



Harlowe Savage's
Writing Guide to
KINKTOBER

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WHAT IS KINKTOBER?

Originating from a tumbler post in 2016, Kinktober is a multifandom, prompt based challenge focusing on erotic fanworks.

The goal of the month-long challenge is to create 31 total one-shots (or stand alone stories) that come out each day of October. Each one-shot ideally features a new kink for each day with any combination of fan pairings that the author chooses to write.

As a long time Kinktober participant, I usually try to mix up my fandoms that I pull from and end up writing some pairings of my choice mixed in with specific requests. If this is your first time doing Kinktober, or you're uncomfortable taking requests, it's always completely fine to just write whatever you want.

That said, writing whatever you want can be daunting sometimes and during a time sensitive challenge, you might feel frozen out of being spoiled for choice. So, the next couple of pages include **resources** for getting started, a **guided layout**, and some **tips** and **tricks** on how to be successful!

KINKTOBER FAQ'S

HOW LONG SHOULD MY ONE-SHOTS BE?

The point of one-shots is to fully encompass a narrative within one stand alone piece of writing. That said, it's not sustainable to be writing 5,000 word one-shots every day of October during the challenge. So, typically, I would say to try and keep your one-shots **between 500 and 2,000 words** every day.

Though that's not to say that sometimes they won't be shorter and sometimes they won't be longer. I believe that my shortest entry was in 2022 at 240 words and my longest was around 2,500.

WHAT KINKS DO I WRITE ABOUT?

If you have a particular kink or pairing in mind, go with that first. You'll always end up happier with the ones you write because you want to write them. However, sometimes it can be good to push yourself to write about something you may not have ever written about before.

Kinktober can be a fantastic opportunity to explore different kinks and relationship dynamics between characters without fully having to commit to one for an entire fic.

KINKTOBER PROMPTS

Not every single Kinktober day has to be the most balls to the wall outrageous kink you can think of. It's totally fine to mix and match, so below, I've listed a handful of prompts at varying levels of spice that you can use throughout the challenge.

VANILLA

First Time, Phone Sex, Shower Sex, Edging, Mutual Masturbation, Coming in Pants, Somnophilia, Drunk Sex, Thigh Riding, Coming Untouched, Lingerie, Lapdance, Pregnant Sex, Cock Riding, Voice Kink, Jealousy, Caught Masturbating, Groping, Grinding

SPICY

Praise Kink, Overstimulation, Verbal Humiliation, Double Penetration, Spanking, Sensory Deprivation, Light BDSM, Deep Throat, Foot Job, Roughhousing, Ass Eating, Voyeurism, Semi-Public, Chastity Cage, Gloryhole, Roleplay, Paint, Cock Worship, Body Worship, Topping from the Bottom, Biting, Food Kink

KINKY

Pet Play, Suspension, Body Swap, Heavy BDSM, Fisting, Hate Sex, Autofellatio, Public, Cuckolding, Consensual Non-Consent, Sweat, Sounding, Blood, Omorashi, Mind Control, Mind Reading, Knotting, Wax and Impact Play, Dubious Consent, Dacryphilia, Hybristophilia, Knife Play, Orgy

BONUS RESOURCES

HARLOWE'S DEN OF DEBAUCHERY

Come join our Discord for access to tons of bonus resources including:

- **Kink How-To's and Explanations:** For accuracy and quality of writing spicy content.
- **Writing Guides:** Grammar, Spelling, Content, Composition
- **Feedback:** Everyone in the server loves spicy, queer romance - writing it, reading it, and encouraging others to do the same. Not only is there a channel specifically dedicated to collaboration but there are also moderators and members willing to proof-read and provide feedback to any and all works that fall within server rules.
- **Previous Kinktober Submissions:** This Discord also includes links to all Harlowe Savage Kinktober submissions from 2020 to current and will be the first group notified whenever a new one-shot is published during the event.
- **Priority for Kinktober Requests:** Every year Harlowe does requests for pairings and specific couples, however, she cannot always get to all of them. Members of the Discord will get first dibs on all Kinktober Requests for the upcoming challenge.

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