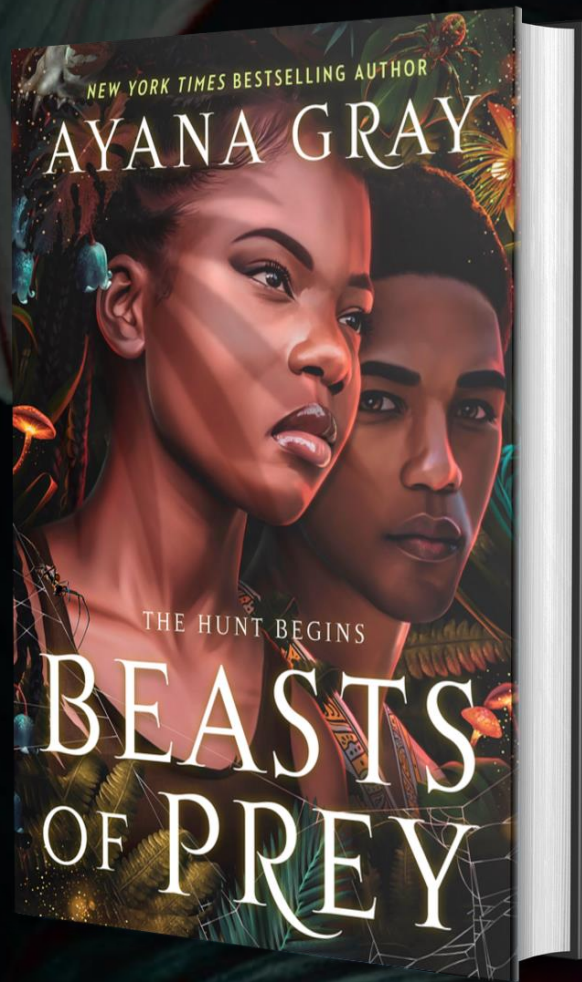




**“THE HUNT FOR YOUR NEXT  
YA FANTASY BOOK TRILOGY  
HAS ENDED.”**

**- ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY**

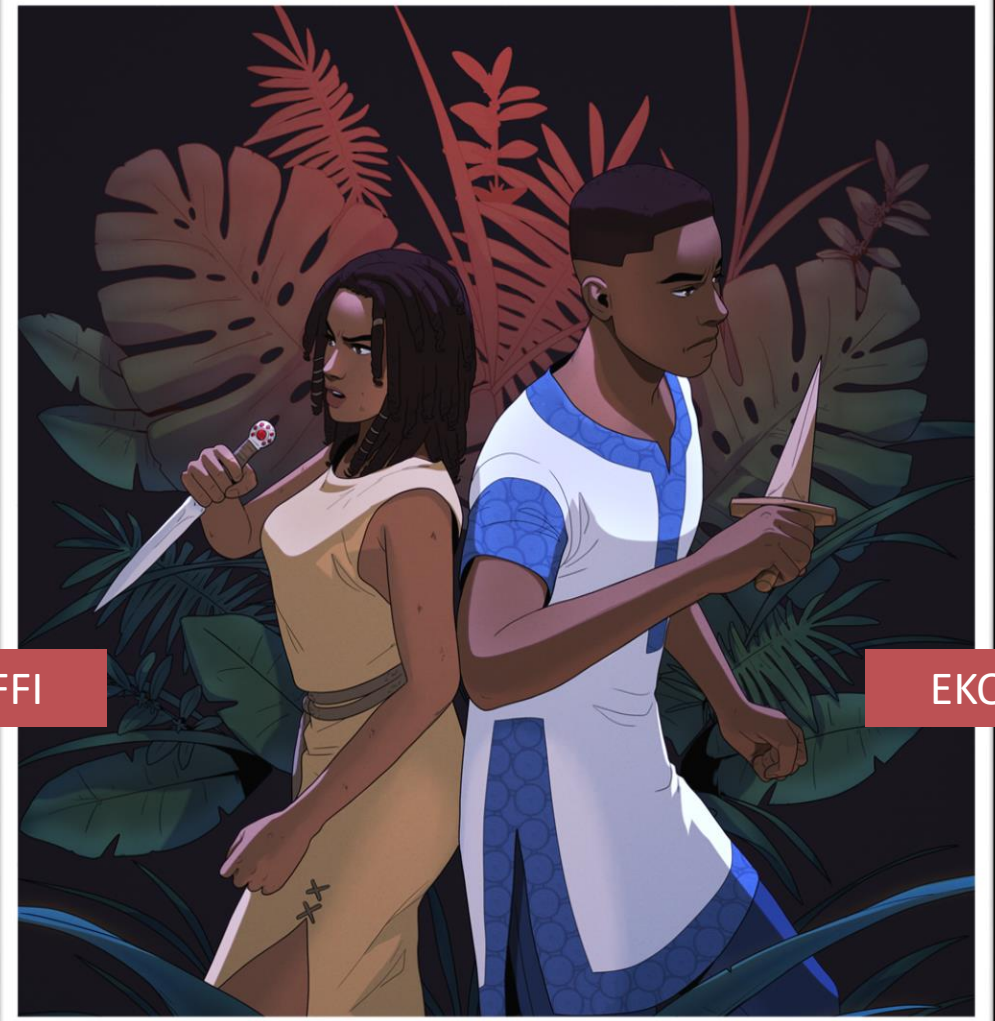
**AVAILABLE WHEREVER BOOKS ARE SOLD**



# BEASTS OF PREY

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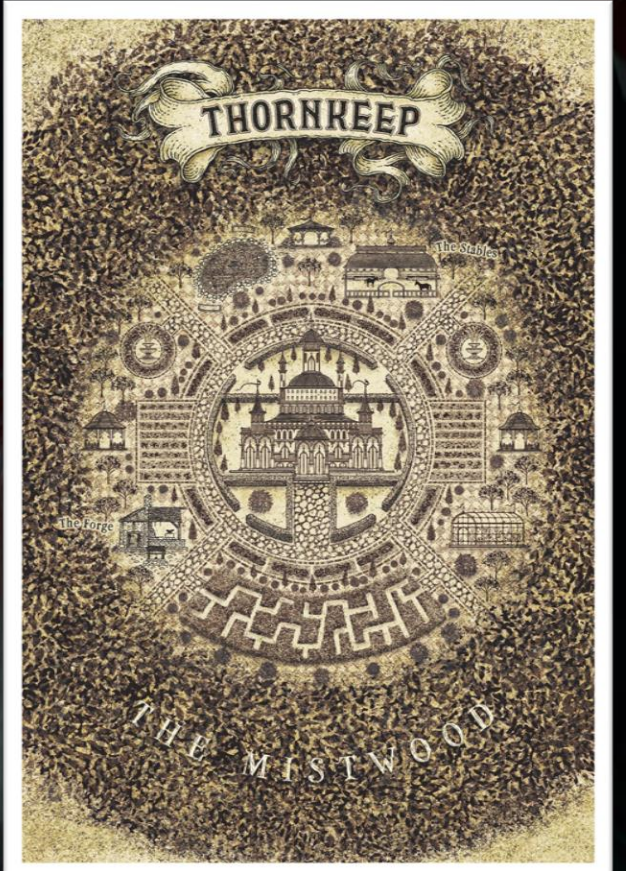
