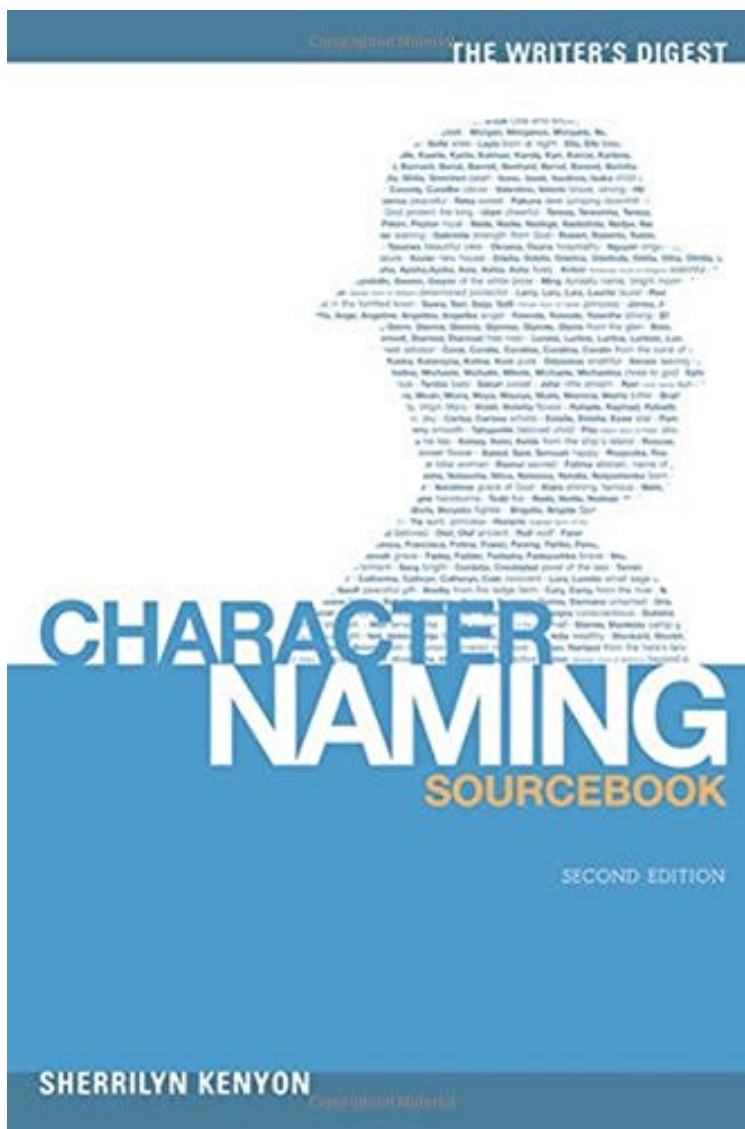


# The Writer's Digest Character Naming Sourcebook (English Edition)

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Von Sherrilyn Kenyon : The Writer's Digest Character Naming Sourcebook (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Writer's Digest Character Naming Sourcebook (English Edition):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This book was far overadvertised. Von Ein Kunde It was amazingly disappointing, the contents of the book. Sure it may

have had thousands of first names for every group from "Persian" to "Arthurian Legend", but equally as important is the surname. The surname sections were a joke -- no more than ten for any one ethnic group were listed. That's right -- TEN! After I use up all ten, say, German surnames, what's next? We really need a richer variety of last names to use from. Furthermore, I don't really think it necessary to know the meaning of tens of thousands of utterly obscure first names -- all the research went into creating yet another clone of a name-the-baby book instead of a good resource for first and last names from many lands. Also, adding a few Oriental countries to the mix would have been nice, too. The Japanese, Hindus and Thais all have a rich pool of first and last names to explore, and even the Chinese, Koreans, Vietnamese and Hmong have enough common names to warrant a chapter each in this book for anyone who wanted to say, name a Vietnamese character but couldn't think of anything other than Nguyen or Tran. A systematic search of first names to include all the names anyone's ever heard of, combined with a study of thousands of last names to include, could raise this book from a 3 to a 10.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. What's in a name? Von Victoria Tarrani This book is not just for writers, but for researchers or anyone who wants to know the history and meaning behind a name; their own name or that of a child soon to be born. Beginning with The Importance of a Name you discover ways to make people care about the person simply by choosing a name. Next is the importance of Characteronyms, or what does the name impart? One of the examples is Magnum from the Hawaii based TV series starring Tom Selleck. Magnum is not only a wine bottle that holds twice as much as a normal liter, but it is also a very powerful bullet. We are presented with a hero that is "bigger than life" but who also is effervescent, strong, and brings the ring of sex appeal that champagne, laughter and a stunning force carry with them. It was a masterful name selection. There are names by genre, gender, country (including illusive Native American, Latin, Greek, Russian and more) as well as notes in how to use the names to create the right impression: for example "...the Norman invasion in 1066...English were referred to by occupation...Aiken the Miller or Aisley of York." Character Naming Source Book is filled with gems and is far more than a general account about names. For example Victoria (my name) is Latin and means triumphant. Feminine derivatives are also Viktoria (Hungarian-victorious, Swedish-victory) Vittoria (Spanish-victor), Victrix, Vincentia, Victrixa; in Scottish Vika is "from the creek" and Torra is "from the castle." It would appear that I am a triumphant female from the castle by the creek. This is only a small sample of the wealth within these pages. Without doubt this is one of most complete histories of names that I have ever read, and I have about five books just on naming. I recommend this book unequivocally. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Indispensable! Von Ein Kunde If you're a novelist then you need this book. It's the best character-naming book I ever found. The name lists are conveniently organized for easy access, into categories like Anglo-Saxon, Arabic, Native American, Welsh, etc, and each chapter gives you a general idea of last names too. There is even a chapter for Arthurian legend names! This is a thick book and probably all you'll ever need for giving your characters authentic names. Hopefully, this book will make it less likely for us to see a Russian character with the Swedish spelling of the name Sonja. There are so many names that sound the same in different cultures, but a simple difference in spelling can make all the difference for an authentic character. The name Valerio sounds so Italian, doesn't it? There are a lot of Native Americans that might argue with you about that. You might want a "very English" character to have the name Brit . . . but you're actually giving that character a common Norse name. A lot of Americans assume it's British, but you'll have a hard time finding many British people named Brit. How do you spell and pronounce Nicole? The Greek way or the French way? I could go on and on with the value of this book.

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