



Writer's Meetup

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Writer's Meetup:

Welcome new members! You'll find in our member's ranks, authors of many genres and skill levels. The main objective is to help encourage and support members to their goals, whatever they may be. Generally this is for publication or at the very least to hone their craft. Feel free to participate to the extent that you wish.

Meetup Issues:

- ✦ We've discussed in the past a move to Yahoo egroups, but I am finding that the egroup never gets the members or advertising as meetup.com has. The costs of the meetup stands at \$9.00 per month, so if you could even bring loose change to help cover the cost, I'd appreciate it.
- ✦ NaNoWriMo contest is in November. Anyone interested in joining or having one of our own? www.nanowrimo.org
- ✦ Rejection Contest: Anyone interested in joining a rejection-contest? The most rejections for submission to paying publication wins a prize.
- ✦ Sign up for Associated Content and other online freelance writing jobs.

Writing Tips:



- Inspiration comes from many places; From books, TV, movies, video games, photos, art, comics, conversations, etc. Sit in a crowded room and jot down at least five things to write about such as describing a person, follow someone's dialogue, or consider someone's back story and write about that.

Writing Prompt

Freewriting is the activity of timed freestyle writing. You begin with a blank sheet (or monitor screen) and you have 5-10 minutes to fill up the paper with *something...anything.*

Option: You can start with a sentence or idea.

Example: A frightening experience

Do not worry about grammar or typos.

Do not worry about complete sentences.

You don't have to share this with anyone.

This is only to open yourself up to creativity and clear writer's block.

Writer's Review: (Books, web sites, programs, etc)

www.Zoho.com includes a very handy online word processor that not only allows you to save/back up your documents, but you can import, export, and save to the Internet to share and collaborate. Google documents also has the same features, but I find Zoho provides a 'comments' area for published documents that will allow people to leave brief critiques. Zoho also includes a spreadsheet, planner, web design (notebook), and other services which are all free.

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