*BEASTS OF PREY* IS ABOUT TWO KIDS NAMED KOFFI AND EKON WHO TEAM UP TO ENTER A MAGICAL JUNGLE AND FIND A MONSTER!

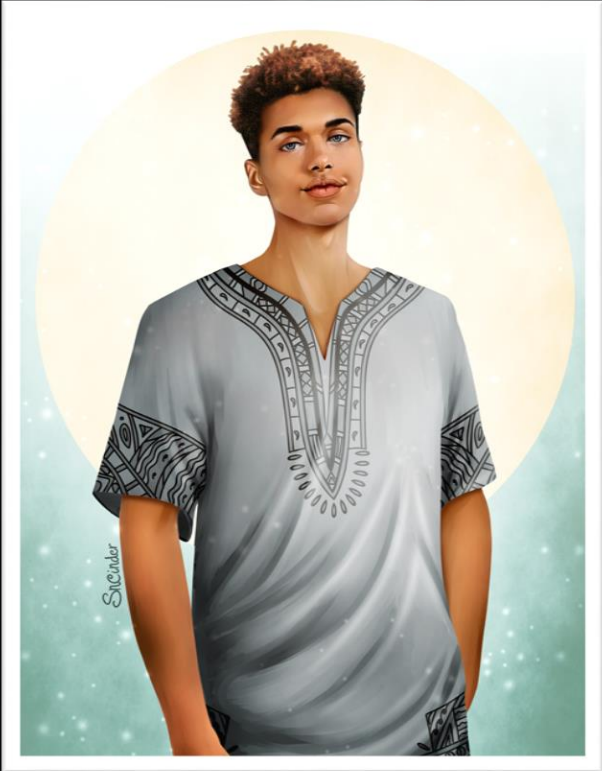


KOFFI

EKON

# THE WORLD OF ESHŌZA





# INSPIRATION



# TWO TRUTHS, ONE LIE

1. I HAVE BEEN A **VEGETARIAN** MY WHOLE LIFE.
2. I SPEAK **THREE** LANGUAGES.
3. I HAVE SWAM WITH **GREAT WHITE SHARKS**.

