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/ˈɔːθ ə \$ ˈɒːθ ə/

noun [countable]

1 WRITE someone who has written a book

SYN writer

Nothomb is a Belgian author.

author of

He was the author of two books on China.

It's clear that the author is a woman.

2 INVENT (formal) the person who starts a plan or idea

SYN initiator:

author of

the author of the state reforms

— **authorial** /ɔːˈθ ɔːriəl \$ ɒː-/ **adjective** [only before noun]

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adjectives

a famous/well-known author *The famous author Henry James lived here.*

a best-selling author *Ian McEwan is a best-selling author.*

a children's author *the children's author Roald Dahl*

your favourite author *Who's your favourite author?*

a prolific author (= one who writes many books) *She is also a prolific author with more than 70 books published.*

a contributing author (= someone who writes articles for a newspaper or magazine, or who writes part of a book, report etc) *Ms Gomez was a contributing author to Chapter 1 of the WG II Report.*

Word origin

Date: 1300–1400

Language: Old North French

Origin: *auctour*, from Latin *auctor* ‘maker, writer’, from *augere*; → AUGMENT

author² AC
verb [transitive]

WRITE to be the writer of a book, report etc

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