

MYTHS THAT HOLD WRITERS BACK

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1. I write only when the inspiration hits me.
2. Whatever God tells me to write is clearly intended for publication.
3. My idea is completely original; it's never been done before.
4. I've been told that I shouldn't write on a subject or theme that's been "overdone."
5. If I'm going to draw my readers to Jesus Christ, I must not write anything that will offend them.
6. My lack of academic degrees or personal or professional experience in my subject should not disqualify me from writing on it.
7. My writing idea is a must-read because my personal/family story contains tragedy, struggle, and other issues people deal with, which means everyone will want to read it.
8. I want my readers to know everything I do on my topic.

9. If I write something for the general market, I need to hide my Christian beliefs.

10. No one in my writers' critique group has been published, but we're learning a lot from each other.

11. An editor told me that my article/book wasn't a good idea, so I stopped submitting it for publishing consideration.

12. I can't believe the editor rejected my idea without reading the entire proposal and manuscript.