Erotica Writing Masterclass

Resources

NOTE: This list is updated regularly! Check it often and if you have a resource you want listed, send me a message and I’ll update it right away!

**Software:**

Scrivener – Manuscript and book writing software of the pros.

<https://www.literatureandlatte.com/>

**Self-publishing:**

[Kindle Direct Publishing](https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/help/topic/G200634280)

[KDP Tools and Resources](https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/help/topic/G200735480)

[KDP Formatting Guide](https://kdp.amazon.com/en_US/help/topic/G200645680)

**Writer’s Toolbox:**

Totally Bound’s Erotic Romance Glossary

<https://www.pride-publishing.com/blog/erotic-romance-glossary>

**Get your groove on – Great places to get new inspiration and read some amazing stories**

[Fanfiction.net](http://fanfiction.net/) – Offers a wide range of mature stories based on popular books, TV shows, movies, with genres ranging from cross-overs to alternate universe of all lengths.

The Romance Times Book Reviews - <https://www.rtbookreviews.com/>

**Recommended reading:**

* [*How To Write a Dirty Story*](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0743226232) (Susie Bright)
* [*Lady Chatterley’s Lover*](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0141441496) (D.H. Lawrence)
* [*Delta of Venus*](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0156029030) (Anais Nin)
* [*The Pearl*](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0345410041) (by Anonymous)
* [*The Story of O*](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/1562010352) (Pauline Reage)
* [*Justine, Philosophy In The Bedroom and Other Writings*](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0802132189) (Marquis de Sade)
* [*The Happy Hooker*](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0060014164) (Xaviera Hollander)
* [*Fear of Flying*](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0451209435) (Erica Jong)
* [*Tropic of Cancer*](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0802131786) and [*Tropic of Capricorn*](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0802151825) (Henry Miller)
* [*Sleeping Beauty Trilogy*](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0452156610) (Anne Rice as A.N. Roquelaure)
* [*Belinda*](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0425176657) (Anne Rice as Anne Rampling)
* [*Grimm’s Fairy Tales*](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0394709306)

**Anthologies and collections:**

* [Herotica](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0940208253) series
* [Best American Erotica](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0743289633) series
* [Best Women’s Erotica](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/1573442992) series
* [Best Bisexual Women’s Erotica](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/1573443204) series
* [Best Lesbian Erotica](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/157344300X) series
* [Best Gay Erotica](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/1573443018) series
* [Mammoth Book of Best New Erotica](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0786720751) series
* [Flesh and The Word](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0452272521) series
* [Nerve: Literate Smut](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0767902572)

**Websites that offer must-subscribe newsletters:**

* [Erotica Readers & Writers Association](http://www.erotica-readers.com/) (ERWA provides links, calls for submissions, even an e-mail discussion list for critique of your work).
* [*Clean Sheets*](http://www.cleansheets.com/) (Clean Sheets is one of the most prestigious online venues for publishing erotica)

**Books About Writing Erotica**

* [*Conflicting Desires: Notes on the Craft of Writing Erotic Stories*](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/1905605129) (Han Li Thorn)
* [*The Joy of Writing Sex: A Guide for Fiction Writers*](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/0805069933) (Elizabeth Benedict)
* [*The Burning Pen: Sex Writers on Sex Writing*](http://astore.amazon.com/toasted-cheese-20/detail/1555836151) (M. Christian, Ed.)

<https://thejohnfox.com/sex-scenes-in-books/>

**Erotica Publishers**

[**Blushing Books**](http://www.blushingbooks.com)  
Pays Royalties  
Pays an advance

[**Bold Strokes Books, Inc**](http://www.boldstrokesbooks.com)  
Publishes trade paperback originals and reprints, electronic originals and reprints.  
Sliding scale based on sales volume and format  
Pays an advance  
Needs: Erotic and Romance

[**Cedar Fort, Inc**](http://www.cedarfort.com/)  
Publishes hardcover, trade paperback originals and reprints, mass market paperback and electronic reprints.  
Pays 10-12% royalty on wholesale price.  
Pays $2,000-50,000 advance.  
Needs: Romance

[**CHAMPAGNE ROSE PRESS**](https://www.thewildrosepress.com/)

Publishes paperback originals, reprints, and e-books in a POD format.  
Pays royalty of 7% minimum, 35% maximum.  
Pays an advance  
Needs: Erotica and Romance

