

BRAINSTORM AUTHOR BIO

Please note that we recommend something that falls within the 200-250 word count for an author bio. This is because if something is too long people simply won't read any of it. Also, don't write a life story.

Short, punchy and interesting is the key. Fill the information and you can forward this to your Editor too:

1. Your Name or Pen Name
2. Where you were born, raised or grew up and where you live now (the city will do fine for this, we don't want stalkers turning up on your doorstep at 4 in the morning).
3. Education – Be brief here. The school and/or college you went to.
4. Qualifications – Again be brief. We don't want endless lists of what you can do. If you gained a degree in engineering that's enough.
5. Working life – Again be brief. We sometimes get full resumes (CV's in the UK) for every job that a person has ever done, but it isn't necessary. Your current job and any past interesting ones are sufficient.
6. Family – This one is optional. Some people are uncomfortable telling others that they have children, for instance, while others are very proud of the fact. You can tell as much or as little as you like, it comes down to how you feel about it but I would suggest that at the very least you mention if you are married or single or life at home or alone.

7. Pets – Optional, but if you have a pet alligator people will love that.
8. Hobbies – This is something that a lot of people neglect. Remember that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. Everyone relaxes. I walk my dog, go for a beer, read a book or go to the theatre to relax. If you do the same then tell me. If you sky-dive at weekends all the better.
9. Interests – This can be similar to hobbies but can also include voluntary work you may do, or have done in the past. Charity work could also feature, or you may enjoy travelling or belong to a writing or amateur dramatics group.
10. Writing career – If you are an author then this is where you can tell people about some of your work. Include all your books and make mention of any good articles or papers you may have written.
11. Awards – If you have one a writing competition let's hear about it. If you've won a dozen of them even better.
12. Interesting stuff – If you've done something really interesting like climbed Everest, then tell me.
13. Contact details – Websites, Twitter, Facebook, email address or any other contact details.
14. The future – Your hopes, dreams and aspirations.
15. Your favourite quote – It may be your own words or the words of someone famous. A good quote is worth a lot, especially if it ties in with the subject matter of your book.

This is not an exhaustive list. There may be something you are burning to tell in this Author Bio so don't keep it to yourself. And remember, the author bio isn't set in stone.

This is something which is fluid and should be updated continuously, whenever you have a new addition to the family, buy a new pet goldfish or write a bestselling novel.