

Elementary, My Dear Watson
(Basic Elements of Good Writing)
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Recommended reading:

- LDS Storymakers: Writing Secrets*, Compilation, LDStorymakers, Inc. 2005
LDS Storymakers: Publishing Secrets, Compilation, LDStorymakers, Inc. 2004
The Elements of Style, William Strunk, Jr. and E. B. White, The MacMillan Company, 1982 etc.
Eats, Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation, Lynne Truss, Gotham Books, 2003
Writers, Inc: A Guide to Writing, Thinking & Learning, Patrick Sebranek, et. al., Write Source Educational Publishing House, 1990
One Way to Write Your Novel: A Step-by-Step Method for Putting Your Unwritten Novel on the Road to Publication, Dick Perry, Writer's Digest Books, 1969
Secrets of Successful Fiction, Robert Newton Peck, Writer's Digest Books, 1980
Writing the Novel: From Plot to Print, Lawrence Block, Writer's Digest Books, 1985
Characters and Viewpoint, Orson Scott Card, Elements of Fiction Writing series, Writer's Digest Books, 1999
Fiction is Folks: How to Create Unforgettable Characters, Robert Newton Peck, Writer's Digest Books, 1983
Steal This Plot: A Writer's Guide to Story Structure and Plagiarism, June and William Noble, Paul S. Eriksson, Publisher, 1985
20 Master Plots (and How to Build Them), Ronald B. Tobias, Writer's Digest Books, 1993
No Plot? No Problem: a Low-Stress, High Velocity Guide to Writing a Novel in 30 Days, Chris Baty, Chronicle Books, 2004
A Writer's Guide to Research, Lois Horowitz, Writer's Basic Bookshelf series, Writer's Digest Books, 1986
30 Steps to Becoming a Writer and Getting Published: The complete starter kit for aspiring writers, Scott Edelstein, Writer's Digest Books, 1993

Online resources:

- Uncle Orson's Writing Class*, Orson Scott Card,
<http://www.hatrack.com/writingclass/index.shtml>
The Snowflake Method for Writing a Novel, Randy Ingermanson,
<http://www.advancedfictionwriting.com/art/snowflake.php>
Write101.com, Jennifer Stewart, <http://www.write101.com>
Writing on the Wall Blog – Five Editors and You, <http://writingonthewall.blogspot.com>
Six LDS Writers & a Frog Blog, <http://sixldswriters.blogspot.com>
LDS Publisher Blog, <http://ldspublisher.blogspot.com>