ABOUT THE BOOK

Do your characters fail to bring your story to life? Are they flat, boring or have no depth? Is your story lacking a little cohesion or sparkle?

In 8 Steps to Side Characters, you’ll discover:

- A step-by-step guide for creating side characters that bring your story alive
- The main types of side characters and what you should do with them
- The key to crafting character depth that hooks readers
- How to harness your character’s voice to deepen your reader’s experience
- Tips and tricks for using details to enhance characterization
- Methods for killing characters that will help deepen plot, theme and story
- Dozens of ideas for creating conflict with your side characters
- Tactics for differentiating characters and making them feel real to your reader
- Character archetypes and functions
- The most common pitfalls and mistakes to avoid

8 Steps to Side Characters is a comprehensive writing guide that will help you create the side characters your story needs. This book is packed with tips and tricks for polishing characters for writers at any level. If you want to power up your characters, eliminate dull and lifeless archetypes, and perfect your characterization, this is the book for you. By the end of this book, you’ll know how to strengthen your characters to give your story, prose and plot the extra something special it needs to capture a readers and fans for life.

If you like dark humor, learning through examples and want to create better side characters, then you’ll love Sacha Black’s guide to crafting supporting roles with intention, purpose, and power. Read 8 Steps to Side Characters today and start creating kick-ass stories.
Sacha Black is an author, rebel podcaster and speaker.

She has five obsessions; words, expensive shoes, conspiracy theories, self-improvement, and breaking the rules.

Sacha writes books about people with magical powers and other books about the art of writing. When she’s not writing, she can be found laughing inappropriately loud, sniffing musty old books, fangirling film and TV soundtracks, or thinking up new ways to break the rules.

She lives in Hertfordshire, England, with her wife and genius, giant of a son.

Below are a few topics Sacha would be happy to speak about, should you wish to interview her.

**Writing craft** including villains, heroes, protagonist and antagonists, improving prose, side characters, reading and deconstructing to learn.

**How to leave your job for a creative business** including establishing a business, multiple streams of income, financial security, a balance of passive and active income and a plan for scaling your business.

**How to create a business around your book** a book isn’t just one product. You can turn your books into multiple formats, your nonfiction into workbooks and use your authority to become an expert in your field and gain speaking gigs. You can produce merchandise, sell translation rights and more. Writing ‘The End’ isn’t the end for your business.

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"Another edgy, witty guide by Sacha Black. With her distinctive writing style, Black explores side characters, giving writers the knowledge to create each character in a balanced and fascinating way. Black writes non-fiction you can’t put the book down. This is the ultimate guide to side characters."

KRISTINA STANLEY, CEO OF FICTIONARY.CO

"8 Steps to Side Characters is a hilarious and informative writing craft book that breathes life into the important role that side characters fill. This is a must-read for any fiction author."

KATLYN DUNCAN, NONFICTION AUTHOR OF TAKE BACK YOUR BOOK
Published in May 2017, this book is an Amazon category best seller for writers with more than 150 reviews across Amazon and Goodreads.

This a comprehensive writing guide to help you create superbad villains. Whether you’re just starting out or are a seasoned writer, this book will help power up your bad guy and give them that extra edge.

In 13 Steps to Evil, you’ll discover: how to develop a villain’s mindset, a step-by-step guide to creating your villain from the ground up, why getting to the core of a villain’s personality is essential to make them credible, what pitfalls and clichés to avoid as well as the tropes your story needs.

Sprinkled with dark humor and a lot of learning through examples to help you create the best villains you can.

Published in January 2019, this book is an Amazon category best seller for writers.

Like 13 Steps to Evil, this a comprehensive writing guide to help you create your perfect protagonist. Whether you’re writing your first story or you’re a professional writer, this book will help supercharge your hero and give them that extra edge.

In 10 Steps To Hero, you’ll discover: how to develop a killer character arc, a step-by-step guide to creating your hero from initial concept to final page, why the web of story connectivity is essential to crafting a hero that will hook readers, the four major pitfalls to avoid as well as the tropes your story needs.

Sprinkled with dark humor and a lot of learning through examples to help you create the best heroes you can.
Published in May 2020, this book is an Amazon category best seller for writers with more than 300 reviews across Amazon and Goodreads.

This a comprehensive writing guide to help you improve your sentence level craft. This book will help you create better characterization at the sentence level, enrich your descriptions and polish up your prose.

In The Anatomy of Prose, you’ll discover: A step-by-step guide to creating descriptions that sing, the key to crafting character emotions that hook readers, how to harness the senses to make your stories come alive, tips for balancing details at the sentence level, methods for strengthening each sentence through strategic word choice, rhythm and flow, tactics for differentiating characters in dialogue as well as making it punchy and unforgettable.

Also by Sacha Black

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