

How to introduce/write about yourself and your book in under 250 words

Introduce yourself briefly with this information:

- name,
- place,
- how you fill your days (job/profession/retired etc)
- how long you've been writing (Debut? Published? Pulitzer winner?)
- what you write in general terms (for children/YA/poetry/non-fiction etc)

Introduce your book briefly with this information:

- genre/age-level
- theme,
- lead character,
- setting (time and place),
- central conflict.
- Include the stakes and the problem (what creates the story's tension)
- Follow the problem with the (re)solution.

Include interesting author-level detail – for agents/editors or for a bookish/writerly audience

- Structure (is it chronological, episodic, epistolary, flashback)
- Wordcount
- Tense – present, past or literary past – but only if it's something unusual
- Point of View - who is the narrator (especially if it's not the main character), and perhaps mention if they are unreliable,
- How close is the POV?
- Ending (happy or happy-for-now ending, tragedy, unresolved, cliffhanger)

For example:

I'm Caroline Leech. I'm a Scottish Texan, living in Houston, and I'm an author, podcaster and coach. I write historical fiction for young adults, and I'm also currently working on a middle grade novel. I used to be a PR consultant, so now I also coach other authors to present themselves and their books in public with confidence and professionalism. I also host my own podcast, Authors & Audiences.

Wait for Me is a YA historical novel, set in Scotland in the last few months of World War Two. When a German prisoner of war is dropped off at a farm to work, the farmer's 17-year-old daughter, Lorna, is horrified. But as Lorna gets to know Paul better, she realizes that her neighbors and allies may not be her friends, and her enemy might just be the love of her life.

The book is around 95,000 words, and the story is told chronologically in literary past tense, by lead character, Lorna, a witty but frustrated reliable narrator. It ends 'happily for now'.