

Speak Up! The Worst Part about Writing

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Speak Up: Writing: It's who we are and what we do, but is there something about it that you dislike?

Beth Pattillo: I hate, hate, hate writing new pages. I can revise 'til the cows come home, but getting my posterior into the chair and getting started is like pulling teeth, each and every day. If anyone has a cure for this condition, please let me know!

Cheryl Zach (Nicole Byrd): What I dislike: Getting stuck with ugly covers. Bad Amazon reviews--just had one, ouch. To think I used to wish to be well known enough to have readers send in reviews--ha, be careful what you wish for! Happily, the nasty review seems to have prompted several very nice reviews, by readers I don't even know, and who can actually spell--wonders never cease! <G>

Janice Lynn: The thing I dislike the most about writing is the emotional ups and downs over the business side of writing. One minute you're flying high and the next you're in tears. I'm hoping that with time and experience this improves, but several published friends have warned me otherwise.

Kathy Richards (Kate Lyon): Dislikes about writing: The whole experience of being published is still new enough that my outlook remains optimistic. It's still a thrill.

Jody Wallace: The part of writing I dislike is the not getting published part.

Mary Varble (Marie-Nicole Ryan): I hate, hate revisions and proofreading. I can never find all the typos, revision glitches, etc. Maybe I hate revisions because they're a reminder that I don't do it perfectly the first time. That really bugs me! Another thing that bugs me is the length of time I have to wait for a response from the big boy publishers. Patience has never been one of my virtues.