# HI! MY NAME IS AYANA!

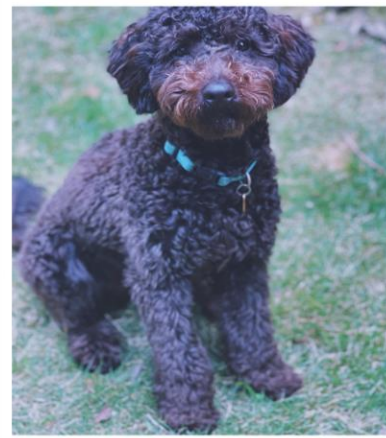
I LIVE IN LITTLE ROCK!



I HAVE SWAM WITH GW SHARKS



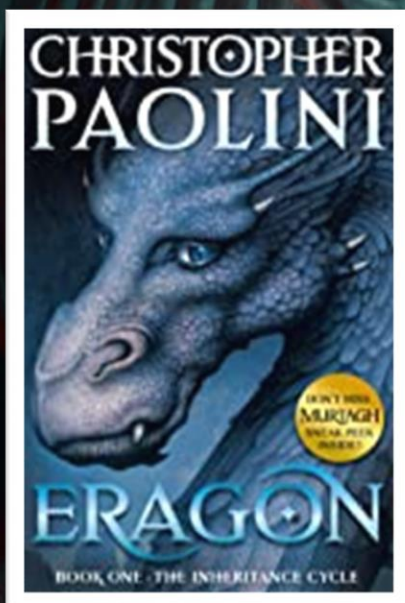
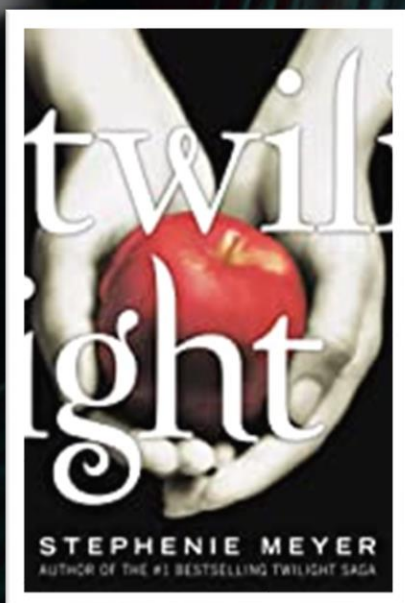
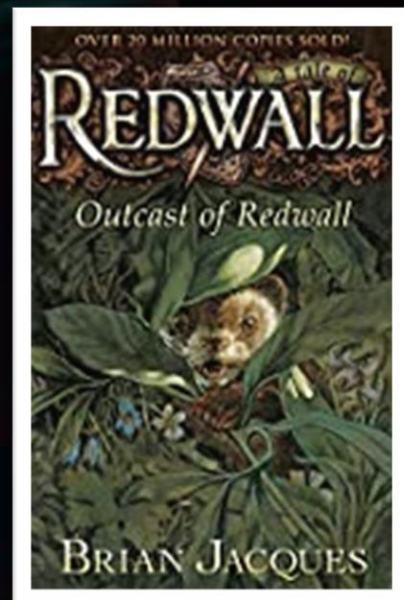
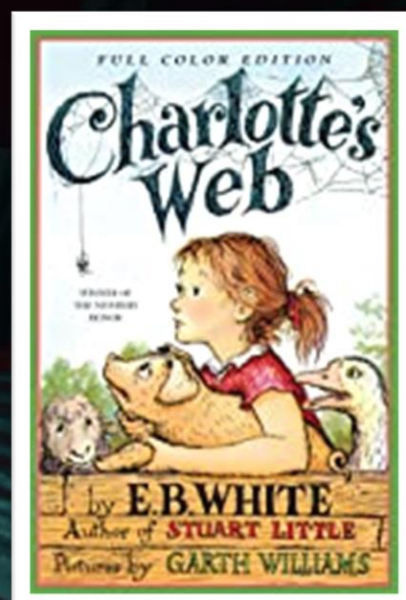
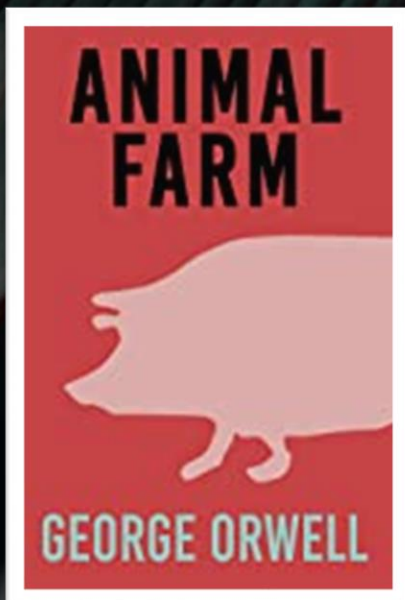
I LIKE FORMULA ONE RACING!



