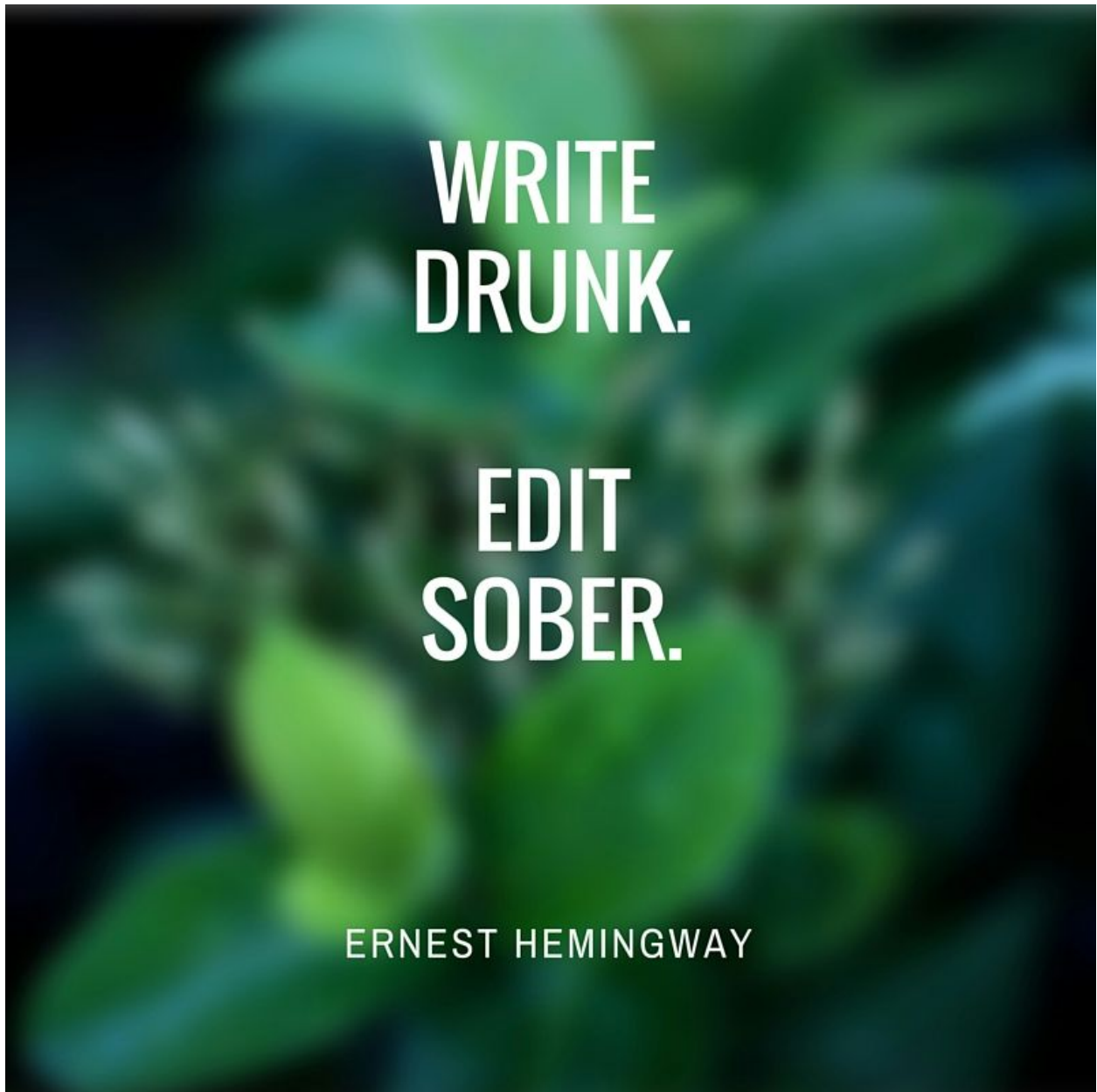


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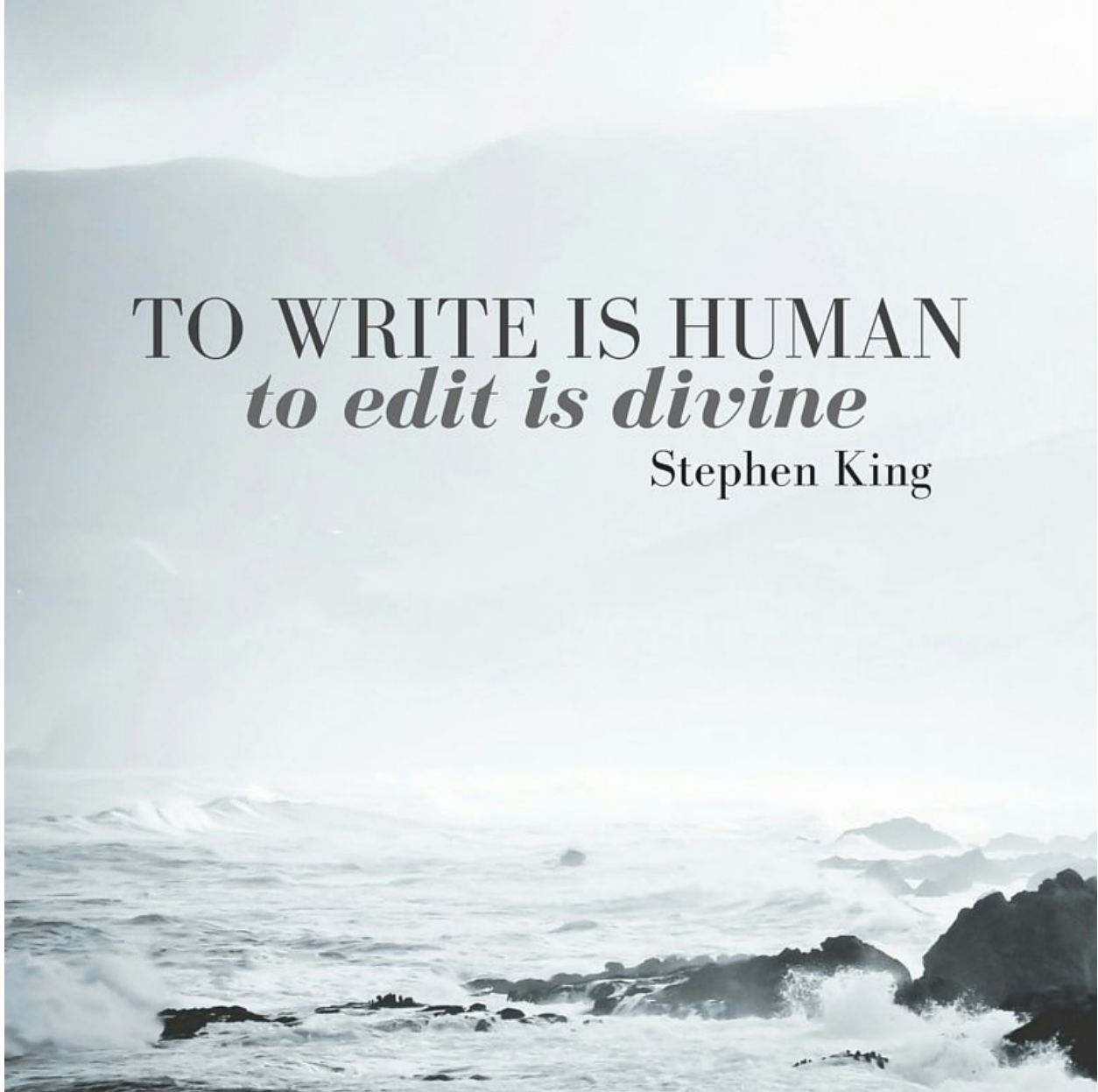
