# Tarot Spreads for Writers

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#### Simple Three-Card Spread

Lots of your writing life questions can be answered with this simple spread.

1. Recent Background

This card represents your recent past energy surrounding the writing problem.

2. Your Writing Problem

This card represents your current energy around your writing or life problem.

3. Likely Outcome with Current Energy

This card represents the most likely outcome if the energy continues as is.

#### Tips for Beginners

- 1. **Start with a deck that's based on traditional Tarot symbolism.** I recommend the Rider-Waite deck, but another good one is the Radiant Wise Spirit Tarot. You can move onto decks with variant symbolism once you have built a relationship to the cards.
- 2. **Clear your cards.** I recommend clearing the energy of any new decks you buy, and then clearing them from time to time as a regular practice. There's a video on my YouTube channel about how to do this.
- 3. **Get to know your cards.** Buy a journal. Pull one card each day. Read the meaning in the book that came with your deck. Study the card and its symbolism. Write in your journal for just a few minutes about the card. Notice if any cards trigger you. Those triggers should be addressed before you read for others.
- 4. **Read for yourself once a week or so (not more).** Take notes in your journal about any synchronicities or a-ha moments about the accuracy or inaccuracy of your readings. Reading too often can cause some people to become overly attached to the cards and give away their power to readings. That's a no-no.

#### Self-Sabotage Be Gone Spread

Use this six-card spread for when you can't get out of your own way.

1. Recent Background

This is the recent past that has led you to this current situation.

What You're

**Not Seeing** 

2. Your Current Situation or Challenge

This is your question or the problem you're needing help with.

5. Your Strength That Pulls You Through

This is something you're not seeing or admitting to yourself. It could be hidden, or just in your blindspot.

Your Higher Power is reminding you to let this strength lead you if you're feeling disempowered.

3. Likely Outcome with Current Energy

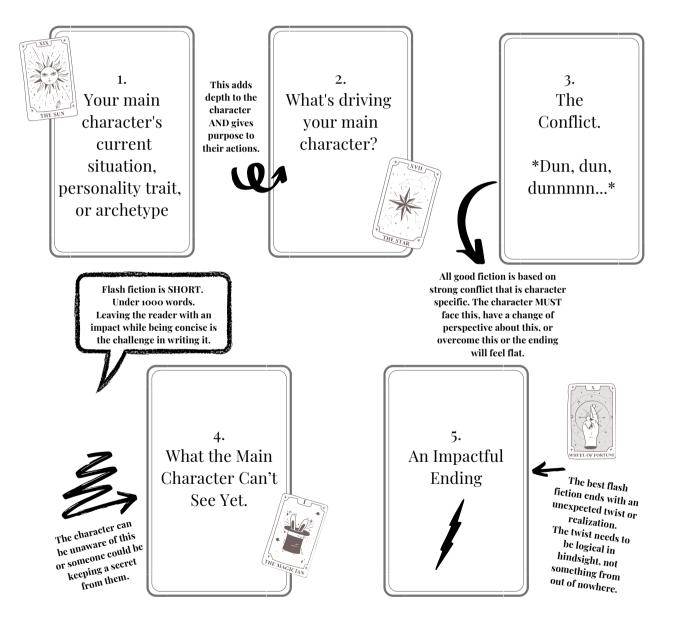
This is where the current energy could take you if things continue along the same path.

6.
Guidance
For Moving
Forward

Guidance should steer you in an empowered direction. Make healthy choices. Don't give away your power.

#### Flash Fiction Prompt

Allow yourself to play and use this spread to inspire a piece of flash fiction.



#### Character Arc Spread

Let your Tarot cards plan your character arcs for you. (Just for fun!)

What your character wants most at the start of the story. (Or at least what they think they want.)

What drives vour character? Why do they want what they want?

The Problem. What or who is in their way? Why can't they have what they want?

An emotional wound (probably from childhood) that crops up when they're challenged.

Hint: the story problem is definitely going to force them to face both of these things in some way, directory or indirectly.

These things

might be

related... just

saying...

5. Their fatal flaw. How they sabotage themselves every time.

aware of this but it's more 6. fun if they have to discover it about themselves while they're failing!!

These things

might ALSO

be related

somehow.

They can be

Their greatest strength that always gets them through.

Someone they meet along the way who helps them see that they need to step into their power.

A guide, a best friend, a lover, or even a foe can provide the perfect mirror for our nain character to see themselves more clearly.

8. The darkest moment when all seems lost and the character has to grow or fail (or die...yikes).

You'll need to organically wrap up the story, this part can't be out in left field. But you can pull a card and see if it gives you any ideas.

9. How the character solves the problem, triumphs, or justice is served.