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February is for Love

Before you can love another, you must come to terms with loving yourself. Heard so many times, so many ways, we have become callus to the central message. We, by seeking who we are, become a gift to those we love...

Come with me on a little adventure and find your *core values* so that you too can share love...

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	<p><i>Don't miss an issue!</i></p>
<p>Make sure you get every issue of Monthly Conversation. Send us an email to Newsletter Editor and we will be happy to include you on our mailing list!</p>	
<p><i>Have an idea or article for the newsletter...</i></p>	
<p>Be sure to email the editor and we will do our best to get you published... It is all about sharing the word...</p>	

Author's Spotlight



r.e.joyce

Teller of tales and known to stretch the truth just a bit...

Reality is a container. When you look inside, you still have the opportunity to express what you see in the most marvelous ways...

BIO from the publisher

DreamWriter Press

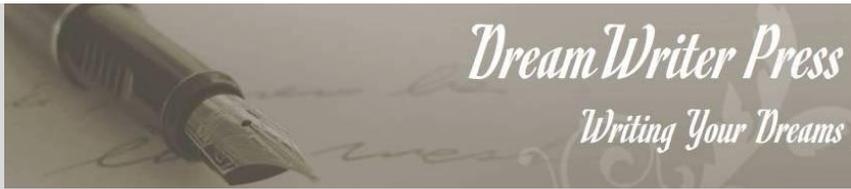
We were approached by a rather dusty old gentleman who stated flatly in a west Texas drawl, that he *"found the scrolls while looking for gold."* His only requirement was to be left alone and that any reward could be left at the Western Union station for his eventual return to civilization.

They were parchments dating far back in history and they related tales that filled our staff with excitement. Our happiness was so great that we chose to pen a name commensurate to the event. This is the *1st* transcription of the works we have been given under the name of *r.e.joyce*. We hope you rejoice too!

While we honor r.e.joyce's desire for privacy, using a pen name to deliver their writings, we did ask two simple questions. What made you write and, if you understood what the journey entailed, would you do it all over again? The response:

From the moment I heard the first story read to me, I yearned to be part of the adventure. When my children's imagination reached for the skies, I was given the honor of coloring in their world. Now it is a part of my soul to explore the wonderful worlds of fantasy and yes, oh yes, I would do it all over again!

	<i>Title</i>	<i>Genre</i>	<i>Word Count</i>	<i>Date (to be) Published</i>
<i>Books by r.e.joyce</i>	The Finding	Epic Fantasy	80000	In editing
	Seven Stars of Midnight	Epic Fantasy	100000	ready for edit
	Shadows within Dark Places	Epic Fantasy	70000	being written
<i>Look for these wonderful adventures to be published by DreamWriter Press in 2015</i>				



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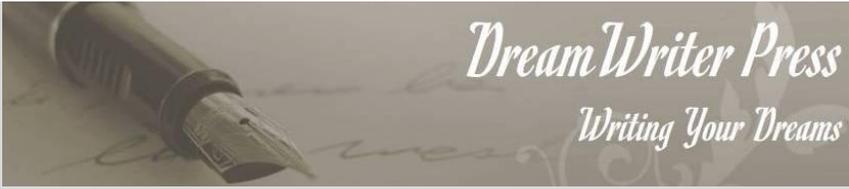
Personal Core Values Checklist

Circle/Check/Highlight/Underline those that fit you - all of them that fit. No list can ever be complete. There may be some additional personal values that are unique to you, so don't be limited by the list - fill in the blanks with whatever else feels right.

Acceptance	Excellence	Intuition	Risk taking	
Achievement	Excitement	Justice	Romance	
Adventure	Expertise	Kindness	Routine	
Altruism	Fairness	Leadership	Security	
Ambition	Faith	Learning	Self expression	
Appreciation	Fame	Love	Service	
Authenticity	Family	Loyalty	Sharing	
Authority	Fast pace	Making a difference	Solitude	
Autonomy	Financial rewards	Nature	Spirituality	
Balance	Focus	Nurturing	Status	
Beauty	Freedom	Order	Success	
Belonging	Friendship	Passion	Teaching	
Challenge	Fun	Peace	Team work	
Choice	Happiness	Personal growth	Tolerance	
Collaboration	Harmony	Power	Tradition	
Commitment	Health	Privacy	Travel	
Community	Helping others	Productivity	Trust	
Compassion	Honesty	Promotion prospects	Variety	
Competition	Humor	Reaching potential	Winning	
Connection	Imagination	Recognition	Wisdom	
Contribution	Independence	Respect	Zest for life	
Creativity	Influence	Responsibility		
Equality	Intellect	Results		

