

SETTINGS - HOW TO MAKE YOUR STORY UNPUTDOWNABLE

The process of creating mood and details



WHAT IS SETTING?

It is time and geographic location in the narrative that aims at creating a backdrop and adding mood to the story.



HOW TO ESTABLISH THE SETTING

Describe the scene using the 5W rule:

1. Where did it happen?
2. When did it happen?
3. What weather or climate?
4. Who were there?
5. Which details make it more clear



USE ALL 5 SENSES

1. Taste
2. Smell
3. Sight
4. Touch
5. Sound



WHY IS SETTING IMPORTANT

It gives your plot a clear and methodical direction. It also helps building the characters. It becomes easier for the reader to identify himself with the story and its characters.



HOW TO IMPLEMENT?

The 1-rule for creating perfect settings for any story is similar to the “inverted triangle” technique - you go from broad to narrow.



SHOW, DON'T TELL

Be more vivid and visceral with your narration. Don't say 'He was happy', instead describe his giggles, smiles, and how his eyes shone when he was excited.