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## **Writing Quotes**

“Writing is something you do alone. It’s a profession for introverts who want to tell you a story but don’t want to make eye contact while doing it.” – John Green

“Write like nobody will ever read it. Edit like the whole world will.” – Sharon Melton Lippincott

“Don’t be paralyzed by the idea that you’re writing a book; just write.” – Isabelle Allende

“If you listen to your fears, you will die never knowing what a great person you might have been.”  
– Robert H. Schuller

“Whatever you are, be a good one.” – Abraham Lincoln

“When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don’t adjust the goals. Adjust the action steps.”  
– Confucius

“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.” – C. S. Lewis

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## **Editorials: About Fair Book Contracts**

Check out this Preview of “**The Authors Guild Fair Contract Initiative.**” The move is to get publishers to offer authors more equitable deals. I don’t know why publishers would want to change the way they do business since the current practices obviously benefit them. A quote from this article: “... even contracts negotiated by agents and lawyers often include longstanding ‘gotchas’ that live on only because ‘it’s always been that way.’”

This initiative tackles many publishing concerns, like the life of a copyright for instance. Right now the life of a copyright is 35 years. Only at that time can the author terminate the agreement with the publisher. Most authors believe that 35 years is way too long for the book publisher to hold the author's work hostage. To most authors and many agents, that's just wrong.

<https://www.authorsguild.org/industry-advocacy/the-authors-guild-fair-contract-initiative-a-preview/>

## Going Viral

Wouldn't it be awesome to create something, post it on the Web, and then awake the next day to find it had gone Viral!? It's amazing how something web-based suddenly has 25 million hits & shares from total strangers. Most of the time it involves a story/video of a nice person giving something to street people or someone feeding stray animals or performing a daring rescue, but sometimes even a fiction story will take off like a rocket.

Steve McEllistrem, author of several sci-fi books, writes about this in: **Why Stories Are Viral**. You can read his article here: <http://www.mcellistrem.com/2015/07/06/why-stories-are-vital/>

## A New Favorite Author

In the last 12 months I've purchased ten sci-fi books written by B. V. Larson. This guy pumps out a couple a month, I swear, and he's writing six different series all at the same time. I particularly like two of the sci-fi outer space series. What I'd really like to know is how in the heck does he write so much? Check out this interview with Larson: <http://interviewingauthors.com/b-v-larson-tops-in-amazon-science-fiction/>

## Writing Conferences and Workshops

- ▶ **Alt Press Fest: July 18.** The City Library's 7th annual Alt Press Fest celebrates zines, all forms of alternative press, and the awesome people who create it in Salt Lake City. Visit with dozens of local artists and writers as they exhibit their wares, take part in the Sumi Ink workshop, and see steamroller printmaking in action. An exhibition featuring originals from the Library's Zine Collection and past Alt Press Fest memorabilia will be on display. <http://slcpl.org/altpressfest>
- ▶ **League of Utah Writers Fall Conference: August 28-29. Please mark your calendars.** This year the 2015 Utah Writers Fall Conference will be held at the Riverwoods Conference Center in Logan. Currently some of the Presenter bios and photos have been posted on the website, but the schedule isn't complete. When it's ready for prime time, Amanda will have it posted on the website. This conference promises to be educational and fun. <http://www.luwriters.org/roundup.html>

## Writing Contests

- ▶ **Amygdala Short Story Contest:** Deadline: August 12, 2015 – Entry fee: \$35. This contest for a cash prize and inclusion in a short-story collection is sponsored by a Utah-based company. This is the contest announcement page: <http://www.dwighthurst.com/contest>
- ▶ **Dragon Knight e-Magazine Writing Competition:** Deadline: January 15, 2016. Dragon Knight is looking for stories for a new e-Magazine. Formatting, submission guidelines, and word count are listed here: <https://dkchronicles2013.wordpress.com/annual-e-magazine-writing-competition/>

## Online Resources for Writers

### Writing Productivity:

- ▶ **Making Time to Write** [this author thoroughly examines this subject with Article, Podcast, and Video] <http://aarongansky.com/making-time-to-write/>
- ▶ **What to do to Keep Writing even if You Think You Don't Feel Like Writing:** <http://sallyember.com/2015/05/27/what-to-do-to-keep-writing-even-if-you-think-you-dont-feel-like-writing-guest-post-by-john-howell-amwriting-author/>
- ▶ **Synonyms for the 96 most commonly used words in English:** <http://www.stumbleupon.com/su/24zL8L>

### Characterization:

- ▶ **How to Write a Liar Who is Telling a Lie - Body Language:** <http://thrillwriting.blogspot.com/2013/06/how-to-write-liar-telling-lie-body.html>
- ▶ **Is your Character Depressed? Psych 101 for Writers:** <http://thrillwriting.blogspot.com/2013/10/do-you-think-your-character-might-be.html>
- ▶ **The Way Thrillers Should Be Written** (review of *The Ninth District* by Douglas Dorow): <http://writtenword.ca/wordpress/2013/08/the-ninth-district-the-way-thrillers-should-be-written/>