Now from your selection above place the top five in both Work and Life.			
<i>Work Values</i>	<i>Top 5</i>	<i>Life Values</i>	

Work and Life values can be duplicates



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Now prioritize your two top Fives	
<i>My Values</i>	RANK
	1
	2
	3
	4
	5
	6
	7
	8
	9
	10

Seeing my values prioritized focuses both my personal and work habits. (you may have less if you have duplicates)

You can priorities them by asking yourself 'if I could only have one thing from my life and work, would it be this?' This helps you decide what really matters to you.

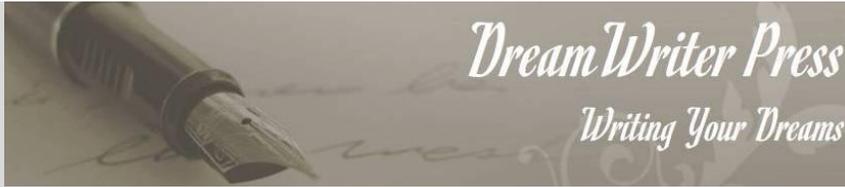
Now rate how effective each value is in your life	
<i>My Values</i>	RATE

By ranking each I build a platform from which to grow and find a deeper fulfillment of my personal and business life.

Rate each one on a scale of 1 – 10 to indicate the extent that these core values are present in your life and work. Where the ratings are low, explore changes needed to live these values more fully...

This exercise is brought to you by [Vision Management](#). It has served our company well over the years, bringing work life and personal life into focus for our clients and our employees.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Joyce at 817-918-4667 or drop me an email at bill.joyce@vismgt.com



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DreamWriter Press

Submission Guidelines for 2015

We are current looking for the following:

FICTION: thrillers, suspense, mysteries, mainstream, action/adventure, Christian, romance, children and teen.

NON-FICTION: how-to, self-help, true crime, current affairs, women's issues, biography, history, travel, sports, spiritual, inspirational and cooking.

*Please no sexually explicit material,
We embarrass easily!*

Send us a query letter first that includes:

- The title of the book
- Your name and contact information
- For fiction, tell the genre (e.g., mystery, thriller, mainstream, etc.)
- For non-fiction, tell the type of book (e.g., history, how-to, self-help, politics, etc.)
- For novels, please indicate the word count.

FICTION: A synopsis and the first thirty pages.

NON-FICTION: A completed book proposal.

Your book submission should appear in the following format:

- Double-spaced
- 12-point type, in either Times New Roman or Courier font
- 1-inch margins on all sides
- No headers or footers please
- And finally, here is your chance to tell us about yourself.
- For example, have you published before or won contests?

Please send your inquiries to dreamwriterpress@gmail.com.

We Look Forward to Bringing Your Dreams to Life!



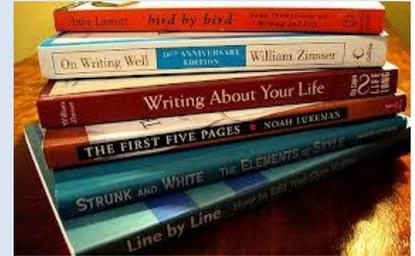
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Today's Encouragement

Grab a few books on writing...

I prefer Dwight Swain's *Techniques of the Selling Writer* and *Creating Characters*, as well as anything by James Scott Bell. Having a pro explain and show what it means to not use adverbs, "Tom Swifties," and more is paramount to writing something someone might want to read.



