

Write Your Best Newsletter

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Greetings,

You received this newsletter because awhile back you expressed an interest in writing. Enjoy!

Quotes for Writers

"There's nothing glorious about being a professional....Professionalism probably comes down to being able to work on a bad day."

Norman Mailer, *The Spooky Art*

"I know the price of success: dedication, hard work, and an unremitting devotion to the things you want to see happen."

Frank Lloyd Wright

Recommended Website of the Month

www.Wilbers.com This website of writing teacher and journalist Stephen Wilbers includes writing exercises, an archive of his excellent columns on writing, and online writing courses. Good stuff!

Recommended Book of the Month

Business Writing and Communication, by Kenneth W. Davis

Don't be fooled by the title. This book is all about how to think and express yourself clearly and effectively. What writer has perfected that? With chapters on managing your information, your structure, your internal writer and editor, your sentence economy, among others, it is well organized, practical, and filled with writing exercises.

IF YOU ONLY KNEW

*I wrote this after a session with a discouraged writer,
but it's for every writer who hits tough times and doubts herself.*

I wish you had my job and got to talk to writers every day. I wish you could listen to the writing pros and novices, to writers who are just starting their books, or making final revisions to their articles, or putting together book proposals. I wish you could hear writers as they grapple with their ideas or bemoan feeling stuck or celebrate that they are in the flow.

I wish you knew--down to you bones--that every writer struggles with the same problems you do. Every writer, no matter how experienced, has to figure out what she wants to write, and it's never easy. Every writer has to leave the safety of his imagination and put clunky words on the page that disappoint. Every writer hits times when she's convinced she just can't do it. Every writer feels overwhelmed sorting out the jumble of ideas. Every writer fears running out of good ideas. Every writer wonders why she ever decided to write anyway. Every writer sometimes hates his own writing .

If you had my job (which I'll never give up, so you can't), you'd know with equal confidence that every writer who hangs in there gets to feel the thrill of writing a beautiful sentence, every writer rejoices when she finally decides exactly what her book is about; every writer has moments, hours, even days, when the writing flows, and every writer knows the deep satisfaction of being so focused on writing that hours pass unnoticed.

Your writing problems come with the territory, so don't let them throw you. Get help to solve them and keep moving forward. One day in the future, you'll hold your finished manuscript and feel awe at your amazing accomplishment. And you'll think back over the difficulties and know it was worth it. You did it! And then you'll wonder what you can write next....

TAKE ADVANTAGE

I encourage you to take advantage of all the writing help that is out there. If you're interested in how writing coaching helps you solve writing problems, check out my [Introductory Special](#) at my website www.WriteYourBest.com

Happy Writing!
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