RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FROM COLLEEN WERTHMANN

BOOKS

- AND HERE’S THE KICKER: Conversations with 21 Top Humor Writers on Their Craft by Mike Sacks - Anthology of interviews with comedy writers in many different genres
- POKING A DEAD FROG: Conversations with Today’s Top Comedy Writers by Mike Sacks - A follow-up including interviews with Mike Schur, Adam McKay, Amy Poehler, Mel Brooks, Paul F. Tompkins and many others.
- THE STENCH OF HONOLULU: A TROPICAL ADVENTURE by Jack Handey - A novel so insanely funny it makes you laugh and smile until your face and body hurt. A sheer delight from the mind behind “Deep Thoughts.”
- THE SHOWRUNNERS: A SEASON INSIDE THE BILLION-DOLLAR, DEATH-DEFYING, MADCAP WORLD OF TELEVISION’S REAL STARS by David Wild - Published well before the arrival of so-called “Peak TV,” this is a fascinating peek behind the curtain into some huge, legendary shows.

PODCASTS, MEDIA & WEBSITES

- The Official Blog of the Fiction Writer Matt Debenham - In the tab “Post Topics” Matt’s helpful recurring features include “Let’s Steal From This!”, “Ask a Semi-Pro,” and “Writing Is Hard.” He’s passionate about craft and what works in writing, from creating compelling characters to thinking about what you watch and read.
- On Writing, a podcast from Writers Guild of America East - In-depth discussions about craft, careers, and projects with film and TV writers. Hosted by Kaitlin Fontana.
- Scriptnotes, a podcast from John August (BIG FISH, CHARLIE’S ANGELS) and Craig Mazin (“Chernobyl,” THE HANGOVER) - Conversations with big-name film and tv writers. Lots of fun, and approached with a lot of imagination and playfulness.
- 10 Great Websites for Downloading Movie Scripts, and 50 Best TV Scripts to Read and Download for Free (Script Reader Pro) - Don’t even bother trying to write screenplays without reading screenplays and TV scripts
- The But/Therefore Rule: One Simple Rule for Structuring Your Script - South Park’s rule for a tight, well-formed screenplay. Note: The entire LA Screenwriter website is well worth checking out.
- 100 Word Story - A fun challenge inviting users to submit stories that are exactly 100 words long, either based on a photo posted on the site, or writer’s choice.
- I Has a Bucket - Just click on it.
MOVIE SUBSCRIPTIONS
- **Criterion Channel** - the best, most enduring/innovative/aesthetically special films
- **Sundance Now** - indie and arthouse films, searchable by genre
- **MHz Choice** - foreign mystery/detective/thriller TV shows, some comedies
- **IFC** - indie movies and shows, lots of comedies
- British shows and movies: [Acorn](#), [BritBox](#), and [BBC America](#)

CO//AB VIDEOS on SCREENWRITING
- [Case Study: THE KITCHEN](#) with Writer/Director Andrea Berloff
- Screenwriter Liz Hannah on THE POST
- The Art & Craft of Screenwriting with Scott Frank
- Telling Stories Across Mediums with Michael Showalter & More
- A Day in the Life of a Screenwriter