
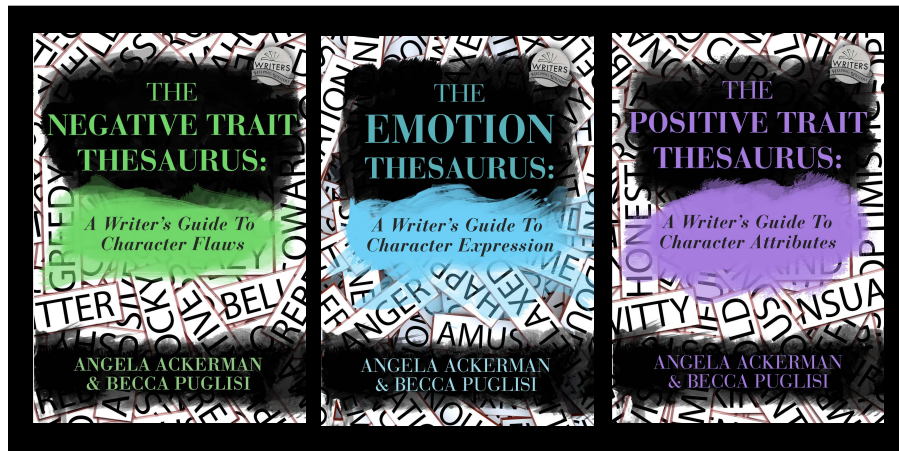


## Crutch Words

Crutch words—we all have them. Here is a list of words that many writers overuse, so keep this handy when you revise. And definitely add your own as you think of them.



Just	Up	After
Look	Near	Would
Glance	Cross	Could
Gaze	Began	Should
Stare	Started	Because
Turn	Step	Chest
Hand	Sigh	Stomach
Breath	Feel	Heart
Shiver	Watch	Sudden
Eyes	Like	Notice
Thought	Try	Seem
Know	Almost	That
Heard	As	Well
Down	Before	'Ly' adverbs



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