

Habits of Professional Authors

Not all writers are the same. But if you look closely, you will see a pattern amongst the more successful authors out there. Keep in mind what these habits are. Try to implement the one that fit with who you are as a person. Keep what works. Ditch the rest.

- Write and practice consistently. Most write daily.
- Promote and market their books
- Nurture their fanbase through an author website, newsletter, social media, etc.
- Invest in their books and their education. Save money and create a budget if need be.
- Read consistently
- Commit to being a writer. This is their career, not a hobby. I.e., take yourself seriously.
- Plan. Writing, editing, revising, marketing, promoting, etc. The whole writing journey.
- Embrace the suck. They work on their craft even when they feel like procrastinating, and even when they experience writer's block. They know they won't produce God-tier writing all the time. Push through it.
- Actively avoid distractions (Ex. Turn their phone off)
- Focus on one thing at a time. You may wear multiple hats as a writer, but you don't have to wear them all at once.
- They take care of themselves mentally and physically. That means you should try to eat healthy, exercise, get enough sleep, and take time for yourself. Schedule it in because these things can help you with so much more than just improving your writing.
- They stay organized. That means your desk, your computer, financially, etc. Basically, follow the rules that everything has a home and efficiency is key.
- They are active in at least one writing community. This could be in person or online. It takes a village to write a book. You will need help every step of the way, so stop being such a recluse!
- They embrace research. When you start writing a book, research will be your best friend.
- They don't quit.