

The Sea is Not Blue - Improving your Creative Writing Skills

To write this, I am using 'Microsoft Word'. If I want to choose a font colour I have a choice of ten shades of grey in the 'standard colours' and twelve further options if I select 'more colours' making twenty two shades. That's merely the standard menu and doesn't account for the infinite selection on the 'custom menu'. And that's just for grey. The human eye can distinguish all these nuances of colour and light. Although names may not exist for all these shades, we see them and often have the need or the opportunity to describe them.

Not only can we distinguish all these shades but we are blessed with a language that having evolved from so many others offers us a limitless array of choices to describe them.

Had Jacob's Mum made him a coat of red and blue and green and yellow we may never have heard about it but according to the lyrics of 'Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat ', it was, "red, yellow, green, brown, scarlet, black, ochre, peach, ruby, olive, violet, fawn, lilac, gold, chocolate, mauve, cream, crimson, silver, rose, azure, lemon, russet, grey, purple, white, pink, orange, red, yellow, green, brown, scarlet, black, ochre, peach, ruby, olive, violet, fawn, lilac, gold, chocolate, mauve, cream, crimson, silver, rose, azure, lemon, russet, grey, purple, white, pink, orange and blue." And that's why generations schoolchildren will now remember the story about Jacob's coat. When a small child first paints a landscape the sea is just blue and blue is the only word they have to describe it; an artist's depiction of the sea is multi-tonal.

The sea is not blue it is indigo, cornflower, ultramarine, curacao, periwinkle, cobalt, forget me not, steel blue, topaz, peacock, powder blue, gentian blue, aquamarine, azure, cerulean blue, electric blue, midnight blue, navy, robin's egg, royal blue, sapphire, sky blue, steel blue, aqua, cyan, cornflower, denim, turquoise, Persian blue, powder blue, Prussian blue...

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