

10 Myths About Writing a Book

This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:

[Here's Why You Should Write Your Novel Now \(Not Later\)](#)

Myth #1: You'll need to come up with a completely unique idea.

It's impossible to find a brand new idea, but it is possible to share your unique perspective.

Myth #2: You'll sell a lot of books.

Most new authors won't make move a lot of books simply because they don't have name recognition. If you'd like to make a career out of writing, the trick is to write a series so that you build reader loyalty.

Myth #3: You'll make a lot of money.

Novel writing is not a "get rich quick" strategy. However, if you stick with it and write more books, you may be able to make a full-time salary.

Myth #4: You'll become a New York Times Bestseller.

It's incredibly difficult to make it to the New York Times Bestseller list. You'll need to move thousands of copies each week, as a minimum.

Myth #5: You'll become famous.

Don't chase fame. Instead, focus on creating an engaged community of readers. You may never find the "Stephen King" type of fame, but you can win over fans.

Myth #6: You'll love every minute of it.

Writing a novel is tough. It won't always feel like fun. Some days it will feel like a chore. But it's worth it. Keep writing.

Myth #7: You'll have to wait for inspiration to write.

If all authors waited for inspiration, we'd still be waiting for the first novel to be completed. Don't wait for your muse to arrive before you begin. Start writing right now.

Myth #8: You'll write easily if you're meant to do it.

Every writer gets stuck sometimes. Don't be discouraged if writing doesn't come easy. Just keep working at it. Inspiration will find you.

Myth #9: You'll need to quit your job.

You can write your book while still working full time. Be sure to add your writing time to your daily schedule and stick to it.

Myth #10: You'll be able to edit as you go.

Writing and editing require different skills— one is creative, the other is analytical. It's best to write first, take a break, and then switch to editing.