

Novelist's Boot Camp

Take Command of Your Novel!



Battle Plan Foxtrot

From **Editing and Proofreading**

**PERFORM HIGH VALUE
TARGET EDITING
TAKE CARE OF THE
TROOPS**

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Drills: 96-98**

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Editing & proofreading

Editing – sentence by sentence work

Proofreading – no longer an improvement, now a search for errors

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Seven grammar gotchas

Run on sentences

Comma splices

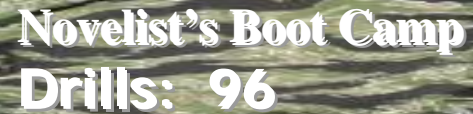
Subject-verb agreement

Faulty pronoun reference

Faulty parallelism

Faulty verb tense shifts

Misplaced and dangling modifiers



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CLOSE TO
HOME
T. A. STONE



NO PLACE
LIKE HOME
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Some examples

He went to stand in line for his buddies and the line was really long and he saw her but she wouldn't speak to him and he was hungry and he was angry and so he waited some more and then he finally ended the run on sentence.



Some more

Henrietta loaded her car, soon she was on the road.

Be sure that your shirt and pants is clean.

A student is encouraged to express their creativity.

She wanted expensive clothes, to race fast cars, and to eat.

Just as Sam started the car, the cat jumps on the garden gnome and knocks it over.

The wizard stood seven feet tall with a long beard weighing over three hundred pounds.



Battle Plan Golf

From Staying Battle Ready

**Take care of
the troops**

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On maintaining motivation

Motivation and confidence come from:

- **Commitment**
- **Competence**
- **Consistent progress**
- **Control**
- **Celebration**

For many, the toughest time is in drafting



Your plan for success



1. **Battle Plan Alpha:** Mental Preparation and Mission Planning
2. **Battle Plan Bravo:** Invention
3. **Battle Plan Charlie:** Development
4. **Battle Plan Delta:** Drafting
5. **Battle Plan Echo:** Revision and Rewriting
6. **Battle Plan Foxtrot:** Editing and Proofreading
7. **Battle Plan Golf:** Staying Battle Ready



Graduation

Please print your name on the sheet of paper for our drawing

Please print and sign your name on the release form

Please assemble outside for our graduation ceremony

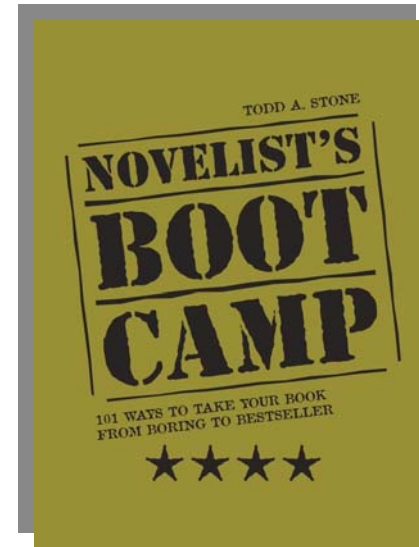
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