

## **Standard Word Counts for Fiction**

Juvenile fiction (ages 8-13): 20-30,000 words

*Think Nancy Drew, Mary Poppins*

Light romance, western, detective, sci-fi: 50-70,000 words

*Think Agatha Christie, Heartsong Romance, Louis L'Amour*

Full-length novel: 100-150,000

*Think Francine Rivers, Mary Higgins Clark, Robin Cook*

Blockbuster novel: 200,000+

*Think Tom Clancy, Frederick Forsythe, Tolstoy*