

Starving Writer Syndrome

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Starving Writer Syndrome is a serious, painful malady that can strike anyone who writes or wants to write.

Symptoms:

- Cutting costs by eating ketchup soup (one tablespoon ketchup to one cup hot water)
- Listening to people who insist writers can't prosper financially
- Believing that no sane person would ever pay *you* for *your* writing
- Desperate attempts to sell your writing in all the wrong ways and places...because that's "what other writers do"
- Boxes of rejection slips
- Slaving away at a job you don't like while you long to be a full-time writer
- Willingness to write "on spec" (when a client says, "I'll pay you *if* I like what you write for me.")
- Trusting people who say they will pay you more for their next writing project, if you will just do this first one for next to nothing
- Eagerness to work very hard for very little money
- Thinking that the only way to make a good living as a writer is by penning the next breakthrough novel, selling out or writing schlock
- Frustration because you know you can write but you don't know how to make it pay
- Frequently hearing clients say an immediate and enthusiastic "Yes!" when you quote your fee (because they're relieved it's so low)

Complications:

- Poverty
- Angst
- Pain without gain
- Getting stuck in a boring job...forever
- Grumpiness
- Lack of joy, enthusiasm, pleasure, passion and purpose--not only in your work life but in other areas, too
- Chronic wishful thinking with nothing to show for it
- Finding yourself in an a life you don't want, because you're not doing what you really want to do
- Unfulfilled dreams

Treatment--The Prosperous Writer Prescription:

- Regular COACHING sessions to help you conquer your fears, overcome your struggles and guide you on the path to prosperity
- Private ONLINE WRITER'S RETREAT to rejuvenate your creativity and support your growing sense of abundance
- Consumption of Prosperous Writer ARTICLES to strengthen and inspire your writing process
- A dose of the "GET UNBLOCKED NOW!" E-WORKSHOP as needed for Writer's Block, creativity jams and similar sticky situations
- One tablet per month of *Poole's Prosperous Writer* E-NEWSLETTER

How to tell if you're cured:

- You have a renewed zest for life because you're finally following your heart's desire
- You get serious about your writing talent and how to turn it into cash
- You know and use the best ways to make your writing pay
- You stop selling yourself short and settling for less than you deserve
- You join the ranks of other Prosperous Writers who make a good full- or part-time living from their writing (and eat *real* soup)
- You discover the joy of prospering from something you love to do...writing!

Starving Writer Syndrome causes needless suffering. The treatment is painless and fun. The results are life-changing. To start your customized treatment program, contact Kathy Poole, the original Prosperous Writer, for a free coaching session or more information.

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