

Nine Myths that May Block You From Completing Your Best Book Now (Part 2)

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Get Your Best Book Written today! This second article in a two part series continues with practical tips to get you writing your book and keep you writing until your book is finished.

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Get Your Best Book Written today. Defy these myths and setup your system of writing with nine easy solutions.

Many speakers, consultants, and small business owners alike feel confident with communicating their message orally. They can spout their message in an elevator speech with the accuracy of a scientist. But when it comes to putting it on paper, some grown men & women are frustrated to tears. Through speaking and writing, I have discovered 9 myths that often block others from writing their best book now. I promise. It's not hard once you know exactly what to do.

Successful writers set up a system of writing. Destroy these myths and setup your system of writing with nine easy solutions.

Myth #6 I just write whatever comes to my head and there's no need to re-write.

My editor will handle all that. It's o.k. to free write when you are working on your first draft. The idea is go get the thoughts out of your head onto paper. For no one can express it quite like you. Oh sure, there are some better or worse writers but not exactly like you. I know this may not feel good to some but its smacks of plain ole laziness if you don't work on making your copy the best it can be. Don't leave all the dirty work for your editor unless you really can't do any better.

Solution: Successful authors rewrite and organize their ideas for the most impact. Avoid re-writing during your first draft. Concentrate on finishing each chapter then you're your tracking time to self-edit: Check your ideas for flow, grammar, spelling, and chapter endings. Work on your chapter titles and lead in introductions.

Myth #7 I have to do it all myself.

Do your research and reading time apart from your writing sessions. You may be able to ask your spouse, a teen-aged son or daughter, a friend to help with your research. Know when to let go of your chapters and book. Don't self-edit and pick your book apart word by word. Learn to use your skills at the highest level possible. Some of the mechanical tasks of proofreading ask a family member, part-time employee or again a friend to help.

Solution: After using your skills at the highest level, learn to delegate faster and faster. Do the best job you can with your manuscript, and then don't be afraid to pass it to a professional.

Myth #8 I don't know anything about computers so pecking my book out would probably take forever.

Don't run from technology. At least take the time to learn about the shortcuts in your current software. Welcome to the new millennium! Embrace technology make your software work efficiently for you.

Solution: Value your time. Learn how to do it easier and faster.
Myth #9 Computer crashes, loss of information would never happen to me.

If you have been computing long, you know computer crashes or loss of data can happen to anyone. Don't take the chance of losing your hard work. Print out and back up daily.

Solution: Develop the habit now to save your work and print daily. Save your manuscript to an alternate space. Use a floppy diskette or burn a cd/dvd. Safeguard your time investment backup today and every day. Writing a book is a journey. Most journeys go so much smoother with a map or in our case a writing plan. Taking the simple steps above will get you started fast and keep you going to completion. Start today then complete and release your significant message in a book to the world.

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