



All About the Story Grid

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The Books

[The Story Grid](#) by Shawn Coyne:

[Pride and Prejudice: Story Grid Edition](#) annotated by Shawn Coyne

The Podcasts

The Story Grid Podcast: The flag-ship original podcast where Shawn Coyne works with Tim Grahl on his first novel. They go scene by scene, talking about what works and what doesn't work - full scenes are even included!

Where to start? Start with Episode 3 (Diving Deep into Genre)

If you like it, episodes 3-23 seem to teach the core
(i.e. what was covered in the book)

Other standouts:

Episode 28: First draft is done, now what?

Episodes 167-176: The Masterwork Experiment

Episodes 52-53: How to Write a Great Love Story

Episodes 81-82: The Foolscape Story Grid

Story Grid Editors Roundtable Podcast: An analysis of popular movies for story lessons. Listen to the movies you love or the genre you're writing in.

My favourites:

Episode 60: Love Actually (of course!!)

Episode 91: It's a Wonderful Life

Episode 77: Crazy Rich Asians

Episode 61: Action - The Hunger Games

Story Grid Showrunners Podcast: An analysis of popular TV shows for story lessons. No suggestions as I've never actually listened to it (I haven't seen any of the shows).



The Website

Genre - start here: 1. [Conventions & Obligatory Scenes](#) 2. [Five Leaf Clover](#)
3. [Genres of Writing](#)

Then read about the specific genre(s) you'll be writing in:

- [Action Genre](#)
- [Horror Genre](#)
- [Crime Genre](#)
- [Western Genre](#)
- [Thriller Genre](#)
- [War Genre](#)
- [Society Genre](#)
- [Love Genre](#)
- [Performance Genre](#)
- [Fantasy Genre](#)
- [Internal Genre](#)
- [Worldview Genre](#)
- [Status Genre](#)
- [Morality Genre](#)

Character Development - Also known as the "internal genre." See this 3-part series that uses Friedman's Framework: [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) [Part 3](#)

[Friedman's Framework Cheat Sheet](#)

[Internal Genre Cheat Sheet](#)

Plot - Plot structure in the Story Grid is built around [The 5 Commandments](#)

The Foolscap template plus story grid spreadsheets and graphs for
The Silence of the Lambs and Pride and Prejudice: [Downloadable Resources](#)

Editing - Start with [The Editor's Six Core Questions](#)

Then: [Writing Scenes that Work](#) **this is my editing Holy Grail
[Analyzing Scenes](#)