

9 Practical Tips for Writing Your First Novel

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

[*How to Turn Your Simple Idea Into an Unforgettable Novel*](#)

Here's simple advice for penning your first novel (and every one after that).

1. Develop a habit of writing. Don't wait for a muse. Write first and inspiration will come.
2. Create a realistic deadline. Consider implementing a weekly deadline that you can work toward (i.e. one chapter by the end of the week).
3. Choose a daily word count goal (i.e. 3,000 words).
4. Work on a daily schedule. Add your writing block to your schedule (i.e. write every day from 6pm to 8pm).
5. Take frequent breaks. Don't attempt to write for two hours straight. Take a short break after every 30 minutes to stretch your legs and refresh.
6. Create and work from an outline.
7. Read other books. Don't stop reading just because you're writing.
8. Don't procrastinate. Write *right* now. It will never be the perfect time to write a novel. You have to make it happen.
9. Get feedback from fellow writers early on.