

Writing and Publishing as a Second Career

(NOT A PAYING CAREER)

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I had this idea, that I should write a novel.

But could I, did I have the chops?



What would I write about?

Long ago, in a galaxy far away...

I was armed with an idea!

SO I SAT DOWN AND WONDERED HOW LONG BEFORE I RAN DRY....

But I never did!

1. What I learned about myself and my style of composition

2. Writer's Block? What Writer's Block?

Write, revise or both?

About 18 months later...

I WAS DONE (WITH THE FIRST DRAFT)

Now what sis

Edit. Then edit again. And again. And again.

- Books and classes
- Find a good editor and pay him/her
- Writing groups and the introverted writer

A bit more about editors

- Developmental editors
- Line editors/Content editors
- Copyediting/Proofreading
- ► Friends



How to get published

AGENTS SMALL PRESSES THE BIG FIVE

Two small press stories

- (But there still are some GREAT small presses out there)
- (And many scams): A word about ALLi, the Alliance of Independent Authors

My path to publishing "independently"

Read <u>a lot</u> and think carefully about how much you want to invest





But whatever you do, hire a designer

Develop a timeline

MINE WAS FOUR PAGES

Amazon is the 500 pound gorilla

But they may not be your best choice for printing (Ingram Spark)

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Bottom line: If you don't market your book, no one else will



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Honing your chops



Confession: l'm a writing snob



Questions?

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