

Unleash the Writer Within

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Why Do You Write?

Ponder Cec's Statement: "I Write to Find Out Who I Am."

"What's wrong with being exactly who you are? Who says you have to morph into becoming someone else? ... Here's the primary reason I push being real: Everything you write reveals something about who you are—even your attempts at self-concealment." (Ch. 3)

"To excel at the craft, you need to learn skills and techniques. Just as much (perhaps more) you need to understand as much as you can about the source of your writing—yourself." (Ch. 6)

Let's Build a Healthy Identity (Self-Image)

- Our identity is the core _____ we have about _____.
- Everything flows from identity—_____ and _____.
- The world's formula: My significance = _____ + _____
- Where do you get your identity?

Let's Stay True to Our Voice

- Your voice is how you _____ and _____.
- Ask yourself, "When someone reads this, will they _____ it's _____?"

"Too many writers don't resonate with readers because there's nothing distinctive about them. That is, they hide themselves from readers. They use the right words, good material, and no one faults their thinking. That's the problem: They're bland. Perhaps boring. One writer friend sent me the first three chapters of a proposed book. I told him, "It's as good as thirty other books; it's not better than thirty other books." (Ch. 12)

Let's Write from Passion

- Writing from passion _____ us.
- Writing from passion _____ us.
- Writing from passion deeply _____ us.

Being true to our identity, voice, and passion in our writing _____
and builds the _____.

Cecil Murphey, [*Unleash the Writer Within: The Essential Writer's Companion*](#)