



**Title:** Novel Shortcuts: Ten Techniques That Ensure a Great First Draft

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**Description:**

The key to successfully starting and finishing that first draft is to get it down on paper on fast. *Novel Shortcuts* provides you with a unique take on speed depth in fiction writing, showing you how to quickly write a first draft thats also rich and engrossing (its really possible!).

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