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11/5 Journal Response:

Sh*tty First Drafts

This article ensures readers that bad first drafts are common. The author discusses the famous authors he knows and what their writing habits are. He also goes into detail about what occurs during his writing process when he writes his food reviews. Your first draft should be your draft where you just put everything in their paper, good or bad. After this is written, you create your second draft and this is where you go through your first draft and pick what you like and change what you do not. The second draft is mainly revising and the third draft is implementing the final touches.

"I'd try to write a lead, but instead I'd write a couple of dreadful sentences, XX them out, try again, XX everything out, and the feel despair and worry settle on my chest like an x-ray apron." I identify with the other author here because this is exactly how I feel when I am working on a paper. It is very hard for me to get into the mode and I dread going through the process.

"People tend to look at successful writers who are getting their books published and maybe even doing well financially and think that they sit down at their desks every morning feeling like a million dollars, feeling great about who they are and how much

talent they have and what a great story they have to tell; that they take in a few deep breaths, push back their sleeves, roll their necks a few times to get all the cricks out, and dive in, typing fully formed passages as fast as a court reporter.” This is a correct representation of how people view authors. It is hard to believe that books take awhile to publish and well-known authors go through the writing process just as we do.

Is there a secret to good brainstorming? I often have a hard time coming up with something to write about.

What techniques can help with writing anxiety?