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*Writer's Notes*  
*Newsletter*  
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## *LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT.*

Dear Members,

As I write this from the kitchen table on a Sunday it is the warmest place in the house. I have had an ear to the TV and the latest update from our Premier and health minister on the state of NSW lockdown restrictions. Not a good scenario and a confirmation of the decision to cancel both our meetings this month. I know this is disappointing, but it is necessary to keep you all safe. We are fortunate to have our writing skills and internet to stay connected. The rainbow scarf I am knitting grows very long. At least I have something visual to justify all this sitting around. My Husband is the Lion and is pacing the roads around us for exercise. And the mask wearing supermarket goer for provisions. I know I am very lucky to have him. I am claustrophobic and struggle. Hibernation is more my choice.

On the bright side, we were heartened to watch our Ash Barty fulfil her dream. So often when so much Media Hype is dashed when the pressure is too much. And tonight we will watch the Men's final with Djokovic the hopeful winner.

Our newsletter is evolving with Kim as the inspiration and editor. Please contribute your writings to her and other interesting articles. And feel very 'Confident' in your ability to ride the waves of this crazy time with the intelligence and inspiration to be creative. Don't feel guilty if the temptations of a good wine or chocolate is too hard to resist. Just remember that this time will pass.

The sun is shining today. We watch the weather charts and feel truly blessed to live in Coffs Harbour. It is official that this is the best climate in Australia and we do not have the extremes of other Regions. We send out our love to family and friends scattered around the World.

But as Dolly Parton is quoted as saying:

"To have the rainbows we have to put up with the rain"

Stay safe and well.

Julie T

MADAME PRESIDENT.

FOR AUGUST.

Happy Birthday



Julie O'Halloran.

Janice Thomas.

# CONFIDENCE

July 2021

By

Julie Trachtenberg.

Right now, I will admit to doubt in my Confidence that Life will return to normal. The rapid developments of the last few weeks reported on the TV news and in emails from NSW Government does not fill me with **CONFIDENCE**. It is my birthday this week and thoughts of the years I have lived and milestones I have celebrated come to mind. All are being viewed through Rose tinted glasses. So, as I have based the writing subjects on song titles from one of my favourite films. (Note to myself, this is next month's homework. '**My favourite things**') I am going to resort to the song itself, as sung in the movie. I figure I need the inspiration of the words, and to perhaps inspire my readers.

**I HAVE CONFIDENCE; sung by JULIE ANDREWS, Composed by RICHARD ROGERS. Sound of Music**

So let them bring on all their problems, I'll do better than my best. I have confidence they'll put me to the test, but I'll make them see, I have confidence in me.

With each step I am more certain,

Everything will turn out fine...

Strength doesn't lie in wealth. Strength lies in nights of peaceful slumbers.

All I trust I leave my heart to. All I trust becomes my own. I have confidence in confidence alone. **Besides which you see, I have confidence in me.**



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Write What You Love To Read, And Vice-Verse.

By

A D Riemer.

*The library is a whispering past. You don't have to take a book off the shelf to know that there is a voice inside that is waiting to speak to you, and behind that was someone who truly believed that if he or she spoke, someone would listen.*

Susan Orlean.

Most people come to this realisation very early in their writing career, but for those of you who are 'writing to market' instead of what makes their soul thrill with discovery – newsflash: if you read everything *but* steamy romance – you are never going to make it as a steamy romance writer. Conversely, if you only read steamy romance, then you aren't going to make it as the world's greatest fantasy writer – unless there's lots of steamy romance, of course. But you will still have to obey the general rules of the fantasy genre IN ADDITION TO said steamy romance.

In other words; pick your genre before you decide to write to market. It will save you many tears and tantrums, along with that coiling spiral of dread that arises when you know that you really aren't doing what you love, never mind knowing what you are doing.

For the past five years, I have been embroiled in writing an action/adventure series. I am somewhat astonished by this because although I enjoy reading a well-written action book, I never thought that I would write one – let alone five (so far, number six is in the research stage). To define 'well-

written' - I have problems with some authors, who think that throwing a wild coincidence into the scene (cough, cough. Sorry Dan Brown, but yours remains – to this day, the only book that I have ever literally thrown across the room and never finished. Hopefully whoever bought it from the Salvation Army liked it better. BTW it was not The Da Vinci Code, or Angels and Demons, those two I tolerated).

So, you have taken your first step to having a writing career that you will love, you have picked your beginning genre. For the sake of argument, I will be using romance as the example, but feel free to insert your genre of choice within.

Next come the tropes common to that genre; romance has things like enemies to lovers, friends to lovers, redeeming the bad boy. In other words, what you are looking at doing is defining the theme of your work.

And now you have a start to writing your novel, short story, poem; whichever you want.

Your next decision? Are you a PANTSER, OR A PLOTTER?

STAY TUNED...

# Books



HELPING INTROVERTS  
& AVOID  
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