

BOOKS

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the National Novel Writing Month project (NaNoWriMo), which challenges people to write a 50,000-word novel in November. If you think you have a novel in you, here is a quick guide to digital tools to help you along your way.

STEP 1

The NaNoWriMo site has useful writing guides and other material to help you map out your plot and develop your characters before you dive in. Check your app store for software like Novelist, which has a text editor function and templates for organising plot points, themes and characters – along with tools for tracking word-count goals and backing up your work. Writing Shed, Bear and Writer Tools are similar options. For those serious about book writing, Scrivener is a full-fledged composition and manuscript-management programme. It uses a clever interface to break long documents into sections so you can write easily.

STEP 2

PROCESS IT

If you've already done your prep work, fire up your word processor. Most common programmes – Apple's Pages, Dropbox Paper, Google Docs, Microsoft Word – work on computer and mobile devices. You can write on the screen you are currently using and get the text update everywhere, although you may need an Office 365 subscription for syncing Word files. And to keep you focussed, especially, if you don't have the willpower to go off social media, inexpensive productivity aids like Cold Turkey, Freedom and RescueTime, block the internet and time-wasting apps.

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If the thought of cranking out an average of 1,667 words a day in the NaNoWriMo challenge doesn't fit in with your schedule, or you need more prep time, don't despair. Use November as a booster, and write it at your own pace

READY. SET. WRITE A BOOK



Books! Books! Books! There is no end to knowledge. All you need to do is flip through the pages to get that extra dose of infotainment. So simply read on...

STEP 3

POUND IT

How do you want to physically produce your words? Scrawling in longhand on a legal notepad has an old-school flair to it, but you will eventually have to retype it. Some writers prefer to compose at the keyboard from the start. If you are using a tablet but hate typing on a glass screen, cases and covers with built-in keyboards are readily available at a variety of prices. You can also connect a keyboard to your Android or Apple phone or tablet for less than \$30 (₹2121.68 approx.). But if typing for long stretches is uncomfortable or impossible, a speech-to-text app might help.

STEP 5

PUBLISH IT

When you've completed your manuscript, whether by finishing the NaNoWriMo contest or working independently, pause for a minute to congratulate yourself. You've written a book. Next, decide what you want to do with it. If you want to share, post your chapters on a social storytelling platform like Wattpad, Penana or Radish. Or you could self-publish it as an e-book using free tools like Amazon's Kindle Direct Publishing or Apple's Books Author. You can also go back, rewrite your manuscript and make it better, possibly for professional publication. After all, Sara Gruen's 2006 best-selling novel "Water for Elephants," which became a feature film in 2011, started as a NaNoWriMo draft.

STEP 4

PROOF IT

Set time aside to read your work after you've written it. Look for plot holes and other flaws in your story – and don't forget to use your app's spelling and grammar tools. Most word processors include a basic spell-checker, but you also have options like Grammarly, which uses artificial intelligence to improve your overall writing.

**Who did it?**

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NEED A GUIDE?
Www.now novel has plenty of free e-guides, including one on how to write effective story arcs

HERE'S ADRENALINE!

After 60 years, Asterix gets an update with a heroine in latest outing

Asterix, the indomitable pint-sized Gaul forever outfoxing the Romans, returns this week for his 38th comic book adventure 'Asterix and the Chieftain's Daughter' featuring for the first time in its 60 year history, a heroine.

Who is Adrenaline?

The action in the new edition revolves around a character called Adrenaline, the teenage daughter of famous Gaulish king Vercingetorix. With her long red-braided hair, black trousers, gold headphones and grumpy teenage disposition, Adrenaline will keep Asterix and his sidekick Obelix chasing her to ensure her safety.

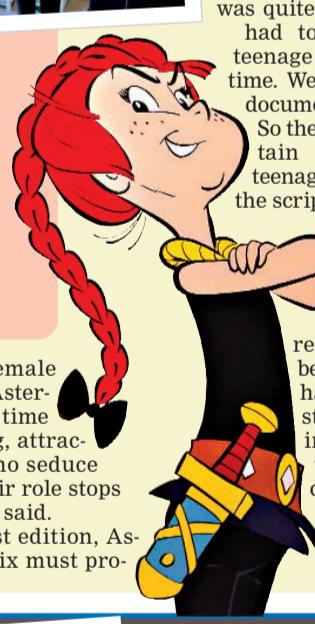
The writers say

The last three editions of Asterix have been written by Jean-Yves Ferri and drawn by Didier Conrad, sticking closely to the original format.

"We didn't want to develop a character who would be based on her seductive side as we usu-



The Asterix and Obelix series have been translated into more than 100 languages



tect Adrenaline, who is being hunted down by the Romans, while also being confronted by the intergenerational gap between them and the young chieftain's daughter.

Thinking like a teenager
"In terms of the vocabulary it was quite amusing because I had to create a sort of teenage language for the time. We don't have a lot of documentation about that. So the idea was to use certain expressions like teenagers do," said Ferri, the scriptwriter.

Asterix's 38th adventure, printed in five million copies, was released in late October. The Asterix books have become a mainstay in the publishing industry, with more than 370 million copies sold worldwide. IANS

ally do with female characters in Asterix. Most of the time they are young, attractive women who seduce Obelix and their role stops there," Conrad said.

