



# *March Writing Tips & Soul Care for Writers*



*DiAnn & Edie*

Winter has been brutal, and we hope the adage of “March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb” is true! This is the month to March Forward with Our Writing. We write. We edit. We polish. We submit. And we repeat. But writing doesn’t bring satisfaction unless we care for our souls.

The following tips are designed to help the writer’s body, mind, and soul to excel.

## *WRITING TIPS*

1. Spring begins the writing conference season. Explore the many in-person and virtual opportunities available to find the one best suited for your needs.
2. Are you paying the craft forward by joining a writer’s group or mentoring another serious writer?
3. Many online venues help writers learn the craft, build social media, increase marketing skills, deepen branding, and research. Check with your local library for a free app called Kanopy. This allows writers to increase their skills through free video presentations.
4. The long winter months often keep us inside where it’s warm. Commit to getting outside in the fresh air and making time for family and friends. Writers find their minds open up to fresh ideas when they take steps outside their routine.
5. Writers, like gardeners, plan for new projects that can grow into beautiful pieces of art. Without attention to detail, our manuscripts will wither on the vine.



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## *SOUL CARE*

1. Our bodies may have frozen during the winter, but we can thaw out our hearts by daily devotion to prayer and God's Word.
2. Writers and gardeners are planning for spring. Take note of how the gardener studies the growing season and nurtures the seeds to grow a beautiful and valuable plant.
3. March is said to be the month of mud from the melting snow. But for writers, we see the first signs of spring sprouting up from the earth below.
4. March is filled with expectations. List your hopes and dreams while they are fresh in your mind.
5. Fear of submission doesn't need to paralyze us. Look for an accountability partner to help with doubts and share in the victories.

For our writing friends –

In March winter is holding back and spring is pulling forward. Something holds and something pulls inside of us too." —*Jean Hersey*



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## *MEET OUR CONTRIBUTORS*

As co-directors of the Blue Ridge Mountains Christian Writers Conference and the Mountainside Publishing Retreats, DiAnn Mills & Edie Melson bring more to the holiday season than their combined half-century of writing expertise. They both exhibit a proven Passion to equip writers today. Individually and together, they have encouraged thousands of writers as they stay true to the call of "changing the world one writer at a time."



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