

## Quick Tips for Writing a Sparkling Author Bio

### Write in third person

**Include details!** Here are a few ideas:

- Where you live
- What professional organizations you are a member of
- What makes you interesting or gives you credibility
- What honors/awards you have received
- Education + Work History
- Online Platforms / Presence
- Other details and life experiences that relate to your book

**Head to Amazon** and take a look at the author bios of your favorite authors and books, especially first-time authors and authors of books in your genre.

Take a look at Tim Manley's bio for his book *Alice in Tumblr-land*:

**Tim Manley** is a writer and illustrator and the creator of the blog *Fairy Tales for Twenty-Somethings*. He has won the Moth StorySLAM, taught high school English at New York City's School of the Future, and served as a mentor with the PEN American Center's Prison Writing Program. Born in 1985 on Long Island, he lives in Queens, New York.

*Alice in Tumblr-land* was Tim's first book, and his bio does a great job of giving the reader a multi-faceted glimpse of who he is and what experiences he has had that led him to write a book worth reading. It is brief yet packs a punch - I'd love to know more about every detail he shared in his bio!