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Papyrus Author

The Insider’s Guide

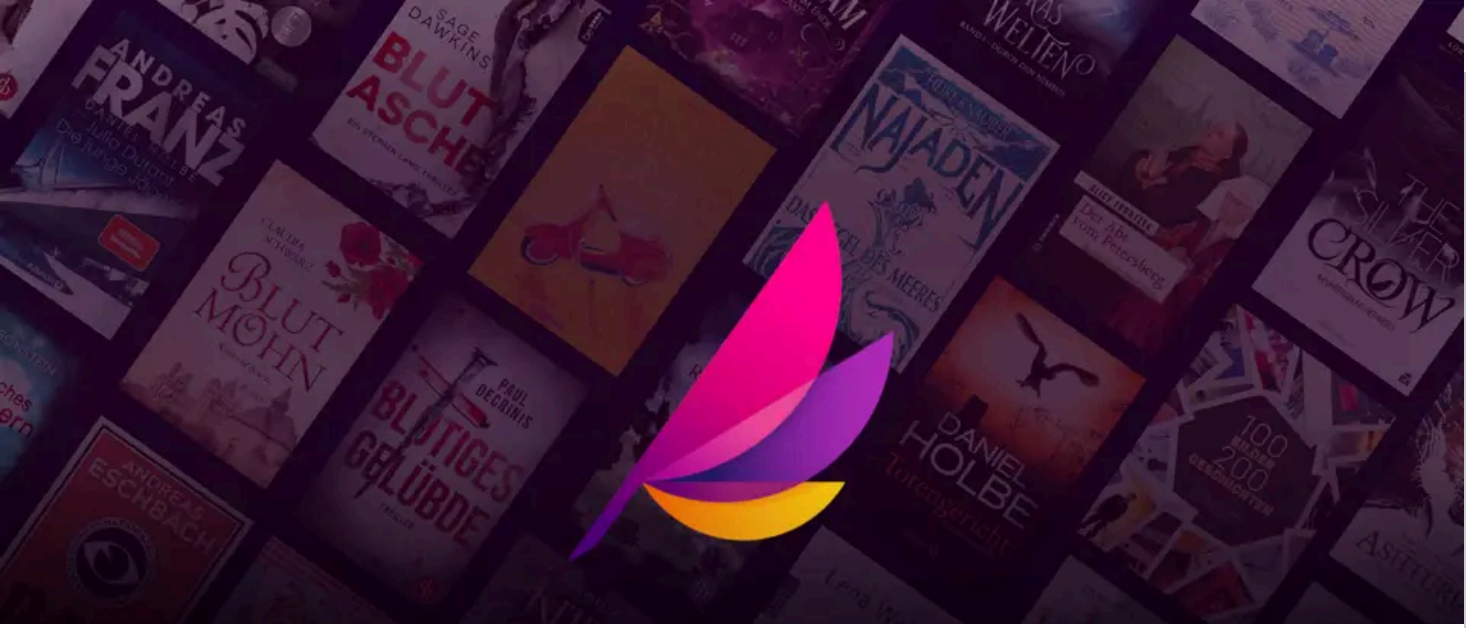
Desktop novel-writing software with style analysis and book design



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among writing tools, read from Papyrus Author’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Papyrus Author's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Papyrus Author's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 0 of the 136 other writing tools we grade

Papyrus Author is a word processor for novelists on Windows and macOS. It combines a manuscript editor with story sheets, character sheets, plotting boards, a style and readability analysis and a Book Designer for formatting. The current release is Papyrus 12, sold as a one-time license rather than a subscription.

> "
>
> **A big desktop program with a learning curve.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

To get you started, here are **8 things to know about Papyrus Author**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

1 **Best for writing a whole novel on a desktop**

Papyrus Author is desktop software for writing novels, with story sheets, plotting boards, style analysis and a book designer.

2 **What it costs**

Paid plans start at $279 one-time (education); $349 one-time standard.

3 **It runs on 2 platforms**

Windows and macOS.

4 **Story Sheets and character sheets**

Chapters, scenes and events carry background sheets in the text margin; character sheets open when you hover over a name.

5 **Plotting boards**

Thinkboards, index cards and genre templates for planning a plot, plus a timeline and narrative-arc labels.

6 **Style analysis**

Flags word repetitions, filler words and overly long sentences, shows readability per chapter and checks spelling and grammar.

7 **A 1.6 GPA, above 0 of 136**

That is against the other writing tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

The plain part of Papyrus Author you could make: long-form writing, goals and templates. What surrounds it you could not. The 4 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

Papyrus Author at a glance

PRICING
Paid, from $279 one-time (education); $349 one-time standard

FREE PLAN
No

FREE TRIAL
None stated

RUNS ON
macOS, Windows

MADE BY
Novelty Writing Ltd.

