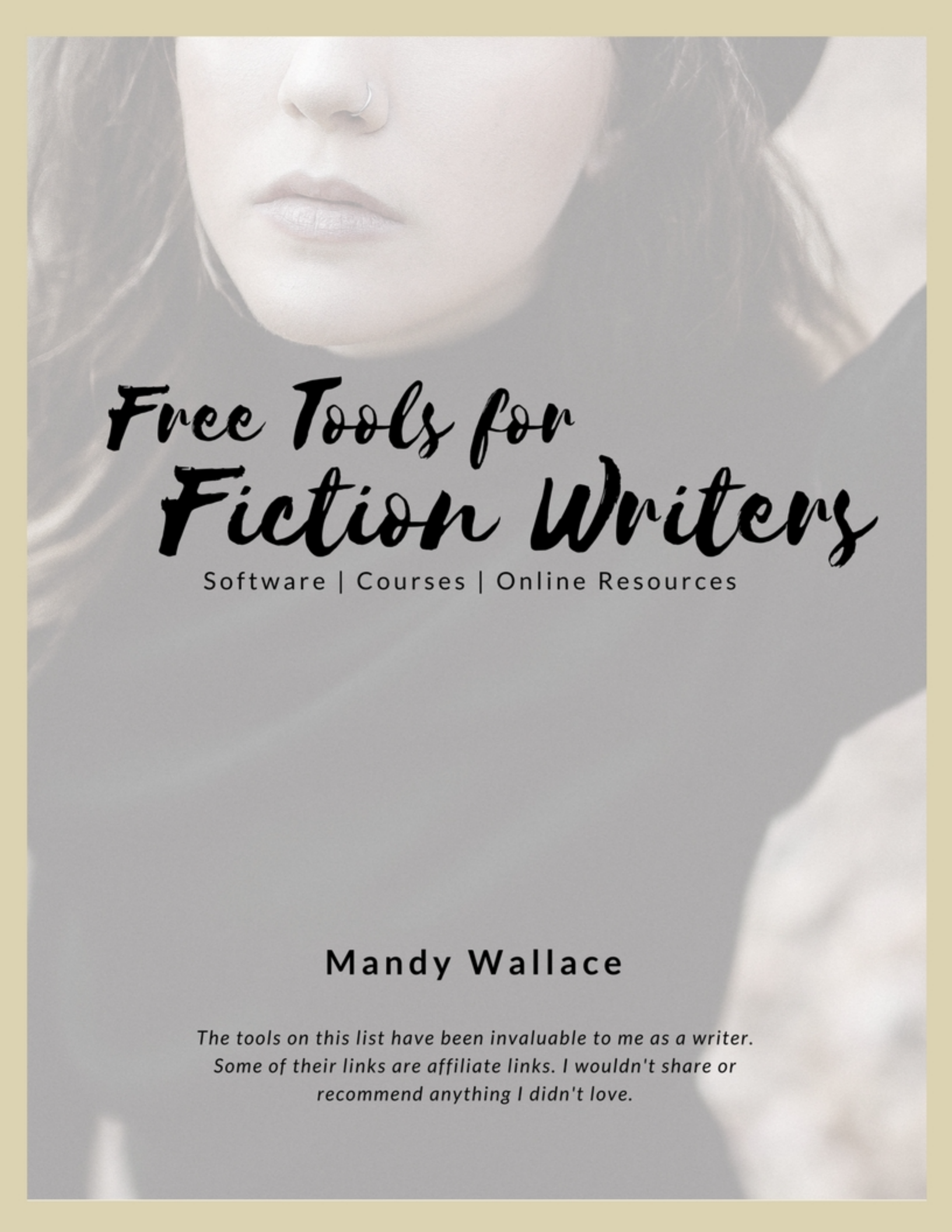# Free Tools for Fiction Writers

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The tools on this list have been invaluable to me as a writer. Some of their links are affiliate links. I wouldn't share or recommend anything I didn't love.

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Evernote captures story ideas and drafts on the go.

Audiosparx gets you in the mood to write emotional scenes. (Which emotion do you want to evoke in your scene? There's a track for it to inspire you, and you can literally search this database by mood.)

The **Pomodoro Technique** breaks through writers block, twenty-five minutes at a time.

Roomsketcher (get the free option) makes it easier to create and visualize the spaces your characters inhabit. Design your space, then keep it open while you write for more realistic settings.

Write better with these **free, online courses in writing and literature** from the International Writing Program at University of Iowa.

Find that word that's on the tip of your tongue with **OneLook**, the reverse dictionary.

Grammarly highlights your spelling and grammar mistakes and suggests fixes. Important when you want to break the rules of writing purposefully.

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Create characters as complex and realistic as you are with this psychological tool in the **MBTI for Writers** series.

Organize your character and setting research or get new story ideas with **Pinterest**. (Follow **my writing boards** for easy tips while you're there.)

Write historically accurate novels and dialogue with **Google Books Ngram Viewer**. Type in a word or phrase and Ngram will compare books from across the centuries to map when exactly that word was in use, and how often.

oTranscribe saves you the time and hassle of manually transcribing interviews. Helpful for any fiction and nonfiction writer who includes talking to actual humans as part of their research ;)

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Enhance your focus with **Coffitivity**. It funnels just the right amount of ambient noise into your writing space. And it's scientifically proven to get you in the flow.

Hemingway Editor highlights passive voice, adverbs, and hard to read sentences, so you can write more like Papa —clean, forceful, and to the point.

Strunk & White's Elements of Style covers the basic writing rules you've always wondered about. Because you've got to know the rules if you want to break them. Grab the **hard copy here**.

Thesaurus entries—not just for synonyms but for story and thematic connection ideas too.

Visualize your story ideas and plot structure with **Mindmup**, a free mind-mapping software.

Write more potent prose and eliminate cliches with **Cliche Finder**.