

The Reluctant Writer

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Background

- Grade School: Finding my creativity
- Middle School: Introduction to casual reading
- High School: Honing my skills
- College: Finally got the realization of help for the reluctant writer
- Movie Theatre: Test my skills

Helpful ideas

- Short Story
- Basic Game (board game, outside game)
- Young students interested in writing
 - Student Treasures
 - Cricket Magazine
 - Stone Soup
 - Skipping Stone
- Introducing them to different genres

Inspiration

- How to inspire the reluctant writer
 - For me it was College
 - Grammar/Spelling
 - Short Stories
 - Find out what they are interested in
 - Have them make a presentation about it
 - Write a paper about it (Judge the content not the technical)

The Book Process

- April 2006
- Took 3 Months
- Added 100 pages
- Finding the right person to read it and fix it
- Submitted to publishers and agents
- Local editor
- How to get published Seminar
- Different publishing invites

Helping Teachers

- Pre K to Fourth: Out loud reading
 - Show kids that books are interesting and fun
- Fourth to Eight: Motivate them to write
 - Classroom short story book
- Ninth and up: Show that certain things can be fixed

Helping Teachers

- Find at least 2 positive parts
- Use a different color pen for best part (gold nugget)
- Incentive programs
 - In class incentive program
 - Pizza Hut (Book it)
 - McDonalds
 - Local business

Video Games

- Interactive stories
- Every system has them
- Most are spoken with the option of subtitles now
- Example: Elder Scroll Morrowind