

Good kick-off blogs for writers and illustrators

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Research resources — blog directories

<http://www.technorati.com> <http://www.bloghub.com> <http://dir.blogflux.com>

Blogging Agents

Miss Snark (good basic info. She's now "retired" and unveiled as Janet Reid, but there's lots of good stuff in the archives): <http://misssnark.blogspot.com>

Agent Kristen Nelson (romance, urban fantasy, YA): <http://pubrants.blogspot.com>

Agent Nathan Bransford (Curtis Brown): <http://nathanbransford.blogspot.com>

The Knight Agency: <http://knightagency.blogspot.com>

Jennifer Jackson (The Donald Maass Literary Agency):
<http://arcaedia.livejournal.com>

BookEnds Literary Agency: <http://bookendslitagency.blogspot.com>

Jenny Rappaport, L. Perkins Agency: <http://litsoup.blogspot.com>

Anonymous agent's assistant: <http://rejecter.blogspot.com>

Blogging Editors/Art Directors

Cheryl Klein, editor for Arthur A. Levine:
<http://chavelaque.blogspot.com>

Irene Gallo, Art Director for Tor/Forge Books/Starscape:
<http://igallo.blogspot.com>

Harold Underdown: <http://www.underdown.org/blog.htm>

Evil Editor (query critiques, fun making up stories from premises):
<http://evileditor.blogspot.com>

Jason Pinter, editor and novelist (mystery/thriller focus)
<http://jasonpinter.blogspot.com>

Anna Louise Genoese, editor for Tor & freelance
<http://alg.livejournal.com>

Writing Prompts

Sunday Scribblings
<http://sundayscribblings.blogspot.com>

Promotional Tips

A bestselling author's tips and ideas for generating book buzz:

http://mjroseblog.typepad.com/buzz_balls_hype

J.A. Konrath (adult mystery/thriller) author's promo tips & experiences:

<http://jakonrath.blogspot.com/index.html>

Booksellers/Librarians/Industry Folks

GalleyCat (aka MediaBistro):

<http://mediabistro.com/galleycat/>

A Fuse #8 Production (Betsy Bird, children's librarian and reviewer), currently hosted by *School Library Journal*:

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/blog/1790000379.html>

Archives: <http://fusenumber8.blogspot.com>

UW Bookstore: <http://universitybookstore.blogspot.com>

Powell's: <http://www.powells.com/blog>

Blogs hosted by *Publisher's Weekly* (includes six by reviewers, booksellers, PW editors): See the blog tab at <http://www.publishersweekly.com>

Cautions

Writer Beware: <http://accrispin.blogspot.com>

Collectives

Everyday Matters Superblog (composite blog from many artists):

<http://www.edmsuperblog.co.uk>

Childrens' Illustrators' Blog Ring (a gateway to more than a dozen member illustrators' blogs): www.pbjunkies.com/cibring/blogring.html

Blue Rose Girls (several illustrators/authors and editor Alvina Ling from Little, Brown): <http://bluerosegirls.blogspot.com>

Classes of 2k7 and 2k8 debut MG and YA authors:

<http://community.livejournal.com/classof2k7>

<http://classof2k8.blogspot.com>

Creating your own

www.probblogger.net for advice & guidelines

www.blogger.com or www.livejournal.com for hosting