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Make Your Writing Goals Work for You

Do you have your 2010 writing goals in place? Now's the time to make sure they are working for you.

Take a large goal for the year and break this down into a list of smaller tasks. Write each task as a goal. No matter if you have large or small goals, they all should be **SMART** goals.

SPECIFIC. Keep your goals simple. Answer the questions: How much? For whom? For what?

MEASURABLE. A good goal is one that has a recognizable outcome -- it is **measurable**.

ACHIEVABLE. The outcome of your goals should be achievable.

RELEVANT. Your goals should be relevant to your overall writing journey.

TIMELY. Add a time frame to your goals to help make them realistic.

EXAMPLE. If your overall writing goal for 2010 is to complete a draft of a novel by December 31, 2010, you might have the following smaller goals to support your overall goal.

I will write 500 new words a day, four days a week.

One day a week, I will revise what I've written the previous week.

One day a month I will read through the writing for that month and update my scene outline.

By focusing on your goals, you create your own reality.

Go to
www.LiveYourWritingDream.com/special/SMARTGoalsWorksheet.pdf
to get your worksheet.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

My website is live! You'll find writing articles, a short ebook on creativity, information on getting a free sample session, and more.

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I have several proposals out for writing workshops, and as these are scheduled, I'll post these on the website and in the newsletter.

Twenty inches of snow. That's what I've been dealing with the week before Christmas. And a dislocated elbow from trying to shovel a huge chunk of ice-packed snow. That will teach me a lesson in over-doing. Something that I obviously need to work on still. It's a good thing that most of the newsletter was written before this storm. But I can type with my left hand - I'm a bit slower, but it's writing all the same.

Please feel free to forward this newsletter (in its entirety) to others.

Happy New Year!

Best Wishes,
June



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"Get back to the excitement you felt as a child..."

Make the Most of Your Reading Time

All writers should read, whether it is nonfiction or fiction, in your genre or outside, the bottom line is: READ. Read often.

Let me make a guess: As a child you loved to read. In fact, you might have loved to read more than anything else. Maybe reading inspired you to want to become a writer. Am I close?

Don't lose your connection to books.

Read the classics to see where writing came from and read modern fiction to see what's happening today and where we might be going tomorrow.

When you finish a book that was especially good or exceptionally bad (even if you didn't finish it) ask yourself: Why did I like (or dislike) this book?

What kept you turning the pages (or not)? What made you laugh or cry, and how did the

author achieve this?

Read to gain knowledge and for ideas. I often read news articles, especially ones about crime to help with ideas for mysteries.

If you buy books and others see you reading, guess what? You're setting a great example.

Get back to the excitement you felt as a child in opening the cover and immersing yourself into a new world.

Read because it's FUN.



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