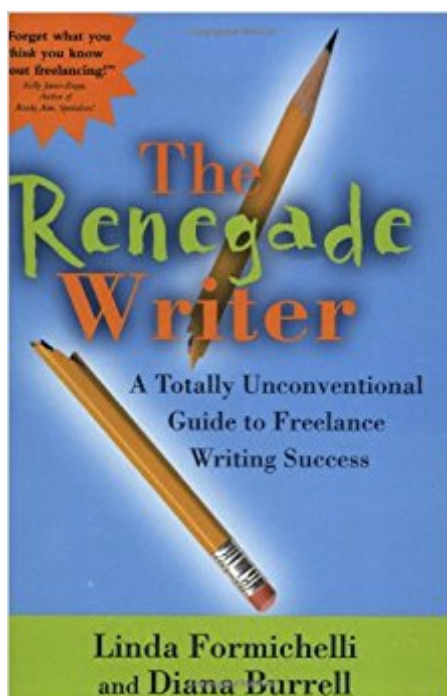


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# The Renegade Writer: A Totally Unconventional Guide To Freelance Writing Success



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Illustrates that breaking the traditional "rules" of freelancing can lead to success by revealing tips that the most successful freelancers use.

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Keep query letters to one page. Never call an editor. Face-to-face interviews take up too much time. According to sassy authors Formichelli and Burrell, such standard rules about freelance writing ought to be tossed in the wastebasket with last year's self-addressed-stamped-envelopes. So why do so many writers stick to the rules? "Bugaboos abound because freelance writers work largely on their own," the authors explain, and such isolation makes it hard to learn about better procedures and ideas. Their own guide aims to set freelance writers straight. Full of great tips and common sense, the book demystifies all the stages of getting a piece published, from "Cranking up the Idea Factory" to "Getting the Green." Their overall advice: "Timely ideas and professional attitude...will take you further than the so-called 'connections' lesser writers gnash their teeth over." Upbeat and exceptionally informative, this book is an excellent choice for both working and would-be writers. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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This book give a ton of useful advice for aspiring freelancers. It challenges the way freelancers should think to make their writing career more successful. It's real, to the point, and something every aspiring freelancer should check out. Let the *Renegade Writer* change your perspective on how to conduct your freelancing business.

Engaging, entertaining, informative: what more could you ask for from a how-to book? Linda Formichelli and Diana Burrell not only give you permission to break all the silly little rules about writing that you've somehow managed to incorporate into your psyche, they spoon-feed you a complete roadmap. The *Renegade Writer* serves up a bevy of interesting, successful, real-life characters all of whom have instinctively broken the rules and not only gotten by with it, but also lived to enjoy big, fat paychecks and a lifestyle of their own choosing. Interviews and quotes from expert sources debunk many of the myths that we've come to accept as gospel. The book is full of facts and figures, metrics and data, but you'll find all the good stuff plopped right down in the middle of captivating narrative. At the end, you'll find an appendix full of resources that's easily worth more than the price of the book. I've already used several of the techniques described in the book, and they work. I've even made up a few rules of my own along the way. If you have an open mind, this book will give you the confidence to write your own ticket through creative interpretation of the rules-interpretations that allow you to work on your own terms and get a bigger piece of the pie based on your talent and not on your ability to conform to convention. There's more than enough convention to go around. I'll take "renegade" any day!

This book is great!

This is an amazing book which I truly recommend. While there are hundreds of guide books for freelance writers out there, this one is unique because it tells us what not to do rather than what to do. The writers are both freelancers who honestly look at their experiences and writing careers in order to compare real life against the advice given in all the other numerous books. They recognize that there are no rules written in stone. The truths and realities of freelancing world are fluid and far from rigid. Unlike other writers who presumptuously tell the reader that "my way is the right way" and "this is the way things must be done", those two recognize that there is no one way and things can be done in many ways. Thorough the book they offer valuable advice and take the reader from one sacred truth of freelancing to another and demolish each one. Everything is enriched with personal stories from freelance writers who recount how they achieved success by not playing by the rules. However, the authors are careful to note that the rules do come from somewhere and there are times when one should follow them. This is not a book that says "do the opposite of everything you were told to do". Each rule is scrutinized and its pros and cons evaluated.

I am just an average Joe... a mom who works full-time at a job I can't hardly stand, and who dreams of becoming a known writer. I've read various books from the library on freelance writing, and how to write proper queries, and other various topics. None of them have filled me with confidence like this book has. These women did an excellent job of bringing their sense of humors into the book, which really helped keep my interest. I even laughed out loud a couple of times. They seemed to cover pretty much every base out there that needed to be covered. I haven't put a lot of effort into trying to get out there and find work, because I really had no hopes of getting anywhere. However, after reading their book, I am psyched, and ready to put forth some real effort. I hope to be able to come back in the near future, and leave another comment, hopefully telling my success story from following this books advice. Great job ladies!

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