

A Writer's Manifesto: How to Write on the Internet Without Losing Your Mind

I will tell stories.

I will be myself.

I will remember it's "better to write for yourself and have no public than write for the public and have no self." (Cyril Connolly)

I will refuse to romanticize the writing life.

I will write to connect, not compete.

I will remember fear is a normal part of the process, but courage gets the final say.

I will remember how ego feels pushy and afraid but calling feels kind and free. Most of the time.

I will remember people write online for a million little reasons and I will respect them theirs.

I will practice writing words I can't take back.

I will refuse to write from a frantic place of hurry.

I will be gentle with myself when I choose to hurry anyway.

I will be relentlessly helpful to the souls of others.

I will write as a kind companion rather than a truth machine.

I will let love lead.

I will not be a jerk.