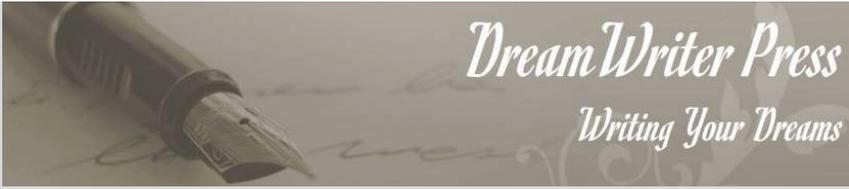
Also, I now believe every writer at any stage of the process should read Stephen King's *On Writing*. [Apr 23, 2012 by Nick Thacker](#)

In addition, you might want to add the following to your writing resource library:

- *Walking on Water: Reflections on Faith and Art* by Madeleine L'Engle
- *A Million Miles in a Thousand Years* by Donald Miller
- *The AP Stylebook* (for reference)
- *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron
- *The War of Art* by Steven Pressfield
- *Bird by Bird* by Anne Lamott
- *On Writing Well* by William Zinsser
- *Eats, Shoots, & Leaves* by Lynne Truss
- *The Writing Life* by Annie Dillard

no one is going to love you if you don't love yourself





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Fun Facts about Valentines:

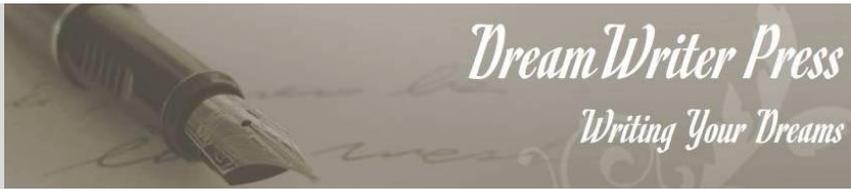
Saint Valentine's Day, commonly shortened to **Valentine's Day**,^{[1][2][3]} is a holiday observed on February 14 honoring one or more early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine. It is traditionally a day on which lovers express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines").^{[1][3]} The day first became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. It was first established by Pope Gelasius I in 496 AD, and was later deleted from the General Roman Calendar of saints in 1969 by Pope Paul VI.



Modern Valentine's Day symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.^[4]

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valentine%27s_day

 <p><i>Dream Writer Press</i> Writing Your Dreams</p>		<h3>Submission Guidelines</h3>	
		<p>We are currently seeking quality writing for the following genres:</p>	
<p><i>DreamWriter Press</i> is starting out the New Year with a search for the most delightful new authors, seeking to get their stories out to the public.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fantasy • Children's Literature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Fiction • Fiction • Spirituality 	<p>If you are interested in seeking publication or have any questions about the process, please drop us a query and we will get you the answers you need to move forward on your writing career.</p> <p>dreamwriterpress@gmail.com</p>
		<p><i>It is our mission to develop unpublished authors by offering personalized services that will ultimately culminate into the electronic release of their work. From the beginning of your story idea to the distribution of your book, DreamWriter Press can make your dreams of becoming a published author a reality!</i></p>	
<p><i>See page 4 of this newsletter for complete Submission Guidelines!</i></p>			



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Meetings for Write Away and other important engagements		
Meeting with Link	Key Topic	Date & Time
Write Away HEB Writers	Carol Factor Speaking on "showing not telling"	Sun Feb 8, 2015, 3:00 PM
Write Away HEB Writers	Monthly Club get together	Sun Mar 8, 2015, 3:00PM
Write Away HEB Writers	Monthly Club get together	Sun Apr 12, 2015, 3:00PM
Write Away HEB Writers	Monthly Club get together	Sun May 10, 2015, 3:00PM
Write Away HEB Writers	Monthly Club get together	Sun Jun 14, 2015, 3:00PM

Have a meeting you want to advertise that will help our members and advance their writing dreams please contact our [Newsletter Editor](#) and we will review and post as appropriate. Remember this *Monthly Conversation* belongs to you.

Are you seeking a Writing Buddy?

Place you request here and see if one of our Newsletter readers is interested in joining your adventure in writing.

<p>r.e.joyce - Writer of epic fantasy, meant to fill the minds of our youth with marvelous adventure, is seeking a Writing Buddy. Please contact me at r.e.joyce</p>	<p>Wrathe W. Aceing - As a writer of Military Thrillers that are being advanced as feature film script material, I seek a Writing Buddy to collaborate and help traverse the world of film. Wrathe</p>
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Don't forget to check out our sponsors!

<p>DreamWriter Press</p> <p>A unique publishing service created with the sole intent to help new authors achieve their writing dreams.</p>		<p>CrowdFund Roundup</p> <p>A co-operative network of industry, entrepreneurs and community dedicated to build a transparent Crowdfunding process that will make CR the place to come for startup capital.</p>	
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