

THE WRITING LIFE

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Everyone Is a Writer

You are a writer, whether you know it or not.

§ If you've never pulled up a blank screen up on your computer and just rambled, you may not know it. If that's the case, believe it or not, the writer in you is ready to emerge.

§ If you *know* you can write, but your audience is limited to your hard drive or desk drawer, this is your chance to reach out and touch a real reader.

§ And, if you get paid for writing, but you feel stuck, now is the time to get unstuck, take a risk, and move to the next level.

The key is simply to **WRITE!**

W is for Write!

If you're not writing, you'll never test your talent or your potential ... you'll never know how good you could be ... and one will ever read your words. Say it out loud, or write it down. "I am a writer!"

Remember, the intention gives birth to the act.

R is for take a risk.

Being a writer is risky business, benign, as it may seem. It takes a lot of courage to put your work out there for others to read and judge.

I is for ignite your passion.

Whatever you're wild about is your passion. Passion is a spark that refuses to be extinguished.

T is for try everything.

— every kind of writing, every possible subject, every experience. If it's new to you, so much the better. Try a new genre every week.

E is for experience life.

What does that mean to you? It means wake up! Stop sleepwalking, and open your eyes. As a writer, you can't afford to miss what's going on around you or inside you. You have to pay attention to everything.