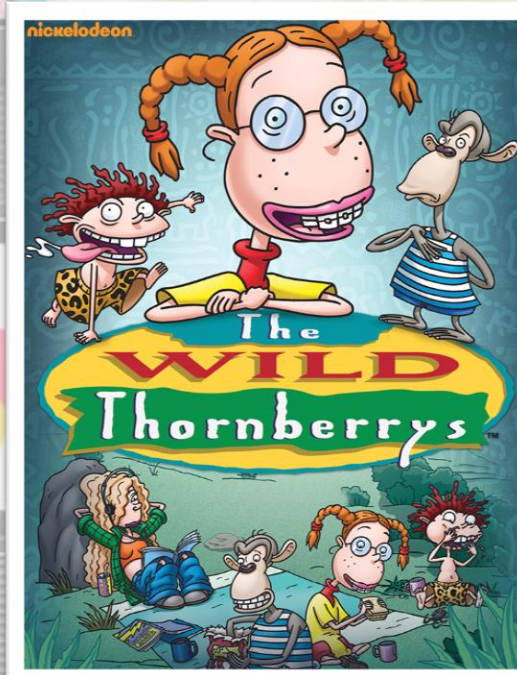
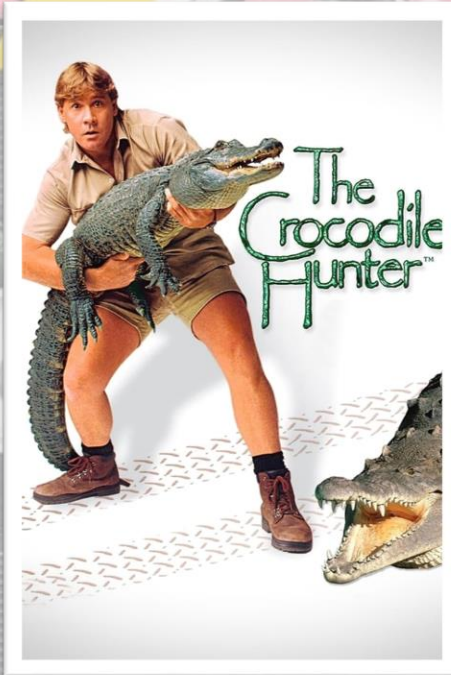
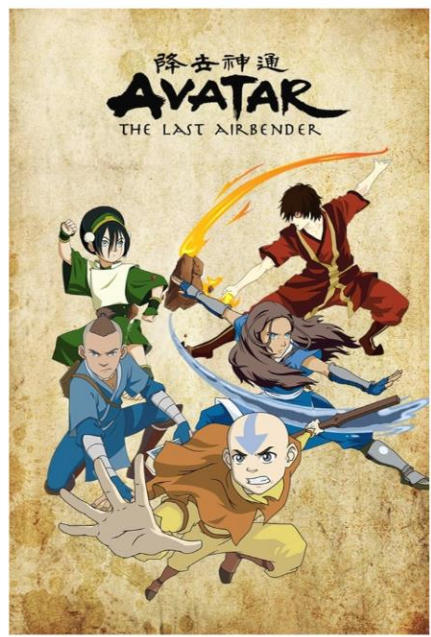
ARKANSAS ALUMNA!







90S KID!

