



Plot Versus Story

If asked, could you clearly define the difference between plot, story, and structure? If you're not confident that you could, don't worry! There's a lot of conflicting information out there.

But, understanding the difference between plot, structure, and story is important because knowing the difference and how they affect your writing process can help you tell a powerful story. In this article, we break it down, once and for all.

[Learn the difference between plot, story, and structure here.](#)



How to Balance Surprise and Suspense in Your Novel

Surprise and suspense perform two different functions in fiction. You can use both to reap readers' attention. They work in different ways so you need to know the difference, as well as how and when to add each to your story.

You can use surprise and suspense to keep your readers engaged and turning the