



Character Weaving Checklist

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To help you weave the strands of characterization into strength.

Character Strand: Traits and Quirks
In each scene, are your main character's personality traits clear and consistent? Have you thrown in occasional quirks to keep your character real?

Character Strand: History
How has your protagonist's history affected their thoughts and actions? How do their family relationships come into play? Does their history connect and make sense to their present?

Character Strand: Core Foundation
What beliefs does your main character hold most dear? Is there a religious or values based belief system? Is this system grounded through the story?

Character Strand: Choice Index
What are your protagonist's instinctual responses to choices? What is their easiest type of risk? What is their hardest risk to take? Do their risk choices align with their growth?

Character Strand: Voice
Does your main character's voice show in their thoughts, spoken words, and their actions? Is there a pattern to these expressions? Are the voice methods and patterns consistent the entire story?

Character Strand: Motive
Do you understand your protagonist's layers of need? Have you identified the root of all needs? Is that need the underlying driver for all choices? Does your character know what they really need?

Weaving the Strands for a Strong Character
Do each of these strands come into play in every scene? Is there consistency in these strands, even as your character learns, experiences, and changes?