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Here is a short article in the form of a bit of advice for aspiring writers, which I hope may be helpful.

"We share what we know, so that others may grow."

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\* That's a metaphor, btw

My advice for aspiring writers is as follows...

\* Write something every day. Regularity and practice makes "purrfect".

\* "Remember that getting published takes a great deal of commitment and hard work.

\* Learn patience. Things move slowly in the world of publishing - usually far longer than initial promises.

\* Treat writing as your career; so take it seriously.

\* Learn everything you can about the writing "business" and the craft of writing creatively.

\* Be open to criticism from your peers.  
Still far easier to criticise than create, eh?

Incidentally, there has never been a monument built honouring a critic!

\* Listen to your heart, your intuition, the "core of your being" (sounds "real airy-fairy stuff" that, Craig!). Write what you love - not what the MARKET wants (unless you are desperate for purely financial rewards from your writing).

That's not a "true writer", I believe!

\* Join a writers' association and mix with other strange "arty-farty, airy-fairy intellectual types".

\* "Write as you talk yourself."  
- Maeve Binchy.

\* Write as honestly as you can.

Writers help people to see the world differently. Make your story real.  
Be totally honest to the story that is being told.  
My "journey" of my various books is my life journey.

Always remember,

\* Writing is hard (and sustained) work - a writer has to work hard every day, even when one does not feel inspired. So I make sure I'm inspired at 7am each day.

\* Small ideas become bigger, when you leave to your creative subconscious mind.  
Seek inspiration (from within and or externally from God, "the Ultimate Source") regularly.

\* Revise your work constantly; but one has to "call a halt" sometime.

\* Strive for perfection, but accept excellence in your writing.

\* Believe in yourself and in the quality of your work. You have something unique to offer the world: the gift of sharing.

Remember that dreams can come true in your writing...  
and in your life.

Happy writing and good luck

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"The world would have you agree with its dismal dream of limitation.  
But the light would have you soar like the eagle of your sacred visions."  
- Alan Cohen

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