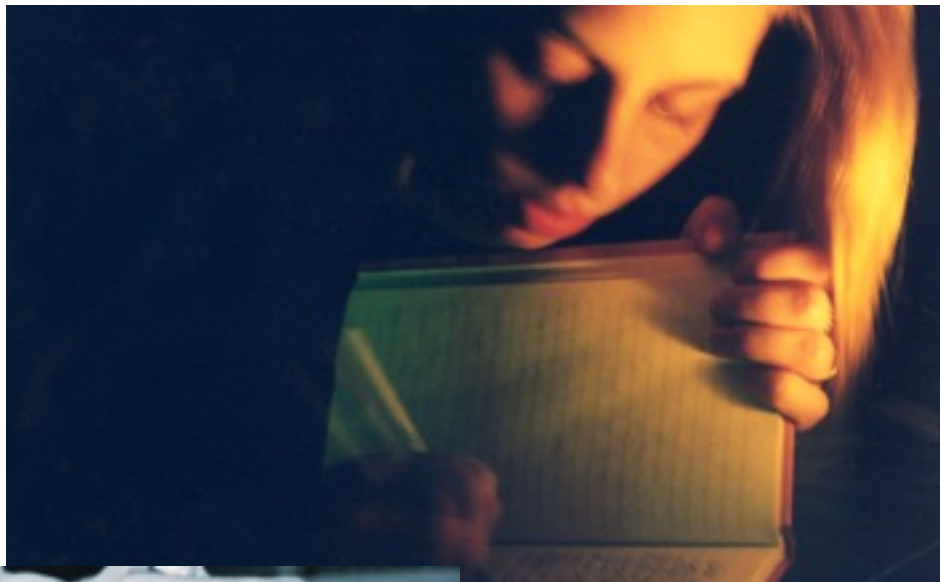
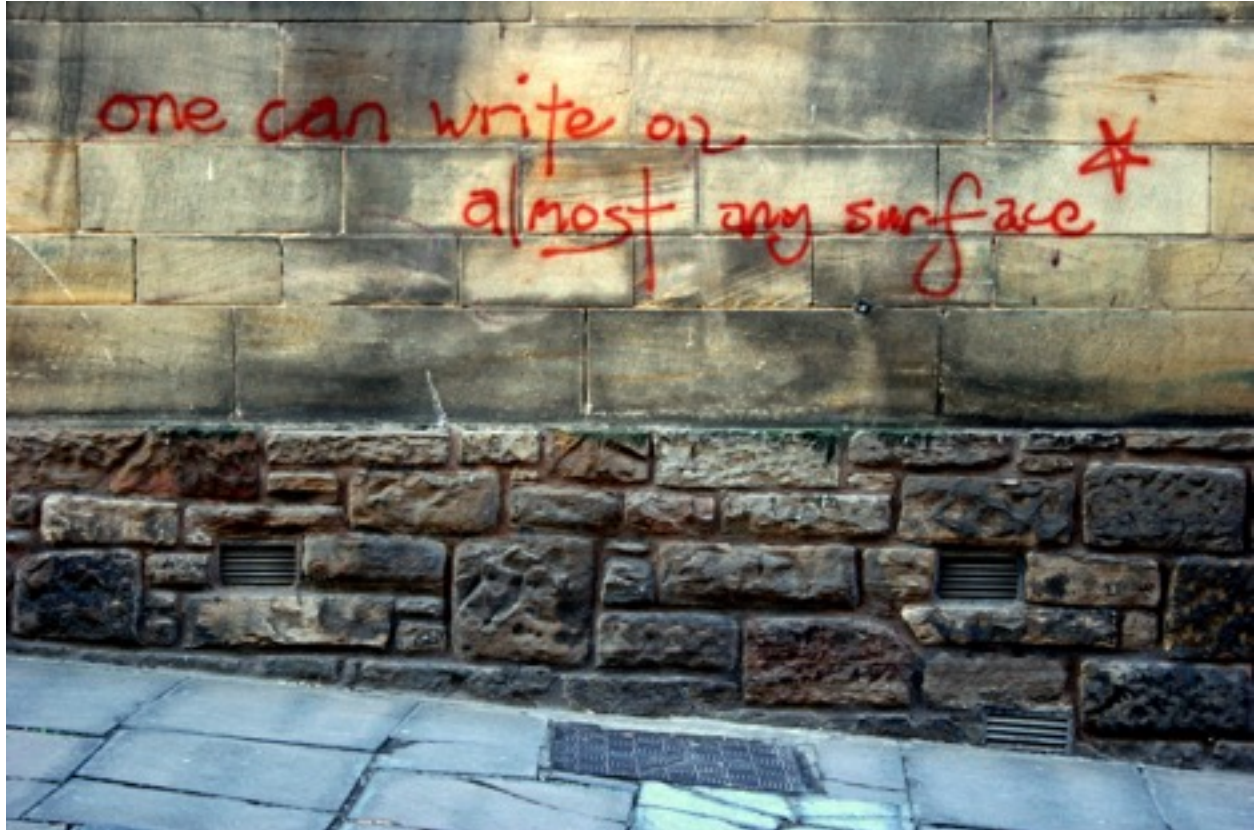


