

Self-Exploration for Writers

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2. Reading That Inspires Me

“Writers are readers.” What kinds of writing have inspired you? Write them down. Name specific titles and authors. How did each one influence, stimulate, or motivate you to write?

Fiction books:

Nonfiction books:

Short stories, flash fiction, six-sentences stories, or other short fiction:

Memoirs:

Poetry:

Books and articles about writing, both online and in print:

Magazines and journals:

Anthologies:

Academic and educational materials:

What else?

Putting your exploration into practice:

Which of the items above did you leave blank or had difficulty filling in? Go to a library or bookstore and ask the librarian or clerk for a title they recommend from that category. Borrow or buy it, then go home, curl up in your easy chair, and explore and enjoy reading it!

Don't forget to place this exercise in your "Self-Exploration for Writers" binder.