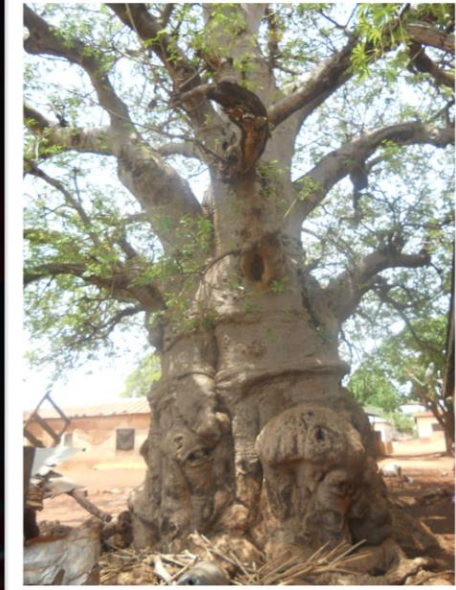


A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS





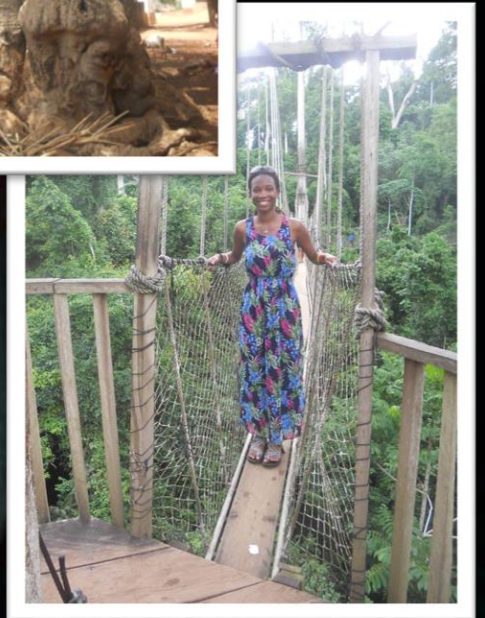
# GHANA 2014



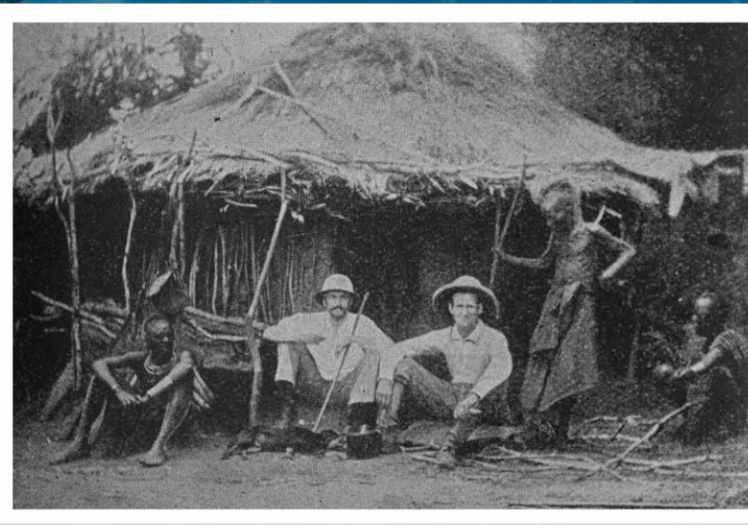
West African Crocodile (Paga)



Larabanga Mosque (1421)



# *The Tsavo Man-Eaters (1898)*



$A = \pi r^2$   
 $C = 2\pi r$

$V = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$

$V = \pi r^2 h$

	30°	45°	60°
sin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
cos	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
tan	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	1	$\sqrt{3}$

$\int \sin x dx = -\cos x + C$   
 $\int \frac{dx}{\cos^2 x} = \tan x + C$   
 $\int \tan x dx = -\ln|\cos x| + C$   
 $\int \frac{dx}{\sin x} = \ln|\tan \frac{x}{2}| + C$   
 $\int \frac{dx}{a^2 + x^2} = \frac{1}{a} \arctg \frac{x}{a}$   
 $\int \frac{dx}{x} = \ln|x| + C$

$\tan(\theta)$

$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$   
 $a(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a}) = 0$   
 $x^2 + 2\frac{b}{2a}x + (\frac{b}{2a})^2 - (\frac{b}{2a})^2 + \frac{c}{a} = 0$   
 $(x + \frac{b}{2a})^2 - \frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2} = 0$

# WHAT IF?

# BAD NEWS AND GOOD NEWS!









**Ayana Gray**  
@AyanaGray

## BLACK ARYA STARK + KING OF SCARS

Offered a deal to win her freedom, Koffi must kill the Ingozi prince. But when a primordial creature begins hunting her people, she'll work with anyone to end its deadly rampage—even her enemies.