*This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:
[Kill Your Darlings: How to Approach Your Writing Without Sentimentality](#)*



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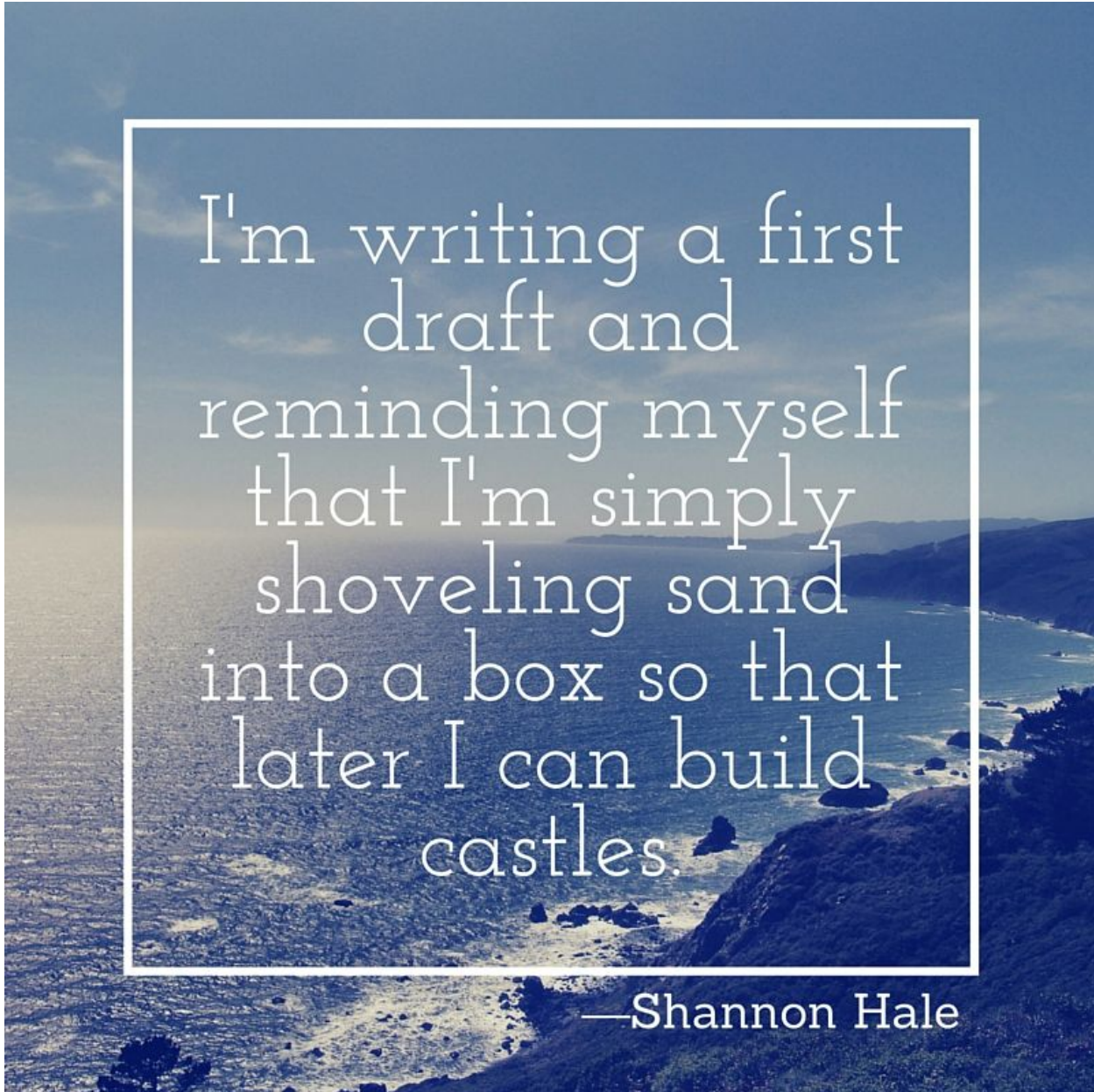
