

BUCKET LIST FOR WRITERS

Inspired by Catherine Smith of Sooner, Not Later and Shayla Raquel



- Go on a writing retreat
- Take the train
- Visit Stratford-upon-Avon to see where Shakespeare lived
- Take a weekend getaway to Walden Pond and live simply for a while—no cell phones!
- Set off on a literary pilgrimage to a site where your favorite author lived or spent his/her time writing
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- Visit a printing plant to see how books are made
- Go to a book signing and show support for a local author
- Visit a famous bookstore in another state
- Go to a writer's convention
- Visit a bookstore or library in another country (like Dublin, Ireland's "The Long Room")
- Visit the Wizarding World of Harry Potter
- Spend a day in the Library of Congress



Personal Development

- Find a mentor
- Write an affirmation statement that expresses all your strengths as a writer
- Buy a book for a child
- Read The Elements of Style
- Donate any unused or forgotten books to a local library
- Donate copies of your book to a worthy cause
- Join at least three writing associations
- Mentor a teen who is interested in writing
- Create a productive writing space
- Trade manuscripts with a closewriter friend and critique each other
- Subscribe to a "word of theday" email
- Tutor students in English
- Write a private self-help blog for yourself



- Do something weird just to write about it
- Start a book club or writing workshop
- Use the 5 senses while reading a book
- Write an in-depth book review
- Get a little free library outside your house
- Complete the "100 Books Everyone Should Read" list from Goodreads
- Start a personal library
- Go to the late show at the circus
- Create art out of books that are falling apart
- Read at least one book from every genre
- Cosplay as a book character and see if friends can guess it
- Read a ridiculously difficult book, like Ulysses (Not my line, but OMG! I've never read anything truer in my life.)
- Take a character quiz for your favorite story
- Start a savings fund for self-publishing
- Try editing a book



- Host an Alice in Wonderland tea party
- Eat a cake that's designed like a book
- Try some fictitious dishes
- Make green eggs and ham
- Visit a coffee shop you've never been to
- Have a midnight dinner like in the Night Circus
- Have second breakfast
- Throw a Great Gatsby-themed party



- Collect a series
- Buy old books at garage sales—and
- barter!
- Get an autographed book
- Purchase a real inkwell and quill
- Go to a book signing and get a selfie with the author
- Visit a library
- Buy a beautiful leather (or vegan leather) journal
- Pick up a vintage polaroid camera
- Have a movie marathon based on the books you love
- Buy a first edition copy of a bestseller
- Purchase a handmade book
- Buy a typewriter
- Go on a blind date with a book



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- Win NaNoWriMo
- Get an article published
- Write under a pen name
- Write a poem
- Write fan fiction
- Send fan mail to your favorite authors
- Write a comic strip or graphic novel
- Write 100,000 words for one project
- Guest blog for someone famous
- Write in a genre that you hate
- Write a letter to your future self
- Self-publish a book
- Send your ready-for-publication manuscript to
- at least three traditional publishing houses