

Write Your Best Newsletter

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Greetings,

You have received this monthly e-newsletter because a while back you expressed an interest in writing. I send the newsletter to help you overcome writing difficulties.

Food for Thought

Last week I returned from the Psychotherapy Networker Symposium in Washington DC, an annual gathering of 3500 therapists. This year, instead of schmoozing with my fellow-writers and editors, I manned a booth in the Exhibit Hall promoting my business. And I learned that you are in good company.

In the course of 3 days, hundreds of people stopped by to take a brochure and talk to me about writing. I was dazzled by their passion to share their ideas with readers, their eagerness to help others by writing. But truth be told, I wondered how many will see it through to the end, and how many will give in to the lure of distractions and demands, never acting on their passion to write.

Desire feeds action. But you must feed your desire, or it eventually fades and dies. To write that book or article, you must feed your desire to write. Feed your conviction that you have something important to say. The desires you feed will determine your results.

A story goes that a Native American grandfather told his grandson, "I feel as if I have two wolves fighting in my heart. One is the vengeful, angry, violent wolf. The other wolf is the loving, compassionate one."

"Which wolf will win the fight in your heart?" the grandson asked.

The old man answered, "The one I feed."

Feed your desire to write, and it will win the fight in your heart. If you're not sure how to feed it, check out the [audio programs](#) on my website that I created specifically to help you fire up your motivation.

Recommended Website of the Month

www.Bartleby.com Great site for writers and researchers. It offers a lots of free fiction, nonfiction, and reference books, including *Elements of Style*, Strunk and White's classic on writing, guidebooks on English usage and grammar, dictionaries, etc.

Recommended Book of the Month

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The Modern Library Writer's Workshop, A Guide to the Craft of Fiction, by Stephen Koch.

From the first chapter, "Beginnings" to the last, "Finishing," Koch gives practical, thoughtful, and technical guidance about everything from using notebooks to making characters come alive, to revising your story, to knowing when it is done.

Quote of the Month

"The best reason for putting anything down on paper is that one may then change it."

Bernard De Voto

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