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Fiction Style Sheet

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* *Chicago Manual of Style,* 17th Edition
* *Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary*

# Big Picture Elements­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Primary Narrative Tense |  |
| Point-of-view structure |  |

# Language Preferences\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Tone |  |
| Regional spelling |  |

# Punctuation\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Abbreviations/contractions | Mrs./A.M., can’t |
| Serial comma? | Yes |
| Quotation marks | Smart |
| Spacing of ellipses | Per CMOS general rule (. . .) |
| Other special punctuation |  |

# Formatting and Layout\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Standard Manuscript Style? |  |
| New chapter formatting |  |
| Numbers | Per CMOS |
| Paragraph indentation | .5 inch |
| Scene breaks |  |
| Texts/messaging/thoughts special formatting |  |
| Page Numbering |  |
| Margins and Page Orientation | 1 inch, left orientation |
| Time and Date |  |
| Possessives | CMOS general rule |
| Other Special Formatting |  |

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# Spelling and preferred forms\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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# Other Worldbuilding Elements\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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