

Shitty First Drafts

Anne Lamott is an experienced writer and she is discussing the process she and many of her fellow writers go through when they are writing a piece. Like how most people feel when they have to write something the hardest part is getting starting. I believe most people feel this way because they think their first draft has to be perfect. As Lamott puts it “the first draft is the child's draft, where you let it all pour out and then let it romp all over the place, knowing that no one is going to see it and that you can shape it later”. I think if people kept this in mind then when they have to write a paper it would not feel as daunting. One of the most inspiring quotes that Lamott had to say was “Almost all good writing begins with terrible first efforts”. I thought this was inspiring because when I start a paper I want it to be perfect from the start but if I keep this in mind perhaps I could move past this notation. Writing is a process there will always be improvements that can be made that is why writing several drafts is a good way to write.

Questions:

1. Are there other strategies other than drafting when writing?
2. Is it absolutely necessary to write all three of the drafts discussed?