

How Genre Fiction Writers Can Benefit From Literary Fiction

This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:
[What is Literary Fiction?](#)

Here are six ways you can benefit from literary fiction:

1. Learn to elevate your prose

Pay greater attention to the mechanics of your storytelling. Use more inventive, symbolic, and lyrical prose to tell your story.

2. Avoids cliches

Although you have to stick to the standards of your genre, don't be afraid to break out from the overused and the cliché.

3. Don't rely solely on the plot to push the story forward

Give your characters greater agency in the story. Instead of forcing them to act, give them the opportunity to act on their own.

4. Don't be afraid to challenge the standards

Instead of following the standard formula in your genre, consider different ways to push the boundaries. How can you tweak different elements of your story to make it fresh for your readers?

5. Learn to define your characters

The plot shouldn't be the only thing about your story that's exciting. The inner growth of your characters should also be worth the read.

6. Consider more realistic endings

Not every story needs a happy or tidy ending. Life can be messy and that should be reflected in your storytelling, too. Think about what happens after the fairytale ending and end there instead.