

## Favorite Writing Quotes

When you write, try to leave out the parts readers skip.

*Elmore Leonard*

Keep in mind that the person to write for is yourself. Tell the story that you most desperately want to read.

*Susan Isaacs*

Bike messengers and writers have a lot in common, I discovered. In both activities, every forward motion is self-propelled. If you stop trying, you will shortly stop moving, and stop earning. Both activities involve gathering things and dispersing them. Bike messengers are given specific destinations. Sometimes writers have specific destinations in mind, too. And sometimes they don't. In both cases, however, how you get there is for you to figure out.

*Thomas Beller*

Don't get it right, get it written.

*James Thurber*

My own best advice to young writers is: follow your curiosity and passion. What fascinates you will probably fascinate others. But, even if it doesn't, you will have devoted your life to what you love. An important corollary is that it's no use trying to write like someone else. Discover what's uniquely yours.

*Diane Ackerman*

Writers seldom write the things they think. They simply write the things they think other folks think they think.

*Elbert Hubbard*

The beautiful part of writing is that you don't have to get it right the first time, unlike, say, a brain surgeon.

*Robert Cormier*

I learned that you should feel when writing, not like Lord Byron on a mountain top, but like a child stringing beads in kindergarten - happy, absorbed and quietly putting one bead on after another.

*Brenda Ueland*

A blank piece of paper is God's way of showing a writer how hard it is to be God.

*Joel Saltzman*