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The Writer's Manifesto is a small eBook about getting back to the heart of writing, intentionally written to be read in one sitting. It's a call-to-arms for artists and authors alike to kick the addiction to accolades and write for the sake of writing.

This succinct manifesto is a challenge to fall back in love with your passion, giving you permission and freedom to create not for the applause, but for a higher calling.

The Writer's Manifesto will leave you feeling confident and affirmed not because of what you've done, but because of who you are--a writer

The Writer's Manifesto Details

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Mark Polino says

Simply brilliant. Exactly what I needed.

Andrew Barlow says

Short and sweet. He argues that a writer should not be motivated by accolades or a desire to be heard, but simply by a love of the craft. In fact, he argues that to write for any reason other than the love of the craft is to corrupt the craft. The paradox is that, as one is freed from a focus on the affections of others, he will actually write things that affect others. My take: to suggest that one ought not be motivated by a desire to be read and liked and admired is nonsense. And in fact, isn't this God's own motive in creation? He didn't just create for the love of creating. He created precisely to be displayed as glorious and wise and good, etc. Does this mean that the creative process was tainted by God's motives? I think not. Creation was a means. But there was a much greater end. Goins' assertion is something akin to saying it's not about the destination but about the journey. What if it's about both? And what if the destination is more ultimate than the journey? Having said all this, I really like to read Jeff Goins. I think he's cool, and I'm really happy for all his success.

Danielle Bernock says

Short read. Great advice.

Valentin Eni says

Dac? a? fi ni?elu? mai cinic poate a? spune c? îmi aminte?te de fabula cu vulpea ?i strugurii. Adic? dac? tot nu avem succes, vînz?ri, contracte, feedback de la cititori atunci trebuie s? ne suger?m c? nu de ele avem nevoie, nu pentru astea trebuie s? scriem! Noi, scriitorii, scriem deaceea c? ne place mult s? scriem, c? NU PUTEM S? NU SCRIEM. Un fel de manifest al scriitorilor aspiran?i.

Oricum, manifestul e scris bine ?i chiar începi s? sim?i un fel de motiva?ie de a te apuca imediat de scris. ?i parc? nici nu mai vrei a?a tare "s? vrei s? ai succes" :)

John Barry says

Inspiring

Inspiring words for those looking to create words that inspire. Simple, direct and honest advice for any writer

and writer to be.

Venky Iyer says

Jeff Goins' The Writer's Manifesto prides out the one absolute truth all authors bury deep within themselves, consciously or unconsciously. **WRITE JUST BECAUSE YOU WANT TO.** Write because you want to produce, not profit.

Yet, how many authors actually follow that philosophy nowadays, especially in a world where material accumulation is the be all and end all of all enterprise? I am not very sanguine.

A must read, especially for those rare authors who write because their soul is in it.

A.M. says

Basically a slideshow encouraging people to stick with their writing and do it through a community that Jeff Goins runs.

This is an oldie from 2011 and he has remade that community into something called Tribe Writers.

[I'm cleaning up my pdf book file. I always forget I have them...]

2 stars

James says

This is a short e-book free from Jeff Goins's website. He argues that writers should not write for the sake of getting published or winning accolades. Rather the motivation for writing should be our compulsion to write-for self expression, pure enjoyment, or simply because we have something worth saying.

Goins contends that the best (and most impactful) works of art happen when we aren't chasing success but are freed up to create for art's sake. Well maybe, the art-for-art's sake movement has also created its share of bad art. Still I do find Goins's call to arms inspiring.

Bookaholic Me says

The inspiration which we all need. ?

M.J. Kobernus says

This made me squirm. And cringe. And wonder, in spite of the fact that it was insanely short, when would it end?

A whole bunch of platitudes and rehashed adages on the craft of writing. I did agree with some of the little snippets of wisdom in this so called 'manifesto,' but politics and the English language it ain't.

Goins is a master marketer, and I suppose I am a little angry that I was so easily duped into buying into his marketing tricks that I actually signed up for a newsletter, just so I could read this manifesto. Save yourself the bother. Here are the main points.

Writing is good. We do it because we have to. Don't worry about what other people think. Follow your bliss.

It angers me that he calls it a book. It is barely a slideshow. If it were written for toddlers, it might qualify as a book.

But if you have read this review, then you know what it is about. Save yourself the trouble and future spam in your inbox.

Tracy says

I discovered Jeff Goins by way of twitter. I'm always a fan of work on writing. Add to that the snappy title, and I snapped this up on Amazon. It's a short read. By necessity. It's the barebones call to writing that underlies all writing manuals, from Blaine Hogan to Steven Pressfield.

It's a good manifesto, if a barebones message is what you need to sit down with a page and just write. I liked it. It jives with my particular no-nonsense attitude towards writing. That the page will reward you with its words.

But I see this manifesto as being supplemental. For each writer, there are other issues which complicate the big picture. Some are avoidant. Some are time-challenged. Some are jumpy. Some can't commit. For the variety of ills, there are a variety of other writing manifestos out there. I would recommend "The Writer's Manifesto" to other writers, but I would recommend it as a companion to other writing books that address particular issues that a writer wants to work on.

The Writer's Manifesto is also for writers who have hammered out the finicky details, and just need a little push to get over the edge. This is the kind of Manifesto that I will revisit when my path has become murky.

Sarah Rhea Werner says

Beautiful and powerful book that reminds you why you started writing in the first place. Snag a free copy from Jeff Goins' website, goinswriter.com. And remember: You are not alone.

Francene Carroll says

I like Jeff Goin's message and I will re-read this to give me inspiration when I'm feeling down about my writing or overwhelmed with distractions. I'm not going to rate it as a book because it's more like a blog post, but I do think it's a very smart marketing idea to get some attention - ironic, considering the book's subject matter (I don't mean this in a snarky way). I think it's a timely reminder for writers to get back to what is important and not put so much energy into social networking which can really kill creativity. I got a copy of *The Writer's Manifesto* for free when I signed up for Jeff's newsletter.

Jeff says

This is a tiny book, but full of practical and affirmative statements for the writer. We write because we are writers. We write, not for fame and glory, while that is sometimes the by-product, it is not the real reason for most of us. I intend to re-read this short little gem from time to time to remind me just why it is that I do what I do.

Dana J. Moore says

Super short. More like a poem. But I liked it. Message in a nutshell: Write for the love of writing, not for approval or money or fame.
