instinctively," discovering their novels as they went along, have used this method to diagnose and repair ailing manuscripts. In all cases, these writers have been rewarded with compliments from editors on the writers' mastery of their craft -- and with publication. I hope *The Marshall Plan for Novel Writing* does that for you.

From the Inside Flap

"You now have at your disposal the means of finishing not just one novel but many. The Marshall Plan is not the only way to write a novel, but this way works every time. Even if, as you advance in your writing career, you try new methods and new techniques, maybe judiciously break a few rules, this system will always be here to fall back on as a proven way to get those books finished." -- Evan Marshall

Never before has the complex craft of novel writing been explained in such clear, practical terms. Evan Marshall draws on his years of experience as a literary agent, editor and published novelist to perfect this methodical, effective approach to planning, plotting, writing -- and most importantly -- finishing a truly great novel.

In 16 basic steps, you'll learn to view novel writing in a new way. Rather than attempting to dive straight into writing, haphazardly trying to connect plot, characterization and other narrative elements as you go, you'll realize that successful novel writing is actually a linear, calculated process anyone can follow.

This plan works because it shows you how to map out your entire novel -- characters, subplots, conflicts and all -- before you write one chapter. Following *The Marshall Plan* you will:

-- Lay the groundwork for a solid novel by targeting a genre for your story idea and developing your narrative and characters around the unique conventions of your chosen genre

-- Use basic guidelines and "section sheets" to determine an ideal story length and plot your novel's events, including main and subordinate story lines, surprising twists and dramatic conclusions

-- Confidently write the novel you've plotted as you master viewpoint writing and discover techniques for

linking your novel's sections with seamless "connectors"

-- Create a compelling, readable pace by using the five fiction modes -- action, summary, dialogue, thoughts/feelings and background

-- Bulletproof your story and perfect your language with the Novelist's Manual for Self-Editing, a guide for editing and revising your completed manuscript

-- Successfully market your novel following Evan Marshall's expert instruction for creating a powerful synopsis, targeting the right agents and editors, and getting your work the full attention it deserves. He even includes a sample synopsis that actually led to a sale.

Throughout this hands-on guide, Marshall includes templates you can copy, easy-to-follow charts and end-of-chapter recaps that reinforce important points and help you stay focused.

More than a basic schematic, The Marshall Plan for Novel Writing is an inspiration. Follow its 16 steps to a completed novel you can be proud of.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

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