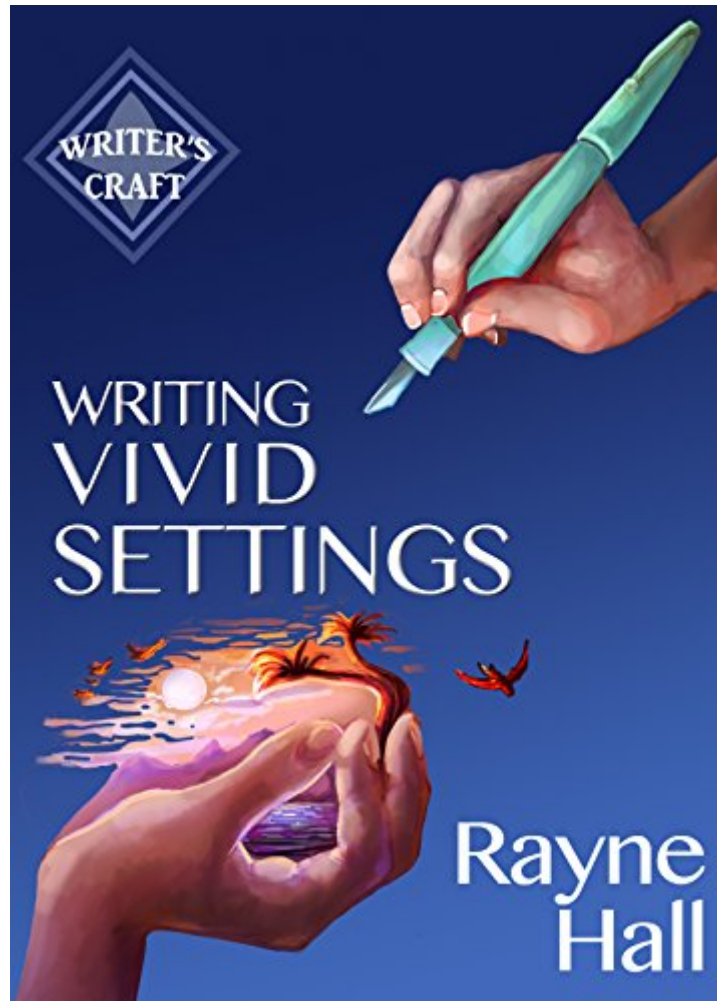


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This book opened my eyes on multiple levels. First of all it went right through my Dunningâ€”Kruger effect that made me hope that writing would be easy. Second, it showed me how to see the world as a writer, which is hugely valuable. Writing Vivid Settings is also a value packed reference book. Rayne Hall doesn't go artificially raising your expectation level - you know the type: "in this book I will show you how to eliminate hunger and solve poverty, but before that...", he instead just goes right into it. In fact the transition to actual useful information was so abrupt that I found myself feeling grateful before I could even understand what the book was about. Then, when I did, it hit me even

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