

10 Things for New Writers

If you are a new author or an old hand at writing here are a few things to think about along the way.

1. The first draft of anything written is never the final draft. Reread and redo your work. An agent wants to see your best work. A first draft is not your best work.
2. Read books about writing. The more you read about writing the better your writing will become.
3. Read books in your genre and out of your genre.
4. When reading a literary classic get the Cliff Notes or go look up lesson plans from teachers about the book. Often questions to answer can help you understand the literary concepts in the book.
5. Write every day. If you are serious about writing, make the effort to write. It does not have to be in your epic book. Short stories, flash fiction and poetry are always great ways to be creative.
6. Join a writing group on-line or join one in your town. Talking about writing will help increase your knowledge.
7. Do not throw any of your writing out. Keep it in files on your computer or use Google Docs. Be patient with your writing creations. You created it. You can always go back and improve a piece.
8. Being a writer is tough. There will be times where it feels like you are producing nothing. There will be times where everything you put out to agents and/or publishers is not accepted. Keep writing. Keep sending it in. Someone, somewhere out there, is an agent or publisher who is a part of your tribe and will accept it.
9. There is a big difference between a pitch for a fiction book and a nonfiction book. Learn about each pitch.
10. Making the decision to be a writer is one of the best decisions you can make. Go for it.

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