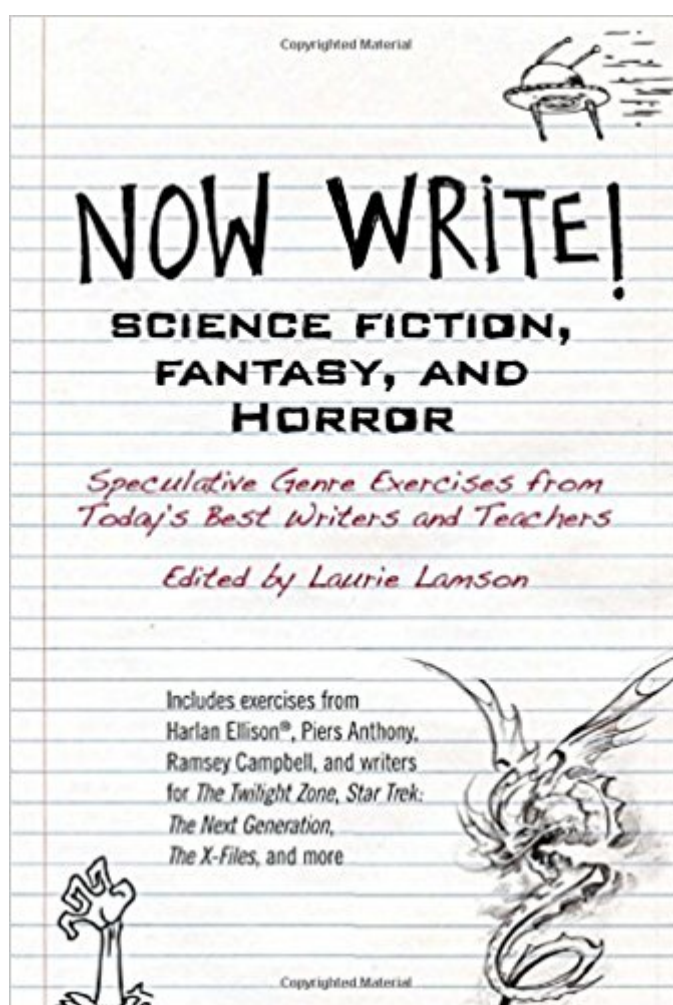


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# Now Write! Science Fiction, Fantasy And Horror: Speculative Genre Exercises From Today's Best Writers And Teachers



## Synopsis

Featuring speculative fiction-writing exercises from Harlan Ellison (R), Piers Anthony, Ramsey Campbell, Jack Ketchum, screenwriters of *The Twilight Zone* and *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, and many more. The fifth volume in the acclaimed *Now Write!* writing-guide series offers a full toolbox of advice and exercises for speculative fiction writers hoping to craft an engaging alternate reality, flesh out an enthralling fantasy quest, or dream up a bloodcurdling plot twist, including:

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- Jack Ketchum, on how economy of language helps create a truly frightening tale
- Piers Anthony, on making fantastical characters feel genuine and relatable

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"Whether you're looking to write the next HUNGER GAMES or conceptualize the next installment of AMERICAN HORROR STORY, the newest NOW WRITE! installment will set you on the path to meeting your goal."--Renee C. Fountain, New York Journal of Books

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