

Free Fiction Websites

Free Fiction Websites are sites where authors can share works they have written freely online. Some people use them as a way to practice writing and get feedback. Others do it as a way of making a name for themselves and garnering a following. Many people use them because they like to both share their writing and read works from others. How you use them is up to you.

FanFiction.net

Pros: Huge community of active, rabid fans. Though there is a lot posted there, particularly in the very popular fandoms, good writing will quickly gain a following. These fans are eager for the next big thing to obsess about.

Cons: It is purely fan fiction. While these are active and devoted fans, they may not jump off to other things you write. It also requires that you yourself be a devoted fan to something. You need to know the work you are writing about at least as well as the regular fan base if not more.

FictionPress.com

Pros: An active community that has been around since the early 2000's and wants to read original fiction. Like its predecessor FanFiction.net, the good will rise to the top and people will notice. Unlike FanFiction.net, these are readers seeking original works and would be eager to seek out your other works.

Cons: Long stories only. If you do not update one story on a regular basis, it will disappear and not be read. It will also take a while for you to get noticed so you need to plan to post several chapters without seeing any comments or followings. Don't get discouraged if you don't get noticed right away.

DeviantArt.com

Pros: Smaller community that is more tight knit. There are lots of opportunities to enter contests and to share works with the larger community. It also offers a journal feature where you can keep people updated on what you are working on.

Cons: It is best for short stories. You will need to give some time to reading and commenting on the works of others as well. You must be active to gain a

following. Friendships are key to maintaining a following here.

Reddit.com

Pros: This has probably the biggest user base of all the sites here. It has lots of different groups so you can always find something that fits what you write. There are also daily prompt groups where people write short pieces and share them for comments and discussion. This is a good way to share some of your own writing as well as comment on the work of others.

Cons: Very young, male, and occasionally very nasty. Reddit is home to some awful internet groups that love to harass people. You may need a thick skin and the ability to never feed the trolls.

Wattpad.com

Pros: Large active community that can comment on stories line by line. It offers great feedback systems as well as an app for making quick covers. Like FictionPress, these are people seeking new and unique stories.

Cons: It's hard to get noticed when you are new. The only way is to be active on the forums and give it time. It may take more than a year for your story to take off. Just keep updating or your work will never be seen. Like FictionPress, you need long stories and regular updates to make this site work for you.

GoodReads.com

Pros: A community of readers and writers that is dedicated to books. It has large forums covering just about any topic you could think of. If your topic isn't there, you can make your own forum and try to attract like minded people.

Cons: It can be hard to move fiction on this site. It is better at just building connections to sell books you've already written. Unlike the others, you can not keep updating your work with new chapters. It needs to be a whole book when you put it up. Furthermore, many people don't like you advertising your work on a regular basis. Like DeviantArt, you need to build friendships more than anything else.