Legend

- Risks/Challenges
- Opportunities/Changes

Society of Authors

Performance and Script Writers

Dramatists
Playwrights
Scriptwriters
Screen Writers
Games Writers
Spoken Word Artists
Poets
Comedy Writers
Adaptors
Script Doctors

- Scriptwriting AI making development quicker, reducing writers involved
- Alignment to mainstream formulas, lacking personality and "voice"
- Audience possibly accepting lower quality writing
- Exclusion of some people from the writing process
- Loss of nuance in poetic forms
- AI creating reviews not actually relating to original poems
- Learning to adapt sections of text, putting adaptors out of work
- Research assistance for historical contexts
- Quick generation of initial drafts
- Plot idea development
- Organising storylines into traditional story beats
- Development tool for exploring options quickly
- Overview of recently adapted novels (for adaptors)
- Using AI as an assist for short forms (e.g., haiku for poets)

Fiction Writers

Novelists
Crime Writers
Short Story Writers
Indie Authors
Scifi & Fantasy Writers

- Less authentic or derivative narratives
- Market saturation making it harder for writers to stand out
- Copyright and ownership questions
- Loss of distinctive voices and styles
- Reduced opportunities for professional work
- Devaluation of creative writing as an art form
- Story idea generation and plot twist suggestions
- Character development assistance
- Research support for historical or technical details
- Quick drafting and organisation of initial thoughts
- Brainstorming plot structures and narrative arcs
- Organising storylines into traditional story beats

Visual Storytelling

Comic Creators (writers)
Comic Creators (artists)
Comic Creators (writers & artists)
Graphic Novelists
Illustrators
Photographers
Book Cover Artists
Scenographers for comics/graphic novels
Animators
Storyboard Artists

- Devaluation of visual art forms
- Loss of work for illustrators and artists
- Style appropriation without permission, remuneration or input
- AI undermining storytelling by lacking human skill/nuance/experience
- Reduced illustration work (e.g., factual posters)
- Agencies using AI instead of commissioning artists
- Generate artwork ideas and concepts
- Visualisation alongside written scripts
- Streamlining color flatting process
- First draft lettering assistance
- Visual research and inspiration
- Quick mock-ups for client presentations
- Creating basic or repetitive features
- Using "found" AI images as creative springboard
- Testing various visual ideas quickly

Non-Fiction and Academic

Academic Writers
Historians
Non-Fiction Writers
Medical Writers
Nature Writers
Health Writers
Travel Writers
Food Writers
Biographers
Memoirists
Content Writers (Technical Writing)

- Concerns about maintaining original thought
- Plagiarism risks with AI-generated content
- Copyright ownership questions
- Loss of individual insight and critical analysis
- Potential automation reducing demand for human researchers
- Accuracy issues and oversimplifications
- Reduced depth of analysis and coherence
- Data analysis and literature review summarisation
- Fact-checking based on specific source pools
- Drafting preliminary research content
- Organising information efficiently
- Recipe measurement checking and structural formatting
- Compiling and synthesising historical data

Specialised Content

Journalists
Ghostwriters
Educational Writers

- Ethical concerns over AI-authored content
- Potential spread of misinformation
- Compromised journalistic integrity
- Job losses in routine content creation
- Every pitch potentially made with AI, taking work from specialists
- News writing assistance for straightforward reports
- Data analysis for investigative pieces
- Research simplification
- Organising technical information quickly
- Creating customised learning materials

Children's and Young Adult

Children's Writers (picture books)
Children's Writers (non-fiction)
Children's Writers (middle-grade)
Children's Writers (YA)
Children's Writers (chapter books)

- Overlooking nuanced developmental appropriateness
- Failing to capture authentic children's voices
- Missing cultural sensitivity considerations
- Reduction in specialised children's writers
- Generic rather than distinctive storytelling
- Quick visualisation of concepts
- Character and setting development
- Curriculum alignment assistance
- Grammar and reading level checks
- Research support for educational content

Publishing and Editorial

Self-Publishers
Development Editors
Copy-Editors
Layout Designers
Proofreaders

- Oversaturated market through lowered barriers
- Increased competition making it harder to stand out
- Quality control issues
- Reduced need for human editors
- Loss of editorial judgment and expertise
- Companies demanding more rights in contracts
- Cost-effective book production
- Advanced spell-checking for non-nuanced catches
- Editorial assistance
- Layout automation
- Marketing material creation

Translation

Translators
Commercial Translators
Technical Translators
Itinerary Translators

- Commercial translation "first pass" increasingly automated
- Translators facing tighter contracts and payment reductions
- Post-editing AI translations for less pay
- Compromised quality with hallucinations in translations
- Client base shrinking
- Process disruption when AI doesn't align with translator's methods
- Finding definitions or information about term usage
- Creating first drafts to overcome RSI challenges
- Assistance with complex sentences
- Quick gist translations for websites

General Impacts Across All Categories

- Speed increases for first drafts
- Research assistance
- Visualisation of concepts
- Accessibility improvements for some creators
- Wider distribution possibilities
- Hybrid approaches combining AI and human creativity
- Potential to reach wider audiences
- Copyright questions about AI training data
- Loss of agency for creative people
- Every AI prompt improving the system but potentially reducing human work
- Core skills disappearing through reduced practice
- Short-term economic gain but long-term economic loss
- Convenient tools potentially becoming a curse
- Indecisiveness in creative processes
- Loss of depth and coherence in creative works