



Why writing matters

Last year, a project arrived in my mailbox during lockdown. We were into our second month of not being allowed out, feeling isolated, scared, and unsure of what the future would hold - much like many other people around the world.

I'm going to be honest, it wasn't an easy project. The word count was huge, and there were quite a few things I needed to look for. Despite the eye strain, occasional headaches, and long hours, I really enjoyed working on this manuscript. The writer had put a lot of thought into the worldbuilding. There was a solid plot, and I loved the characters.

When the editing was done, and I sent off the completed novel, it felt like saying goodbye to some old friends.

Something arrived in my mailbox a few days ago. The sequel to my lockdown project. It came at just the right time because it seems like we've lurched from one world crisis into another. I'm so happy to meet my old friends again and follow them on their journey through the author's world.

I know some people don't believe writing is a worthwhile career and it can be disheartening if you only have a few book sales. However, don't forget that your stories give people a chance to step away from their real lives for a few hours which is something we all need to do these days.

I hope you can continue to be creative during these difficult times because remember; writing matters. Not just to the author but also to those readers their stories touch.

Kind regards,

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