



Spring brightens our spirits and offers hope. Its symbolism has inspired writers and their souls since time began.

Growth and change are brought about by the temperature of the world around us. We respond and are either victorious or make a mistake. What we learn can take us to the next level.

We encourage you to step outside and begin a new adventure.

This month, we are pulling from inspiring quotes to nurture and grow your writing and your soul.

### WRITING TIPS

1. "Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great."— Orison Swett Marden

Writer, grasp every moment to create. If the moment inspires, fire!

- 2. "In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."
  - Margaret Atwood

Writer, writing is hard work. If it were easy, everyone would be a writer.



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3. "April is the kindest month. April gets you out of your head and out working in the garden."— Marty Rubin

Writer, stop thinking about writing and do it.

- 4. "April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks Go."
  - Christopher Morley

Writer, the light is green, nurture your creativity!

5. "April weather, rain and sunshine both together." — English Country Saying

Writer, our God-given calling carries us through rain and sunshine, rejections and publications.

6. "They came on one of April's most brilliant days--a day as sparkling as a newly-washed lemon...a day when even the shadows were a mélange of blue and orange and jade, like the shadows that poured from the tipsy brush of Monet"— Beverley Nichols

Writer, allow April to fill you with amazing, beautiful, glorious words.

7. "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."— William Shakespeare (Sonnet XCVIII)

Writer, keep learning the craft as though youth has given you a life-long gift.



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### SOUL CARE

1. "The coming of April heralds the time to plant seeds of magic and fill the heart and home with the joy of light and life."— Lotuswulf Satyrhorn

Writer, winter is over. Embrace each day with a renewal to nurture life.

2. "What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."— Jane Goodall

Writer, keep your mission statement visible so it can inspire you. This is why you write.

3. "With the coming of spring, I am calm again."— Gustav Mahler

Writer, the first step to calming our weary spirit is to know God is with us.

4. "April is a promise that May is bound to keep."— Hal Borland

Writer, the written word is a promise to ourselves and our readers that the best is yet to come.



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5. "Rain soaks the earth, prompting growth and preparing the flowers of the season. And we find ourselves shedding our winter coats on the first warm spring day. This is April!"— Sharon Leah

Writer, toss aside the shroud of doubt and fear. This is your shining moment.

6. "When April comes with softly shining eyes, / And daffodils bound in her wind-blown hair, / Oh, she will coax all clouds from out the skies, / And every day will bring some sweet surprise,-- / The swallows will come swinging through the air / When April comes!"— Virna Sheard

Writer, look expectantly to what God has for you today.

7. "It dances like water in the stream, my dear friends, the water of April showers that bring the May flowers of your soul to life."— Summer Bacon

Writer, our souls leap from the soil of life to offer hope to a winter-laden world.



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