# Yes! I AM a WRITER

## 5 Steps to Build Your Writing Confidence





## Step 1 - Don't Wait 4 Permission

You don't need to seek anyone's permission to write. You don't need to pass an exam to be called a writer and be able to share your story. You don't need to obtain any license for that. You don't have to want to become a writer... You simply need to be one.

Writers write. And no one can take it away from them. Whether what you've written is liked by many or only few is another question.

Don't wait for someone to acknowledge that fact. Don't waste time waiting for others permitting you to call yourself a writer. Do your thing - write.

**Don't WANT to be a writer. Don't decide to BECOME a writer - decide to BE one.**



## Step 2 - Stop Waiting & Start Acting

When I meet new people and they find out I am a writer many of them tell "I want to write a book too one day". One day? Which day?

You think you will ever get completely free 6 months to sit alone in a forest hut and write that book? You think you will wake up from a knock on the door and when you open it you'll see that "one day" on your doorway saying "I've come you can start now" ? Something tells me that might not really happen...

What if instead of waiting for that "one day" you start now? Sooner you start bigger the chances that you'll actually make it happen.

But if you keep sticking to that dangerous future tense you will risk staying where you are now.

Do you really want to let your entire life become a waiting room?  
No?

Then stop waiting and start acting.





## Step 3 - Start Small

As Lao Tzu said the journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. No one reached enormous success immediately. The success we see and think is an overnight success is cumulated result of many consistent small victories and accomplishments. So take the first step and see where it takes me.

Don't think too much whether you are good enough or not to write a book, don't think too much whether people will like it or not, don't overthink about how to promote, market and sell it. And also don't think about a 600 page novel right away. Simply take action and write your first page.

One word at a time, one line at a time, one paragraph at a time... well you got the picture, right?



## **Step 4 - Share Your Stories**

Maybe you are not ready to publish your book because you think it's not good enough? Well, let me tell you something. None of the good writers are ever completely satisfied with their writing. They all think that it could have been written better. And that's ok... No one's first book has been perfect. But if not that first book... we would never have read author's second, third and fourth books either.

**Unread Story is a Broken Dream!**

Even if you never show your writings to anyone and they stay safely hidden until the end of your life, people will still judge you. People always do...

People will judge you even if you simply walk down the street. They will judge your looks, they will judge your clothes... They will judge the way you walk...

Does that keep you locked inside? No.

Then why should it keep your stories locked inside you? Why should it keep you from sharing your emotions, thoughts, talent, stories and passion locked inside?

Why should all those who deserve to read your writings lose that chance? Simply because few may not like it? Well, who is more important to you - your potential reader and fan, or a nay-sayers, who will judge you anyway?

What if your book helps someone? What if your book inspires people? What if people need to get the message you've shared in the book? What if your writing will help someone escape the reality, forget their problems and re-live the lives of your characters? What if people will actually like it and the book does well?

You know what?

You will never know what will actually happen unless you publish.



## Step 5 - Embrace Criticism

*"To avoid criticism say nothing, do nothing, be nothing."* —  
Aristotle

Getting the very first negative review or hearing that one of your friends did not really like your book can be painful. You have spent so much time pouring out your soul in that book, that it has become part of you already.

But there is one important thing that you need to realize. And that is: ***the critic is not about you - it is rather about what you have created. So Don't take it personal.***

You will never write a book, which will be liked by everyone, so don't even try. If you write to please everyone, you will end up pleasing no one as a result. So while writing, don't worry about what will people think about it. Follow your heart, pour out your soul and write what you feel inside and/or share that important message that you need to share.

Many people allow criticism ruin their self-confidence. There are some people, on the other hand, who are so self-confident that they refuse to accept any criticism. The key here is trying to keep the balance.

And the best way to deal with criticism is to learn, improve and prove them wrong!