



# WRITER'S TOOLKIT

TOP 7 TECH TOOLS FOR WRITING BETTER BOOKS (5 OF THEM ARE FREE!)

Tool	Best for...	Description	Cost
<a href="#">Writing Progress Spreadsheet</a> , by Jamie Raintree	Motivation	Tracks daily word counts  Graphs monthly progress	Free with email subscription to Jamie's newsletter
<a href="#">Google Docs app</a>	Brainstorming and planning  Collaborative, real-time writing  File sharing and storage	Write with other writers in real-time  Best for short pieces of writing, such as blog posts and articles	Free with Google account
<a href="#">Jutoh</a>	Ebook formatting	Export a file from Microsoft Word and create mobi and epub formats	\$40 USD
<a href="#">Scrivener</a>	Organizing a book-length work  Keeping research notes with your manuscript	Excels at helping you untangle plot lines and rearrange sections  Tracks your word count  Does a passable job of converting a manuscript to ebook file formats	\$40 USD



<p><a href="#">Microsoft Word</a> (Windows and Mac)</p>	<p>Writing</p> <p>Editing and clean-up tasks</p> <p>Creating Ebook covers</p>	<p>Nearly a do-everything publishing tool</p> <p>Word's Find and Replace function, Wildcard function, and macro capabilities enable you to automate many editing tasks</p> <p>Word's design tools can help you create ebook covers</p>	<p>Monthly subscription</p> <p>Tip: Older versions of Word may be less expensive. Buy a version with macro capabilities.</p>
<p>Intelligent Editing <a href="#">Abbreviation List and Consistency Checker</a> Add-ons</p>	<p>Proofreading nonfiction</p>	<p>Works with Google Drive</p> <p>Checks for consistent use of hyphens and abbreviations</p>	<p>Free with Google account and Google Docs Access</p> <p>Click on the Add-ons menu in Google Docs to install</p>
<p><a href="#">Send-to-Kindle</a> email address or plug-in</p>	<p>Beta reading</p> <p>Proofreading</p>	<p>Send a manuscript to a tablet, smartphone or e-reader for beta reading or proofreading</p>	<p>Free with Amazon account</p>

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