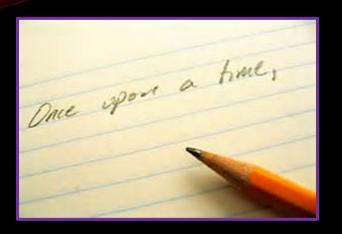
BECOMING AN AUTHOR

"What You Seek is Seeking You" ~ Rumi

YOUR STORY

- Does it have a plot, a beginning, middle, & end?
- Type of Book/Category?
- Does it start with a hook or an intriguing element that draws the reader in?



BEFORE YOU WRITE

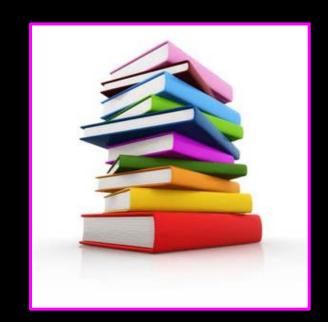
•What books are being published with similar topics?

•What makes a particular author successful? What are they doing that's different, similar to others?

•What is unique about your story or theme for your book? What is your message? Is it clear?

KNOW YOUR MARKET

- Read Your Competition. Read a lot!
- How are these authors reaching audiences?



- Who is your audience? Who is your potential reader/buyer?
- Research!

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

- Join a local writing groups at library, arts council, or workshops in your community. Better yet, start one!
- Consider writing an essay, poetry for a publishing contest.
- Sign up for CreateSpace and GoodReads eNewsletters ~ consider reading Community Forums at CreateSpace.
- View Hay House Publishing Writer Workshop videos. All of these are FREE!

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HOW YOU WRITE IS IMPORTANT

Good Grammar

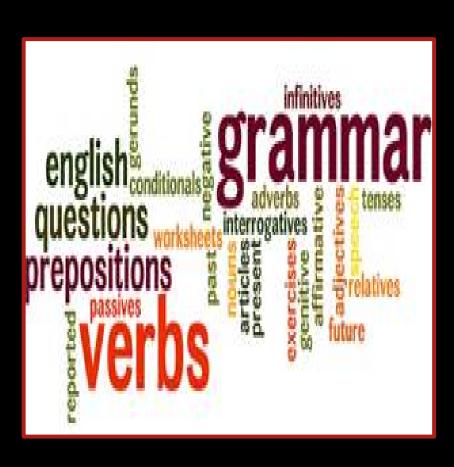
Verb Tenses

No Run On Sentences

Correct Prepositions

Stay away from too much internal dialogue

Find a Grammar App



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"The Making of Faith" is a very personal story, a diary of Victoria Baker's life seeking and finding God through prayer, the Bible, people, and situations. It is a testament to God's life in Victoria, His words coming alive through her writing of that life together.

Victoria's story provides no quick recipe for making one's faith...instead she shares her intensely personal story of coming to a complete faith in God. Her journey includes the hearthreak of loning a bashoad she hought truly loved her. the challenges of single parenthood compounded by raising an autistic son, and selected flashbacks to earlier, significant times in her life.

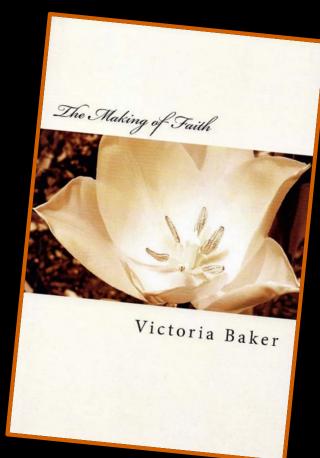
Throughout "The Making of Faith," Victoria shares simple, eternal messages: God wants His people to totally surrender their lives to Him, to love Him above all else, and listen to Him. Victoria listened. She wrote the book God put in her heart long ago.

- Sarah Lawser

Website: www.victoriabaker.net

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EARLY READERS CRITIQUE

Be open to feedback!

SELF-CARE

Ask for Help/Advice



Create Your Own Vision Board



MORE SELF-CARE

It takes time . . .

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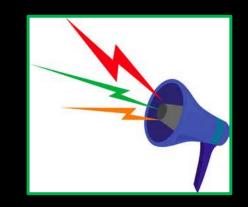






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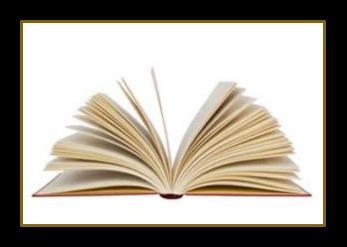
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