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### *Handy Latin Words and Phrases for Writers*

LATIN	ENGLISH
<b>a cappella</b>	in church (vocal music only)
<b>adeste fideles</b>	come, faithful people
<b>ad hoc</b>	for a particular purpose (only)
<b>ad infinitum</b>	to infinity (without end)
<b>ad nauseum</b>	to a sickening degree
<b>alma mater</b>	fostering mother (a school or university you attended or from which you graduated)
<b>a mari usque ad mare</b>	from sea to sea (motto of Canada)
<b>annus horribilis</b>	a horrible year
<b>ante</b>	before
<b>antebellum</b>	before the war
<b>a posteriori</b>	from the latter
<b>a priori</b>	from the former
<b>arcana</b>	secrets (mysterious knowledge known to few)
<b>ars gratia artis</b>	art for art's sake
<b>ave atque vale</b>	hail and farewell
<b>bene</b>	good
<b>bona fide (adjective)</b>	in good faith, well-intentioned, fairly
<b>bona fides (noun)</b>	honest intention (informal: credentials)
<b>bona fortuna</b>	good luck
<b>bovina sancta</b>	holy cow!
<b>carpe diem</b>	seize the day
<b>caveat emptor</b>	let the buyer beware (i.e. – take the risk)
<b>cave canem</b>	beware of the dog
<b>cogito, ergo sum</b>	I think, therefore I am
<b>commune bonum</b>	the common good
<b>corpus christi</b>	the body of Christ
<b>crux</b>	puzzle
<b>cum laude</b>	with praise
<b>de facto</b>	something that is automatically accepted
<b>de novo</b>	anew
<b>Dei Gratia</b>	by the grace of God
<b>Deus vobiscum</b>	God be with you
<b>dramatis personae</b>	characters of the play
<b>ecce homo</b>	behold the man
<b>emeritus</b>	honorary, by merit

<b>e pluribus unum</b>	out of many, one
<b>ergo</b>	therefore
<b>errata</b>	a list of errors
<b>et cetera</b>	and the rest (etcetera, etc.)
<b>ex cathedra</b>	from the chair (of authority)
<b>ex libris</b>	from the library (of)
<b>ex tempore</b>	off the cuff, without preparation
<b>fiat lux</b>	let there be light
<b>finis</b>	the end
<b>Gloria in excelsis Deo</b>	Glory to God in the highest
<b>hic et nunc</b>	here and now
<b>in absentia</b>	in one's absence
<b>in extremis</b>	in extreme circumstances (e.g. – at point of death)
<b>in loco parentis</b>	in the place of a parent
<b>in perpetuum</b>	forever
<b>in toto</b>	totally, entirely
<b>modus operandi</b>	a way of operating
<b>omnia vincit amor</b>	love conquers all
<b>post mortem</b>	after death
<b>post partum</b>	after childbirth
<b>pro bono publico</b>	for the public good
<b>qui bono?</b>	who benefits?
<b>quid pro quo</b>	something for something
<b>quo vadis?</b>	where are you going?
<b>regina</b>	queen
<b>rex</b>	king
<b>rigor mortis</b>	the rigidity of death
<b>tabula rasa</b>	a clean slate
<b>tempus fugit</b>	time flees (more common: time flies)
<b>terra firma</b>	solid ground
<b>illegitimi non carborundum (fake Latin)</b>	don't let the bastards grind you down

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