## Self-Publishing & Freelance

- ▶ **Has it Been a Year Already?** Author J. S. Morin discusses his first year in the self-publishing arena, journey, venture ... **thing.** <http://www.jsmorin.com/2014/03/year-already/>
- ▶ **What I've Learned Since Publishing My First Book:** Article about writing, publishing, and promotion from Angela Scott: <http://www.angelascottauthor.com/blog/angela-scott-things-ive-learned-since-publishing-my-first-book>
- ▶ **Quick 8-Step Guide to Publishing your eBook on Amazon** (just the fundamentals here): <http://badredheadmedia.com/2015/06/20/a-quick-8-step-guide-to-publishing-your-ebook-on-amazon-by-nblackburn01/>
- ▶ **What Stands Between You and Success as an Authorpreneur?** <http://www.indieplottwist.com/what-stands-between-you-and-success-as-an-authorpreneur/>
- ▶ **Marketing Your Book Series:** <http://www.freebooksy.com/secret-to-marketing-your-series/>

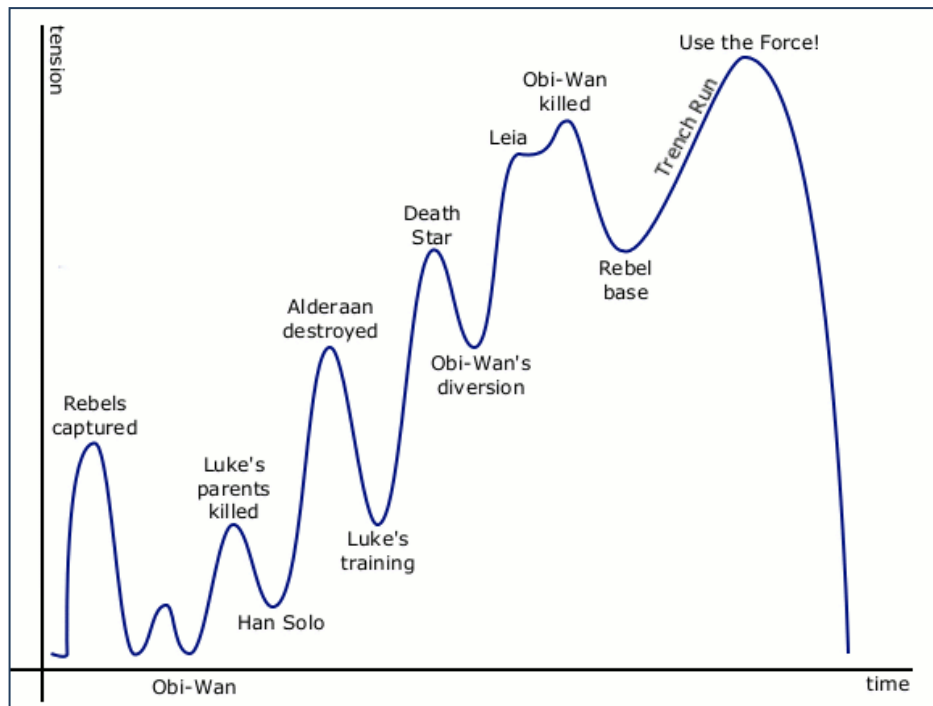
## Publishing Opportunities

- ▶ **CRIME – No Man's Land: The Crime Edition (anthology):** Deadline: July 31st, 2015 – Entry fee: \$10. The Crime Edition anthology will be published in print and eBook. They're looking for stories of traditional and non-traditional crime. Cash awards and free copies. Length: up to 7000 words. <https://altaireproductionspublications.submittable.com/submit>
- ▶ **FAIRIES – “Wee Folk and Wise” (fantasy anthology):** Deadline: October 15, 2015. Big fairies, little fairies, ugly fairies, pretty fairies, wise fairies, silly fairies, sweet fairies and scary fairies (NO demons, werewolves, witches, dragons, vampires or ghosts). 2000 to 6500 words. Published by Sky Warrior Books. <http://skywarriorbooks.blogspot.com/p/call-for-submissions-anthologies.html>

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- ▶ **SCI-FI / SPECULATIVE – Mothership Zeta.** Deadline: July 25th. Quarterly website/ezone that will feature fiction and nonfiction of interest to the speculative fiction-loving world. Up to 6000 words long. They're offering \$0.06 a word for new fiction and \$30 for flash pieces (up to 1000 words). Site is sketchy on details: <http://mothershipzeta.org/2015/07/06/coming-october-2015/>
- ▶ **QUITTERS – Anthology of Quitters.** Deadline: Early September 2015. They are looking for Chapter One of a novel you never finished. They want polish writing, any genre, esp. humorous. 2000 to 5000 words. Pays \$25 by check upon acceptance + copy of book. <https://anthologyofquitters.wordpress.com/>

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## Star Wars Pacing



(I didn't create this graphic – but I thought it was clever.)

**Happy writing!**

~ Ann