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**GETTING PUBLISHED!**



# GETTING PUBLISHED!

TRADITIONAL PUB	SELF PUB
<p><b>PROS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>You</u> get paid!</li><li>• Publisher support!</li></ul> <p><b>CONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Less marketing/editorial control!</li></ul>	<p><b>PROS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100% control over marketing, editorial, design, etc.</li></ul> <p><b>CONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>You</u> cover all/most expenses!</li><li>• Less reach in traditional spaces</li></ul>

# TRADITIONAL PUBLISHING

1

Write a book.

This is harder than it sounds and will take longer than you expect.

2

Find a literary agent to represent you.

This is also hard, and a bit scary.

3

Submit your book to publishers.

It only gets scarier from here, but this time your agent is there with you. The goal here is for a publisher to buy your book(s)!

4

Revise your book with your editor!

This can be fun! Now you have an expert to help you whip your book into shape before it goes to the printers.

5

Promo & Marketing

Depending on your personality, this is fun or stressful, but this is the part where you talk to people about your book and get them excited to buy it!

6

LAUNCH!

Easily the most fun part of the process! Sign copies, visit bookstores, meet readers! You're an author!



and here is me freaking out...



BTS, K-POP Band



Simone Biles, Olympic Gymnast



Tom Holland, Movie Star

# FIND YOUR PEOPLE!



Maybe not THESE people...

A young boy in a green shirt is shown in a classroom setting, shouting with his mouth wide open while holding a yellow pencil. The background of the entire image is a large, empty stadium with green turf and dark seating, illuminated by bright spotlights. The boy's expression is one of intense effort or triumph.

**YOUR HARD WORK**

**IS PAYING OFF!**



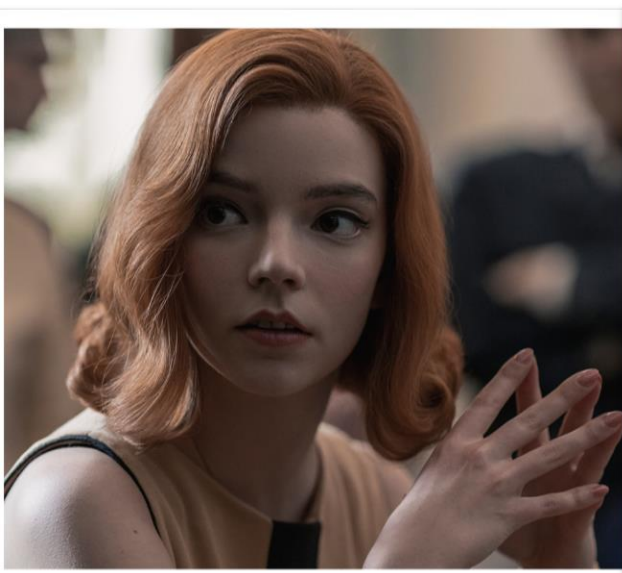


**WAIT FOR THE GLOW UP!**



FOR THE  
STORYTELLERS

# CREATE YOUR MAIN CHARACTER(S)



Clever, Ruthless, Witty



Funny, Intelligent, Kind



Stoic, Determined, Brave



Impulsive, Dramatic, Fierce



# CREATE YOUR SETTING



# HOW TO PLOT A STORY

**GOAL**

WHAT DOES THE MAIN CHARACTER WANT?

**MOTIVE**

WHY DO THEY WANT IT?