In the latest edition, Asterix and Obelix must pro-

THE ART OF DARKNESS

Philip Pullman's best-selling book trilogy 'His Dark Materials' has hit the screens as the most expensive show ever made by BBC. But before you watch it, here are all the reasons you should read the much-loved 'epic novel of all time' first

THE STORY

It centres on Lyra Belacqua, 13, who lives in Jordan College, Oxford, with her uncle Lord Asriel. She is believed to be an orphan and is brought up under the watchful eye of the college's master. However, when her uncle returns from an expedition, saying he has seen new worlds through the Northern Lights, he is shunned by the college and he leaves to find out more.

Simultaneously, Lyra's life is turned upside down when the mysterious and manipulative Mrs Coulter comes into her life – leading her on a journey of self-discovery and adventure.

And with other children going missing and nobody trying to find them, Lyra sets off to the North Pole, to follow in her uncle's footsteps. Lyra's world has, for centuries, been controlled by



This mighty polar bear is lorek Byrnison, panserbjorn and the king of Svalbard. He is a great friend and comrade of Lyra Belacqua

an oppressive church, called the Magisterium – except in the Northern wilderness, where witches fly.

THE MYSTERY

The Alethiometer, also known as the

Golden Compass, was given to Lyra by the Master of Jordan College. The mysterious gadget is powered by 'dust' and is used to tell the truth. It usually takes people years to learn how to use it, but Lyra has a unique skill for reading it.

ENTER THE DAEMONS

In Lyra's world, all human beings are attached to a daemon – a physical manifestation of their soul in the form of an animal.

Humans and their daemons can interact, speak and comfort each other. But they are still just one being. Lyra's is an ermine called Pantalaimon. A daemon is the expression of your soul. Just like a human child, a daemon evolves and takes the personality of its owner.

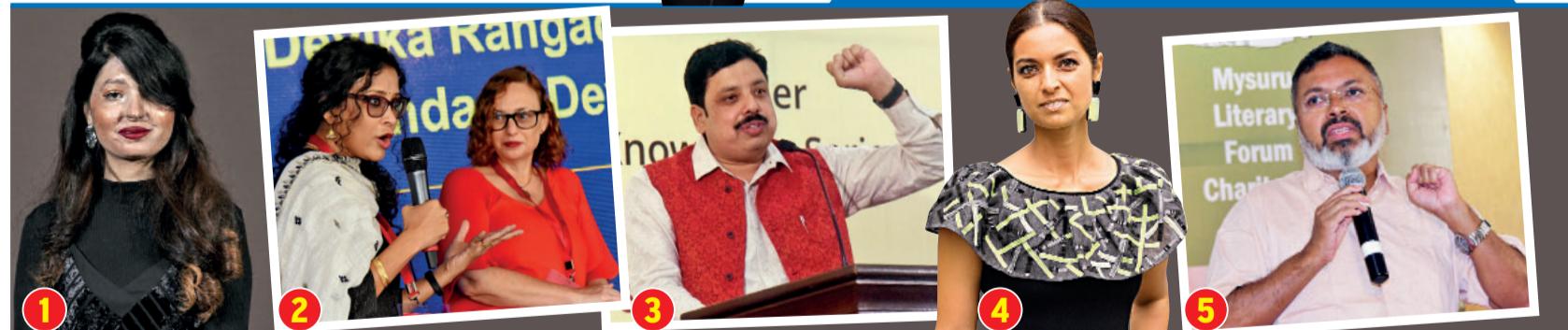
POLAR BEARS

'His Dark Materials' also features armoured bears, or, Panserbjorne. These spectacular creatures are a race of highly-intelligent polar bears, who are able to talk to humans and have opposable thumbs.

Instead of having a daemon, they consider their armour to be their soul and this builds up gradually as they mature.

DAILY MIRROR

IDENTIFY THESE AUTHORS

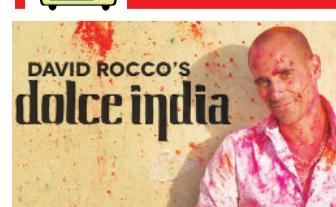


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TELEVISION

DAVID ROCCO'S DOLCE INDIA, FOX LIFE, 3.00 PM: David heads out on a crab fishing expedition with local fishermen before exploring Goa's famous beach shack culture.

FISHING IMPOSSIBLE, SONY BBC EARTH HD, 5.00 PM: The team is in Norway to catch the king crab.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED, DISCOVERY CHANNEL, 7.00 PM: Smart and brave people use science to take their skills to the next level, from doing a wheelie in a boat to using inline skates offshore.

WILDLIFE: AFRICA'S DEADLIEST, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL, 8.00 PM: Equipped with super-senses, Africa's animals are at the top of their game and their prey do not stand a chance.

MOVIES ON TV

THE TRANSPORTER, STAR MOVIES, 3.27 PM: An ex-soldier turned mercenary 'transporter' moves goods, human or otherwise, from one place to another. Complications arise when a job goes astray and he has to save the life of his female cargo.

SALT, & FLIX, 4.55 PM: CIA agent Evelyn Salt's life takes an ugly turn when she is accused of planning the assassination of the Russian president. However,



she flees and sets out to prove her innocence.

300, HBO, 6.58 PM: In the ancient battle of Thermopylae, King Leonidas and 300 Spartans fight against Xerxes and his massive Persian army. They face insurmountable odds when they are betrayed by a Spartan reject.

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