

Quotes About Writing from Great Writers

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[11 Things No One Tells You About Being a Writer](#)

We are all apprentices in a craft where no one ever becomes a master.

~Ernest Hemingway

I try to leave out the parts that people skip.

~Elmore Leonard

Writing a book is like telling a joke and having to wait two years to know whether or not it was funny.

~Alain de Botton

If you don't have time to read, you don't have the time (or the tools) to write. Simple as that.

~Stephen King

Easy reading is damn hard writing.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Writing is a socially acceptable form of schizophrenia.

~E.L. Doctorow

I'm not a very good writer, but I'm an excellent rewriter.

~James Michener

Reading is more important than writing.

~Roberto Bolaño

The road to hell is paved with works-in-progress.

~Philip Roth

Everybody walks past a thousand story ideas every day. The good writers are the ones who see five or six of them. Most people don't see any.

~Orson Scott

Writing is a struggle against silence.

~Carlos Fuentes

Always be a poet, even in prose.

~Charles Baudelaire

I love being a writer. What I can't stand is the paperwork.

~Peter De Vries

Storytelling reveals meaning without committing the error of defining it.

~Hannah Arendt

Amateurs sit and wait for inspiration, the rest of us get up and go to work.

~Stephen King

You must stay drunk on writing so reality cannot destroy you.

~Ray Bradbury