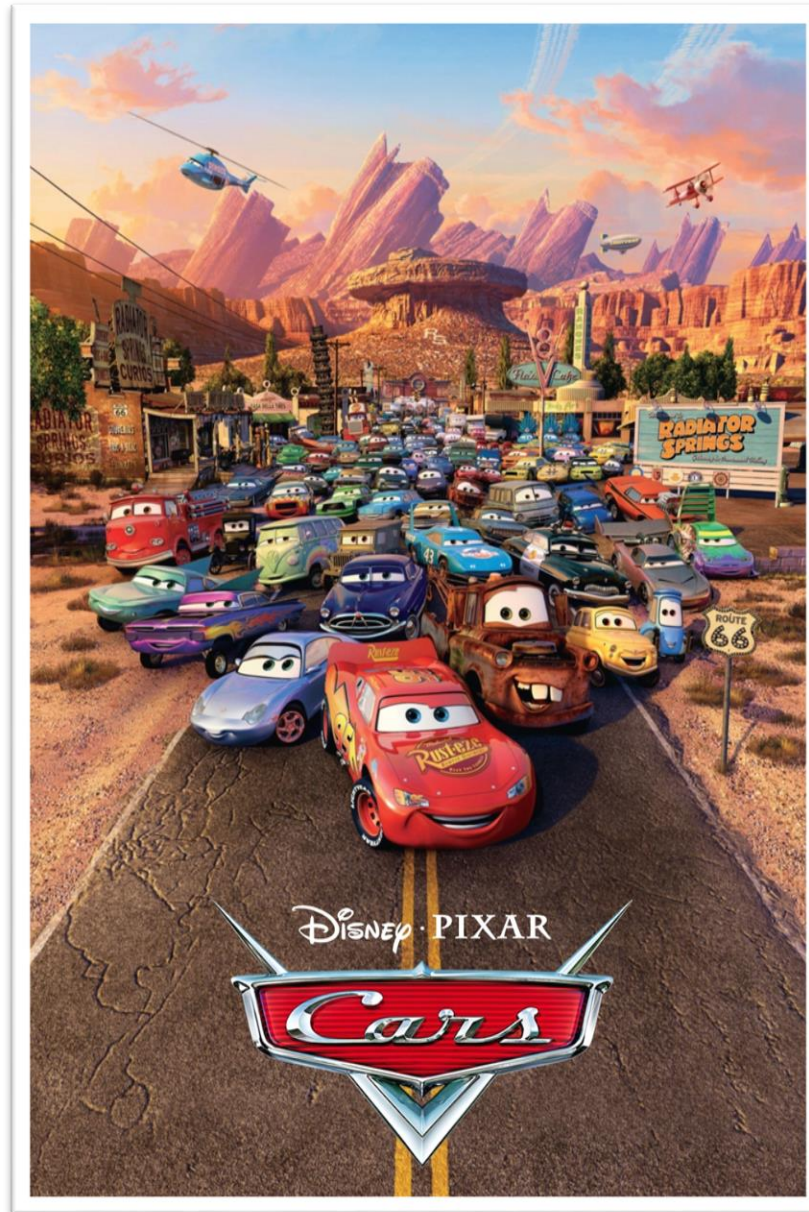
**CONFLICT**

WHAT'S STANDING IN THEIR WAY?

**STAKES**

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE MAIN CHARACTER DOESN'T ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL?

# DISNEY PIXAR'S *CARS* (2006)

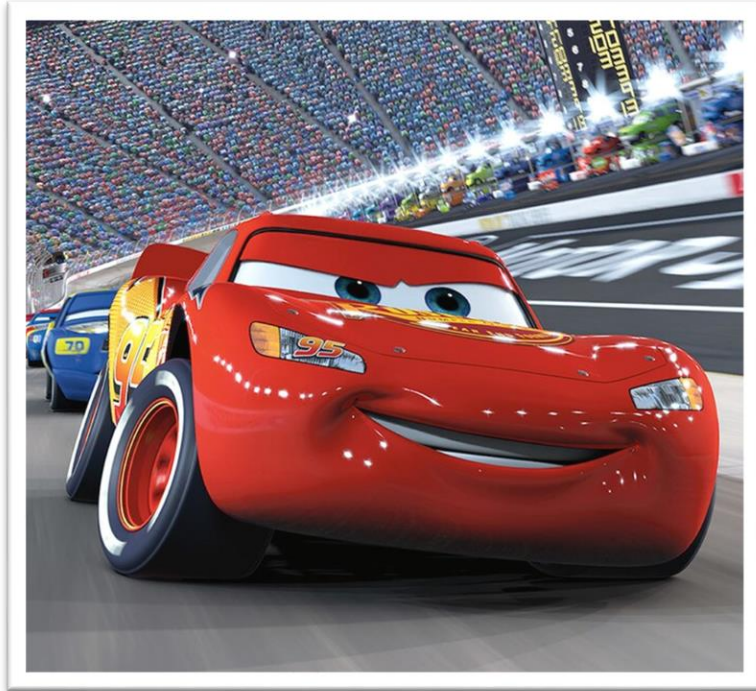




**SPOILER ALERT!**

**MAIN CHARACTER (PROTAGONIST)**

**LIGHTNING MCQUEEN**





# SETTING:



Radiator Springs, USA (2005)





**GOAL:** Lightning wants to get out of Radiator Springs.

**MOTIVE:** Lightning wants to get out of Radiator Springs so that he can get to the Motor Speedway of the South and win the 2005 Piston Cup race, cementing his legacy as the best racecar of all time.

