

# 10 Writing TRUTHS



## TRUTH #1:

You won't love every part of the writing process

Outlining, Revision, 1st Draft

Accept that you will like parts of the process more than others.

Also accept that they're all necessary parts of the process.

## TRUTH #2:

You have to dig deep to find your inner determination

Writing can be wrought with obstacles, some external and some self-induced.

There will be times when you don't want to show up.

Digging deep to find your determination will get you through.

## TRUTH #3:

Commercial Success isn't for Everyone

Understand your motivation for writing. It can help stave off disappointment.

Not everyone can be a bestseller or be able to quit their day job to write full time.

Keep your expectations in check and keep your reason for writing in the forefront of your mind.

## TRUTH #4:

Hone your Craft

Work to understand story structure, character development, conflict, and other elements of writing.

By continuing to be a learner, you'll become a better writer.

## TRUTH #5:

Read great books.

Read books written by great writers.

Reread your favorite books.

It's hard to become a great writer if you're not a reader.

Learn from others.

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## TRUTH #6:

Your people may not understand your passion

It's a fact—the people in your life may not 'get' that you're a writer. That's okay.

Forget about the naysayers. Find like-minded people. Join a writing community. They will 'get' you, and hold you up when you need it.

## TRUTH #7:

Not every book is for everyone.

Some people like science fiction, but not mysteries. Some people only read nonfiction. Others strictly read romance.

Accepting that what you write may not be everyone's cup of tea will help you navigate through the moments of criticism from others, which are sure to come.

## TRUTH #8:

Becoming a full-time author is not guaranteed.

In fact, it's not all that realistic.

Writing as a full-time career is wrought with obstacles.

The reality is that writing is a side-hustle for most people. That doesn't mean you shouldn't try, but go into it with your eyes wide open.

## TRUTH #9:

The Green-Eyed Monster Will Rear its Ugly Head

It happens to the best of us. There will always be someone who is a better writer, who is more prolific, who manages their time better, or who has found the success that remains elusive to you.

Be gracious to others, then let it go. The only thing you can control is your own time, your own stories, your own path.

## TRUTH 10:

If you don't write, you will never succeed

It's as simple as that.

Take yourself seriously.

Call yourself a writer.

And write.