

Finding Your Direction: So, You Want to Be a Writer

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What kind of writing do I want to do? FICTION (i.e., novels) or NON-FICTION

What genre do I find interesting? (Thrillers, romance novels, non-fiction subjects such as cookbooks, books about history, etc.)

What is my ultimate goal as a writer? (Book author, freelance editor, staff writer at a magazine, etc.)

What writing experience do I already have under my belt? (Corporate newsletters, writing blog posts, contributing to a community publication, etc.)

Do I have any contacts at places that hire/contract with writers? (Editors, agents, marketing agencies, communications/social media content providers, etc.)

Do I ultimately want to SELF-PUBLISH or seek TRADITIONAL PUBLISHING?

If I'm writing a book, will I need to write a PROPOSAL or a MANUSCRIPT?

What auxiliary talents do I have that I could use to build a platform? (Public speaking, teaching, editing, marketing experience, social media savvy etc.)