**CONFLICT:** Lightning is being detained in the rural town of Radiator Springs, and cannot leave until he repairs the main road he accidentally ruined, which he doesn't know how to do.

**STAKES:** If Lightning doesn't fix Radiator Springs's road and get to the Motor Speedway of the South in time, he'll forfeit the race and his nemesis, Chick "Thunder" Hicks will be the best racecar of all time.

# ANTAGONISTS



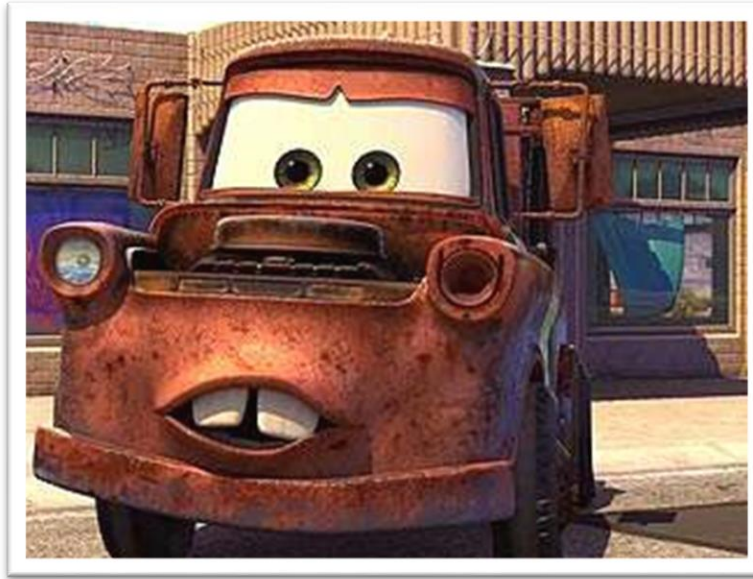
DOC HUDSON



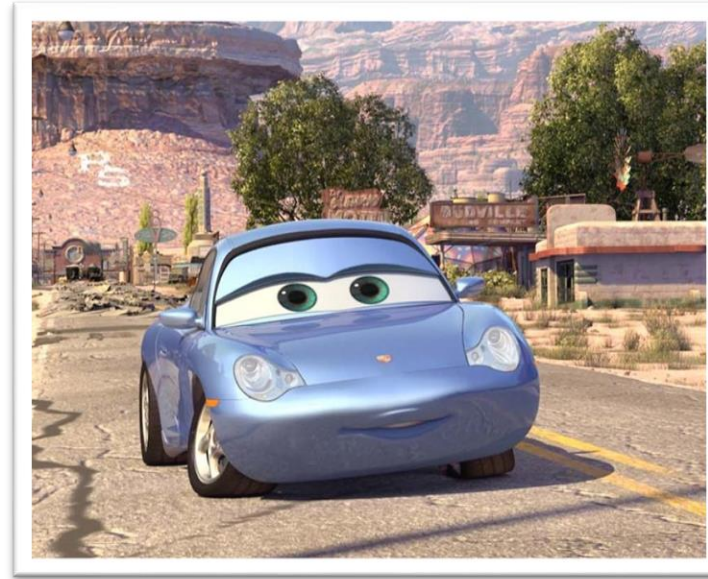
CHICK "THUNDER" HICKS



# SUPPORTING CHARACTERS



MATER

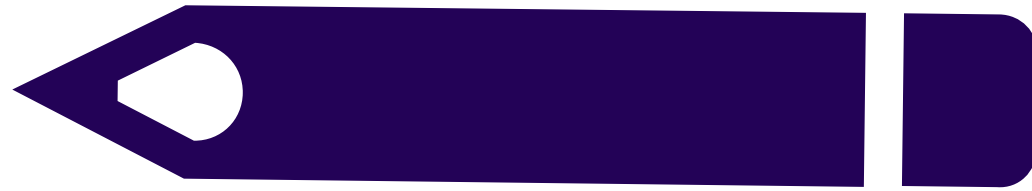


SALLY CARRERA

# GROWTH



*Success and fame don't mean much if you don't have people to share it with.*



If you can create a story with a main character who has a goal, motive, conflict, and stakes, you are well on your way to telling a compelling story no matter what kind of story you want to write!



# ADVICE FOR WRITERS

1. **READ! READ! READ!**
2. **DON'T TRY TO BE PERFECT!**
3. **SHARE YOUR WORK!**
4. **BE YOUR OWN TREND!**

# QUESTIONS?





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