



Autism Empowerment: Neurodivergent Creators Collective



Welcome! We will be starting shortly!
Please feel free to introduce yourself in chat



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Introduction to Independent Writing & Publishing



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Welcome!!

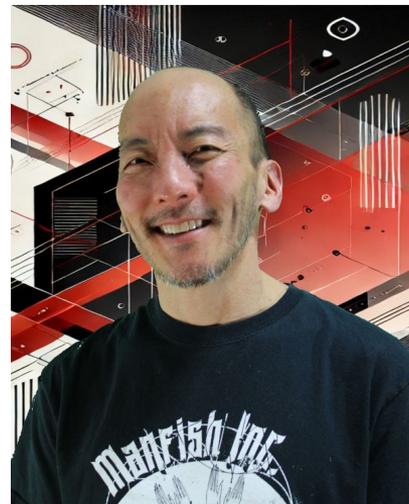
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Enrich



Inspire

Empower



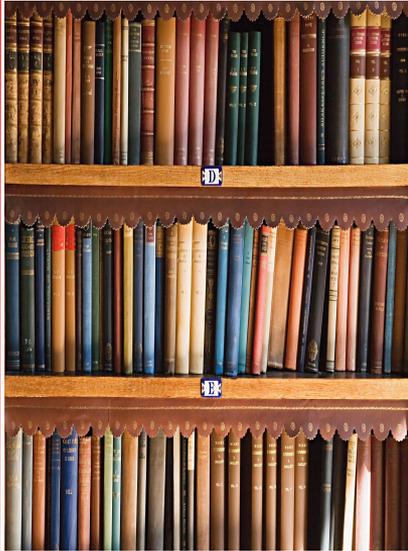
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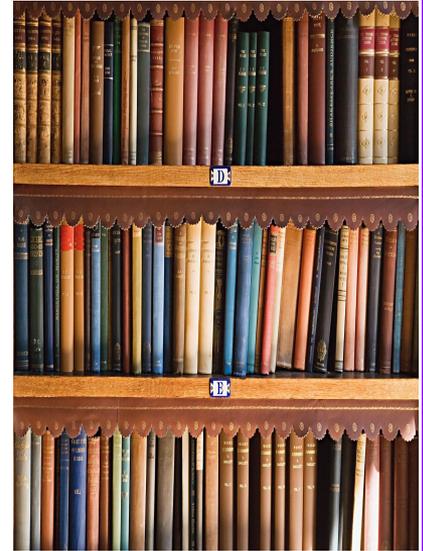
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So, You Want to Write a Book!



- What we're going to talk about today
- Why do you want to write a book?





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My Story

(the Joel Suzuki series)



- Do you need previous writing experience or credentials?
 - How I learned to write
 - What could work for you



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Resources

(books about how to write books)

- *Plot & Structure*, James Scott Bell
- *Save the Cat! Writes a Novel*, Jessica Brody
- *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*, Stephen King
- *Writing Fiction or Memoir Writing for Dummies*, various
 - *Book in a Month*, Victoria Lynn Schmidt
 - *The Power of Myth*, Joseph Campbell/Bill Moyers



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Now the real work starts!



- Plotter or Pantser?
- Setting goals
- Overcoming writer's block
- How to stay on track
- A few words about NaNoWriMo





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Your manuscript is done! Or is it?



- Beta readers
- Professional editors
- Sensitivity readers
- Revise, rewrite, revise, rewrite





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Publishing time!

- Independent vs. traditional
- Business considerations
 - Production
 - Distribution
- Promotion (this is not “Field of Dreams”)





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What's next?

- Keep writing!





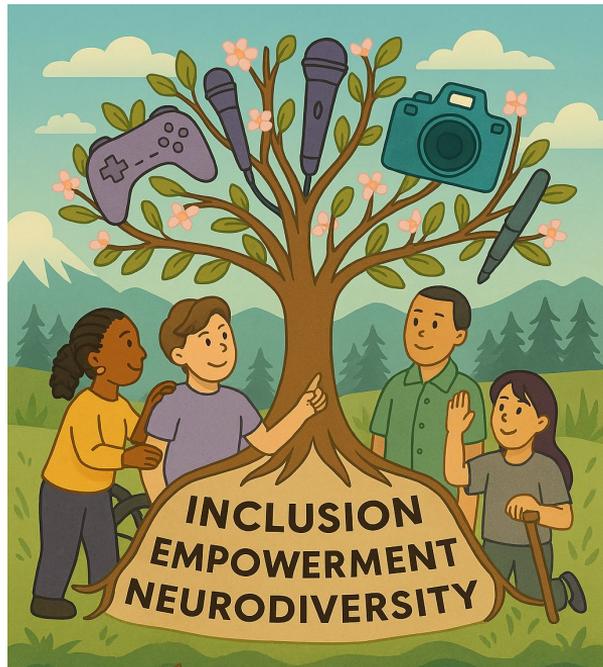
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What do YOU think?



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Upcoming Workshops:

Storytelling for Good

Saturday, August 30, 2025 @ 2:00pm

Karen & John talk about turning personal stories into purpose.
Create, connect, and advocate with impact.

Learning Writing and Storytelling From Video Games

Saturday, September 13, 2025 @2:00pm

Special guest Meg Eden (via Zoom)

Take our interest survey to let us know
what you are most interested in!





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