



Adding Sparkle (to your story) presented by Dorothy Henderson

Sparkle is the magic substance that adds life and colour to a story. It changes “the fox jumped the log” to “the spritely russet fox sprang over the gnarled log”.

Technological tools:

Digital storytellers can now add vim and vigour to a story by adding photographs, inserting video, audio, animation and stories have always had the capacity to be transformed into physical beings in the form of dance, play and, more recently, film.

Using words:

By using words, writers can paint pictures. Before there was Google, there was the dictionary. And the thesaurus. Also useful when searching for words to liven your writing are dictionaries of quotes, and maps and globes can help with place.

The Library of the Mind:

Our memory associates events, people and places with aromas, flavours, sensations, sounds and images from the past...recorded by our own noses, taste buds, finger-tips, ears and eyes. And stored on the hard rive that is our brain.

If we can recall these, we can create sentences and stories that tell our story in a way that brings it alive. By looking at photographs of places we are writing about, or that form part of memories, we can recall other details and bring scenes to life.

Include details that may seem insignificant: banging, clattering, screeching. Dust, dirt, mud. Passers-by in scenes you are retelling. Music that played in the background. Paintings that hung on walls. Dogs that lay on the floor. Dialogue, the spoken word. Quotes from poems or songs you heard. Snapshots and details of the time you write about. These are the ingredients of a good story.

Writing resources.

The Secret to Writing Stronger Feature Articles

<https://www.writersdigest.com/write-better-nonfiction/the-secret-to-writing-stronger-feature-articles>.

ThoughtCo. All About Writing Feature Stories.

<https://www.thoughtco.com/all-about-writing-feature-stories-2074355>.

How to Write a Memoir: 7 Creative Ways to Tell a Powerful Story

<https://thewritelife.com/how-to-write-a-memoir/>.

The Naked Truth: How to Write a Memoir.

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2019/dec/14/the-naked-truth-how-to-write-a-memoir>.

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