

To Be a Writer, Write

Small snippets, urgings and the story of my plum tree

Start simple: Write for one hour a day. Everyday. No excuses. Make it happen.

An idea is just an idea until you sit down to write.

A book idea >>>>>>> A LOT of writing >>>>>>> A real book

Every word written counts.

The world doesn't need you to write. Except that it does.

You don't become a writer because you dream of being a writer. You become a writer because you take action on behalf of that dream, and that action is to write.

Will the world truly suffer if you don't write the book you want to write? Probably not. But do it anyway. I dare you.

Someone out there needs your book *right now*. (Maybe that person is you.)

Have you nailed down the one hour a day writing practice? Great! Now – just once a week – bump it up to two.

The plum tree in my yard has been bare all winter. Until one day I saw a few leaves. Then a few days later I saw their blossoms. Today the tree is full of tiny, rapidly growing pieces of fruit. In a few weeks I'll make fresh plum jam. All of that takes time, and the tree is never in a rush.

You know what you need to do. The question is are you willing to do it?