CATEGORY
Writing Tools

OUR GRADE
1.6 GPA, weak

The report card

Best for writing a whole novel on a desktop

Papyrus Author is desktop software for writing novels, with story sheets, plotting boards, style analysis and a book designer. It's $349 once, with no trial listed, and runs on Windows and macOS only.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD

Papyrus Author

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	D	$349 one-time, against a category whose one-time prices top out at $279 and whose monthly middle is $9.75. That's over two years of the middle subscription. Education is $279.
Free plan and trial	F	No free plan, trial or demo is listed on the pricing page, only the two prices.
Features	B	Story and character sheets, plotting, style analysis, book design and editor collaboration. Nothing in the listing shows a gap in the novel-writing job.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record. A big desktop program with a learning curve.
Platforms and integrations	C	Windows and macOS only; no Linux, phone or web version.

Grade point average Weak, out of 4.0 **1.6**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who Papyrus Author is for

- ✓ Fits if you write full novels and want plotting and book design in one program
- ✓ Works for authors who prefer one payment over a subscription

Who it is not for

- ✗ Pricey if you write casually, at $349 one-time or $279 for education
- ✗ Skip it if you want to try first, as no trial or demo is listed
- ✗ Not for you if you write on a phone, tablet, Linux or the web
- ✗ Watch out: the licence covers up to three personal devices, and the education edition is for full-time students

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Novelists who prefer a one-time purchase to a subscription
- ✓ Authors who want writing, plotting and typesetting in one desktop program
- ✓ Students writing fiction, who qualify for the education price

Worth knowing

- ⓘ It runs on Windows and macOS only; no Linux, mobile or web version is listed.
- ⓘ The license covers up to three personal devices.
- ⓘ The pricing page does not mention a free trial or demo.
- ⓘ The education edition is for people in full-time education.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

$279 one-time

To start

Papyrus Author is a paid product, starting at $279 one-time (education); $349 one-time standard.

> "That's over two years of the middle subscription."
>
> From our grade for value for money

EDUCATION

$279

one-time

Papyrus 12 for young writers in full-time education, at a lower price than the standard edition.

PAPYRUS 12

$349

one-time

Perpetual license with the full feature set, for up to three personal devices on Windows and macOS.

Read from papyrus.de on Nov 13, 2026.

Ways to pay less

EDUCATION

Education edition at $279

Papyrus 12 is priced $70 below the standard edition for young writers pursuing full-time education.

Stated on papyrus.de

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Places it runs: macOS and Windows

Desktop novel-writing software with style analysis and book design. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: one-time purchase, templates, goals, long-form writing, grammar & style.

> **Story and character sheets, plotting, style analysis, book design and editor collaboration.**
>
> From our grade for features

Story Sheets and character sheets

Chapters, scenes and events carry background sheets in the text margin; character sheets open when you hover over a name.

Plotting boards

Thinkboards, index cards and genre templates for planning a plot, plus a timeline and narrative-arc labels.

Style analysis

Flags word repetitions, filler words and overly long sentences, shows readability per chapter and checks spelling and grammar.

Book Designer

Applies page size, fonts, headers and footers in one step and exports an eBook or PDF for self-publishing platforms.

Book projects

Groups a manuscript with notes and side documents as a book, with a cover, blurb and genre, and saved Book Sessions.

Editor collaboration

Exports to Docx or standardized pages with revision tracking the vendor says is compatible with editors' tools.

Where it runs

macOS · Windows

What it works with

Its own pages name no integrations.

Papyrus Author is made by Novelty Writing Ltd.

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

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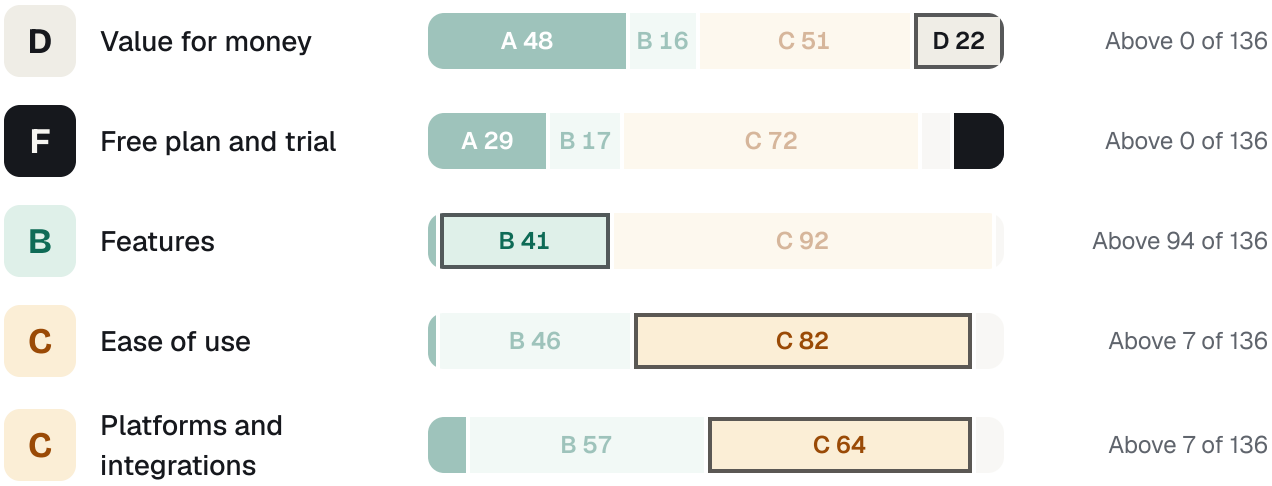
Other writing tools it is graded above

Papyrus Author's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 0 of the 136 other writing tools we grade, and level with 4.

