

10 Ways to Annoy a Reader

1. Have an unbelievable ending, one that comes out nowhere. There's no foreshadowing, no clues, just something that comes out of the blue.
2. A cliffhanger without the next book at least on its way.
3. Inauthentic characters, characters without a specific personality, and/or characters who are not believable.
4. Characters who do really dumb things because the writer needs to find a way to advance or stretch out the plot.
5. Convoluted sentence structure, grammar, run-on sentences, and comma issues.
6. Head jumping. Being in too many of your character's heads.
7. Irrelevant details, info dumping, or boring sentences.
8. Spouting your opinion on social media. No one likes to be lectured or scolded.
9. Getting something very very wrong. Not the random fact but an indicator no research was done.
10. A character with no character growth. What's the point of the story if the protagonist goes through conflict and struggle and doesn't become a better, changed or improved person?
11. Trash talking other authors. If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all. Be mindful of the reviews you write.