

Writers Tips

Writing Tip #1

Write 1,000 words a day, every day. No matter what, produce those words. If you are writing a 75,000 word book, in 75 days the primary writing will be done. Nothing will get you into the habit of writing and producing more than maintaining a 1,000 word goal.

Writing Tip #2

Keep a notepad of some kind with you everywhere (and of course, have a pen, too). You'll never know when a thought or inspiration might strike. Jot your thoughts down right away. Technology also allows us to now use our cell phones or Blackberries as electronic notepads. Use them to capture and retain your ideas.

Writing Tip #3

Get a door. You need a private, quiet place to work. If your life is busy, hectic, and crazy, forget the notion of writing on the kitchen table or in front of the television. Get away from all the distractions on your world. To do that, get yourself behind a door. And then write.

Writing Tip #4

Add more fonts to your computer. Many are available free from [typhenow.net](http://www.typhenow.net). There's a neat collection, based on movie and TV show titles, available here:
<http://www.typhenow.net/themed.htm>.

Writing Tip #5

Do not focus on rejection. Focus on your writing.

Writing Tip #6

Join a writer's group. You will learn a lot by having your writing critiqued, and you will learn even more by critiquing other writer's manuscripts.

Writing Tip #7

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