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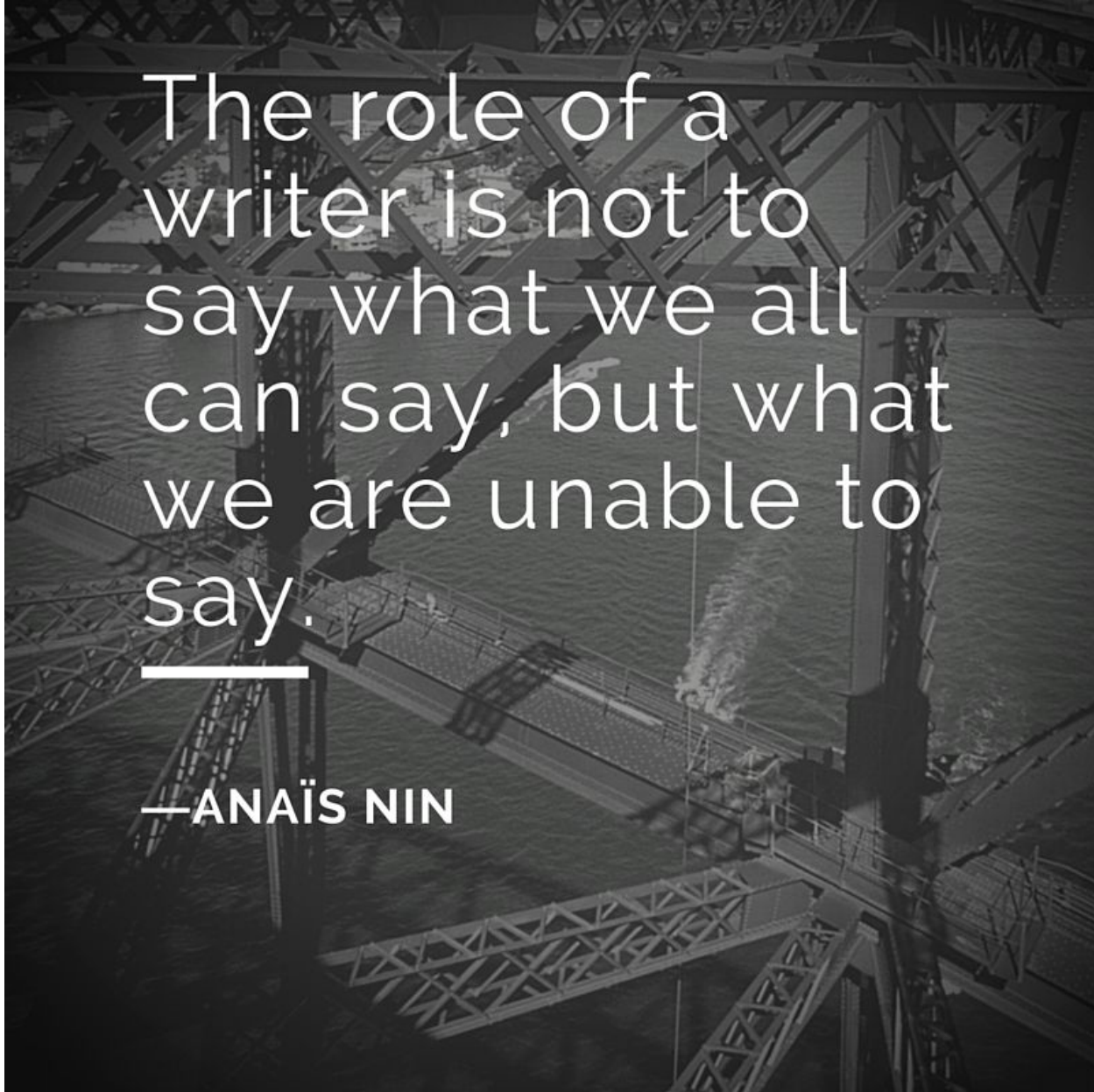
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