It stands best on features (B, above 94 of 136) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 137 writing tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. Papyrus Author's own letter is outlined.



Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

The plain part of Papyrus Author you could make: long-form writing, goals and templates. What surrounds it you could not. The 4 things listed below take a company, not a weekend.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 132 of the 136 other writing tools grade higher. It costs $279, paid once.

What you could make

- Long-form writing, goals and templates: an app builder makes these well.

What you could not

- Grammar checking as you type, wherever you type.
- A real app for macOS and Windows. Something home-made would be a web page.
- Sharing with other people, which means accounts and invitations.
- The depth: we grade its features B, which means it covers the whole job.

What this rests on. Papyrus Author's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



Scrivener, Atticus, Vellum, Novelcrafter and yWriter

The 5 tools Papyrus Author is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

Scrivener

2.8 GPA

Free trial · from $23.99 one-time

Manuscript writing app with a binder, corkboard and outliner.

- Only Scrivener lists an iOS app.
- Papyrus Author also covers goals and grammar & style.

Papyrus Author and Scrivener compared in full

Atticus

1.8 GPA

From $147 one-time

Book writing and formatting app for ebooks and print.

- Only Atticus lists a web app.
- Only Atticus lists a Linux app.
- Papyrus Author also covers goals and grammar & style.

Papyrus Author and Atticus compared in full



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Vellum

Free trial · from $199.99 one-time

Mac app for formatting ebooks and print books.

- Only Papyrus Author lists a Windows app.
- Papyrus Author also covers goals and grammar & style.

Papyrus Author and Vellum compared in full

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Novelcrafter

Free trial · from $4/mo

Novel writing platform with a story wiki and optional AI.

- Only Papyrus Author lists Windows and macOS apps.
- Only Novelcrafter lists a web app.
- Papyrus Author can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Papyrus Author and Novelcrafter compared in full



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yWriter

Free plan · from $5.49 one-time

Novel-writing software that organizes a book into scenes.

- yWriter has a free plan. Papyrus Author does not.
- Only yWriter lists iOS and Android apps.
- Papyrus Author can be bought with a one-time purchase.

Papyrus Author and yWriter compared in full

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is Papyrus Author free?

No. Papyrus Author is a paid product, starting at $279 one-time (education); $349 one-time standard.

How much does Papyrus Author cost?

Papyrus Author lists 2 plans. Education: $279 one-time.

What platforms does Papyrus Author work on?

Papyrus Author is available on Windows and macOS.

Does Papyrus Author offer any discounts?

Papyrus Author publicly lists the following: Education edition at $279.

Does Papyrus Author have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Papyrus Author is listed for Windows and macOS.

Does Papyrus Author have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Papyrus Author is listed for Windows and macOS.

Is Papyrus Author open source?

Papyrus Author is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

Does Papyrus Author have a student discount?

Education edition at $279. Papyrus 12 is priced $70 below the standard edition for young writers pursuing full-time education.

Who makes Papyrus Author?

Papyrus Author is made by Novelty Writing Ltd.

What are the alternatives to Papyrus Author?

The closest alternatives to Papyrus Author in our directory are Scrivener, Atticus, Vellum, Novelcrafter and yWriter.

How does Papyrus Author compare with other writing tools?

Papyrus Author's GPA of 1.6 is higher than 0 of the 136 other writing tools we grade, and level with 4.

Could I make my own version of Papyrus Author?

The plain part of Papyrus Author you could make: long-form writing, goals and templates.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Papyrus Author's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Papyrus Author's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by Novelty Writing Ltd. Prices change, so check papyrus.de before you buy.

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papyrus.de/en/pricing

PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

7,721

Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

Every grade, review and ranking on ToolGPA is our own judgement. No company can pay for a grade or change one. Every tool on the site has a guide like this one, free to download and pass on. It all lives at toolgpa.com.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Papyrus Author, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/papyrus-author

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

toolgpa.com/keep-or-make

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Prices and grades as they are today

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The best-graded writing tools after Papyrus Author, each with an Insider's Guide of its own.

Writing Tools Insider's Guide

Every one of the 137 writing tools we grade, compared

FreeOffice TextMaker Insider's Guide

Free word processor that opens and saves Microsoft Word files

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Microsoft Word Insider's Guide

Word processor sold with Microsoft 365, free in the browser

3.4 GPA

Apache OpenOffice Insider's Guide

Free open-source office suite with the Writer word processor

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Choosing software? Every tool graded, every price dated.

Compare tools at toolgpa.com ›

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