

THE JOURNEY OF WRITING A BOOK

HOW DO AUTHORS WRITE THE BOOKS WE LOVE?

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An author doesn't write a book in 3 seconds. They don't think of an idea write it down on a piece of paper and send it off to the publisher. All of the books we love take a process to be written.

To write a book it involves a lot of people to do the job. It involves an agent and a publisher and many more people, but what does the writer do? The writer does many more things than you think, they don't just sit around and watch TV all day!

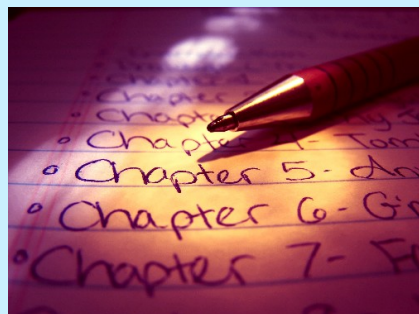


THINKING OF THE IDEA

The first thing an author does to start the process of the book is thinking of an idea. This can be a challenging stage for an author. The reason why it is challenging is because the author has to decide on an idea that they think will take peoples interest.

STARTING TO WRITE

Starting to write a book can also be one of the most challenging stages of the process for the author. The reason why it can be one of the most challenging stages of the book for the author because they have to write several drafts and write a book that relates to there topic.



THE PEOPLE YOU NEED TO WRITE A BOOK

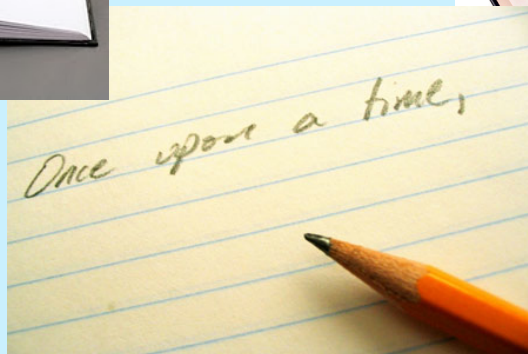
You need many people to help you write a book. You need an agent, a publisher, an editor, and so many more. An agent is someone who helps you shape the idea of a book and sell it to the publisher. A publisher is someone who makes the book a book. An editor is someone who gives you suggestions on what to do better. The reason why you need those people is so you can make the book the best it can be.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF WRITING A BOOK

There are many responsibilities you need to commit to if you want to write a book. If you don't take on the responsibilities your book won't be successful. Some people may ask, "What are the responsibilities?" The responsibilities are, you have to be committed into the project, you have to put time aside for writing, and you also have to work nicely with the people that you are working with. You can't yell at the publisher when you turn in the book and they give you a few things to fix. You can't tell your agent that you don't like their idea in a mean way.

DONE WRITING

When an author is done writing all of these drafts everything is fixed and the publisher says it is okay to send, you think that they would think that they are done, but they are not. The author has to make sure that they put in all their heart and soul into their book. They also have to check for spelling. But they have to make sure they put everything they got into that book. When your books are in the bookstore and they become a best seller that feels really good.



THE VIEW OF AN AGENT

According to agent Debra Goldstein, writing a book is very stressful. It takes a lot of hard work. Debra Goldstein has been an agent for many years so she has done a lot of books. Debra always says that an agent isn't a person that helps the author write the book, an agent is a person who helps the author make the book as good as it can possibly be.

EDITING

It can be a challenging stage for the author in the editing process. As the editor they have to make sure they get the book back to the author ready for publishing. Normally, the editor would help the author out by giving them advice and suggestions on their first draft.

THE CONTRACT

An author has to sign a contract before they send the book to the publisher to make things official. The contract can take anywhere from a few weeks to a few months after the offer was accepted.

SENDING THE BOOK TO THE PUBLISHER/PUBLICITY

After you send the book to the publisher you may think that all the hard work is done but it's not even close. You have to get publicity for your book. Most authors go on TV or do a book reading at a bookstore.

MARKETING

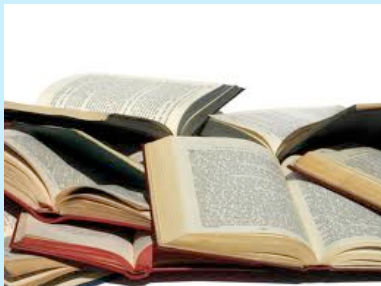
There will most likely be a marketing department, a sales representative, a book buyer, and the reviewers. For the marketing department there are many people. There are also many things with the marketing department that will help you. It is almost related to publicity just slightly different.





TIMING

To write a book, it takes a long time. There is a lot of hard work and stress. Sometimes you may feel frustrated you may want to quit! But an author always works it out.



THE STRESS OF WRITING A BOOK

Sometimes very bad things can happen when you write a book. You could accidentally delete 40 pages that you needed; you could delete your first draft by mistake!

ON THE BEST SELLERS LIST

Your book is finally in stores, all your hard work has come to good use, and you're on the best sellers list. You have finally published the book. No more hard work and no more stressful days! The only thing you have to worry about is if there is going to be a sequel. So keep the work in your head.



There is a lot of stress for an author and you could have stress when you are doing homework or working on a writing piece. Just think about how stressful that is, authors have 10 times more stress in writing than you do. Lets just say you love the Harry Potter books or the Hunger Games imagine writing those. So think about all the books you love and thank the author for doing all that for you. Know you have learned how authors write the books we love and the journey of writing a book.