

The title card features the text "Southern Roads" in a large, red, cursive font, with "by STEPHANIE BOND" in a smaller, red, sans-serif font below it. The background is a scenic landscape with blue mountains under a blue sky with white clouds.

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Stephanie Bond's Top 10 Tips for Writing a Great SOUTHERN ROADS Kindle Worlds Story!

Writing and submitting a SOUTHERN ROADS Kindle Worlds (SRKW) story will cost you nothing but time, and you'll earn royalties on the sales of your story! Ready? Let's do this!

- 1) Learn the SOUTHERN ROADS world—readers will want to see characters they're familiar with do new and interesting things. For a character refresher, check out the printable [Meet the Southern Roads Characters](#) PDF.
- 2) Sample current SRKW stories to see what has and hasn't been done in the SOUTHERN ROADS fan fiction world. Read reviews to get a better idea of what readers like/don't like.
- 3) Chat with other SRKW aspiring authors on the [SOUTHERN ROADS Facebook page!](#) (Illustrations of the SOUTHERN ROADS characters coming soon!)
- 4) Stumped for a SRKW story idea? The [Meet the Southern Roads Characters](#) PDF has a section on story starters to get your imagination going!
- 5) Your SRKW story should be at least 5,000 words, but note that longer stories (more than 10,000 words) are more popular. (A helpful way to visualize how long your story is/would be is to divide the wordcount by 250 to determine the approximate page count.)
- 6) It might be helpful to write a short "blurb" for your SRKW story before you get started to crystallize your main idea (think of book back cover copy), then write a longer (1 page?) synopsis to collect your ideas and put them in loose chronological order.
- 7) Even in novellas or short stories, you can subdivide your SRKW story into chapters or parts to help you plan your SRKW story, and help your reader enjoy the story in a familiar format.
- 8) When writing your SRKW story, keep in mind the lighthearted, poignant tone of SOUTHERN ROADS—readers will appreciate and respond to feel-good stories!
- 9) Have someone read your SRKW story for typos and other mistakes you might miss.
- 10) When you submit your story through the [SRKW page](#), you can upload your own cover file, or use the Cover Creator wizard to create a cover (for free!) step by step. For best results, keep your cover bright and colorful; use simple fonts and leave plenty of "white space" so your SRKW cover will look great at thumbnail size, which is the size readers most often see when browsing online.
- 11) **Bonus tip:** When your SRKW story goes live, don't forget to post the information on the [SOUTHERN ROADS Facebook page](#), and use social media to let your friends know!

Note: Read the complete [SOUTHERN ROADS Kindle Worlds](#) guidelines thoroughly for more helpful hints on what to do and what to avoid so your story will go live on Amazon.com asap!