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## ***The Creative Compass: Writing Your Way from Inspiration to Publication***

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Foreword by Terry Brooks**

Built around five universal stages of creativity, *The Creative Compass* is a guidebook for writers, artists, and innovators, anyone seeking to tell good stories and to share them with a wider audience. These stages capture the realities of the writer's experience and the writing trade as they direct readers along a clear path from inspiration to publication. *The Creative Compass* is also a unique collaboration between a father and daughter, bestselling personal development author Dan Millman and his daughter Sierra Prasada, an author and freelance journalist. The book draws on their combined experience in fiction, nonfiction, journalism, theater, and film adaptation.

Writers can look to the five stages as a map and also as a constructive metaphor for life. Awareness of these stages equips them to navigate challenges and take advantage of opportunities they might not have previously recognized, on and off the page.

- **The Dream** stage draws forth a “sticky” idea that calls the writer on a quest.
- **The Draft** stage comprises multiple layers of writing that together form the first draft.
- **The Develop** stage begins an arduous process of cutting and shaping, so that each paragraph and sentence anchors a continuous series of resonant ideas and necessary exposition — the golden thread of a story that will transport readers.
- **The Refine** stage involves readers and editors, who reduce the text down to an essence in which every word counts and the inevitable (the right word) replaces the arbitrary (the almost right word).
- **The Share** stage deals with the choices confronting the writer who has completed a manuscript and seeks to connect with readers.

Dan Millman and Sierra Prasada's collaboration represents the culmination of a two-decade conversation about creativity, process, and craft. Dan and Sierra write from the conviction that what they share can enrich each reader's writing practice and strengthen the rich symbiosis between art and life.

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