[**Crescent Moon Publishing**](http://www.crescentmoon.org.uk/)

Publishes hardcover and trade paperback originals.  
Pays royalties  
Pays negotiable advance.  
Needs: Erotica

**[Cobblestone Press](http://www.cobblestone-press.com/)**

Publishes ebooks.  
Pays royalties  
Needs: Erotica – ALL genres

[**Dragon Moon Press**](http://www.dragonmoonpress.com)  
Pays royalties  
Pays an Advance  
Needs: Romance

[**Egmont USA**](http://www.egmontusa.com)  
Pays an advance

[**Fantastic Book Publishing**](https://www.fantasticbookspublishing.com/)  
Publishes trade paperback, electronic originals, and audiobooks  
Pays 40-100% on wholesale price  
No advance.  
Needs: Erotica and Romance

[**HARRINGTON & HARRINGTON PRESS**](http://www.harringtonandharrington.com/)

Publishes trade paperback originals.  
Pays 10-15% royalties on retail price.  
Offers an advance between $100-1,000  
Needs: Romance

[**Harlequin BOOKS**](http://harlequin.com/)  
Publishes hardcover, trade paperback, and mass market paperback originals.  
Pays royalty  
Pays advance  
Needs: Romance

[**Imajinn Books**](http://www.imajinnbooks.com/)  
Pays Royalties  
Pays an advance

[**KENSINGTON PUBLISHING CORP**.](http://www.kensingtonbooks.com/)  
Publishes hardcover and trade paperback originals, mass market paperback originals and reprints  
Pays 6-15% royalty on retail price. Makes outright purchase  
Pays $2,000 and up advance  
Needs: Romance

[**MARTIN SISTERS PUBLISHING, LLC**](http://www.martinsisterspublishing.com/)   
Firm/imprint publishes trade and mass market paperback originals, electronic originals  
Pays 7.5% royalty/max on retail price  
No advance offered  
Needs: Romance

[**MEDALLION MEDIA GROUP**](https://medallionmediagroup.com/)  
Publishes trade paperback, hardcover, e-book originals, book apps, and TREEbook™.  
Offers advance.  
Needs: Romance

[**MELANGE BOOKS, LLC**](http://www.melange-books.com/)

Publishes trade paperback originals and electronic originals.  
Authors receive a minimum of 20% royalty on print sales, 40% on electronic book sales.  
Does not offer an advance  
Needs: Erotica and Romance

[**NEW AMERICAN LIBRARY**](https://www.penguinputnam.com/)  
Publishes mass market and trade paperback originals and reprints  
Pays negotiable royalty  
Pays negotiable advance  
Needs: Erotica and Romance

[**OAK TREE PRESS**](http://www.oaktreebooks.com/)  
Publishes trade paperback and hardcover books.  
Royalties based on sales  
No advance  
Needs: Romance

[**Parker Publishing**](http://www.parker-publishing.com)  
Pays Royalties  
Pays an Advance

[**Ravenous Romance**](http://www.ravenousromance.com)  
Pays an Advance

[**RED SAGE PUBLISHING, INC**.](http://www.eredsage.com/)  
Pays advance.

[**SEVERN HOUSE PUBLISHERS**](https://www.severnhouse.com/)  
Publishes hardcover and trade paperback originals and reprints  
Pays 7 1/2-15% royalty on retail price.  
Pays $750-5,000 advance  
Needs: Romance

[**SILHOUETTE BOOKS**](http://www.eharlequin.com/)  
Publishes mass market paperback originals  
Pays royalty  
Pays advance.  
Needs: Romance and Contemporary Romance

[**SOFT SKULL PRESS INC.**](http://www.softskull.com/)  
Publishes hardcover and trade paperback originals.  
Pays 7-10% royalty.  
Average advance: $100-15,000  
Needs: Erotica

[**Sourcebooks, Inc**](http://www.sourcebooks.com)  
Pays Royalties  
Pays an Advance

**[Totally Bound](https://www.totallybound.com/)**

Publishes ebooks.  
Pays commissions and royalties  
Needs: All genres of erotica

[**TOP PUBLICATIONS, LTD**](https://www.toppub.com/)**.**

Publishes hardcover and paperback originals.  
Pays 15% royalty on wholesale price  
Pays $250-$1,000 advance  
Needs: Romance

[**Ulysses Press**](https://www.ulyssespress.com)  
Pays an Advance