

The Realistic Writer Is A Successful Author

Writers have always faced a plethora of challenges. To begin with, the actual process of writing is not easy. It is hard work to write well.

Not to mention, a writer has to be an entrepreneur, capable of self-starting and self-discipline. The amount of unwritten books in the world are endless. Unless the writer starts the project, he or she will never finish.

Next, the writer has to possess an iron will. If they are not organized, motivated and inspired, their book will not get written. They have to be able to keep at the task, day in and day out, until the job is done. This consistency is much more difficult than it seems, since a writer is his or her own boss. If they lose the focus, if they cut themselves too much slack, they lose the book.

A writer also has to have a particularly thick skin, since failure and setback are right around the corner. A writer is always dealing with criticism and rejection. It's an integral part of the profession.

They are also dealing with self doubt, the above mentioned self-imposed deadlines and the fact they need to earn an independent income while they juggle everything we've discussed and more. If this sounds difficult, it's because it is.

However, writing is also very rewarding. The fact that a writer must be an entrepreneur allows them to develop the ability to think creatively and reactively in short periods of time. They also develop the confidence to take their ideas and make them real. Very few people ever experience that freedom. Additionally, the fact that they work for themselves means that they call the shots. There are no time clocks or deadlines imposed by others. They work when they want and how they want for as long as they want. The things they work on are of interest to them. They do not spend precious time being drones on projects that have no personal meaning. What they create belongs to no one else and any profit earned from their creation is theirs to enjoy. They are their own bosses. This type of freedom is intoxicating and very rare.

So, while the work and process of writing is difficult, the rewards are commensurate to the effort. Isn't that the way with almost all worthwhile activities in life? The potential author who realistically assesses these risks and this effort is a writer well on their way to success.