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The President's Corner
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"So 2009 is my year. It's my time to get that story on the page and finish projects that deserve to be finished. It can be your year too. Let's grab it together and do all we can to help ourselves further along the road to publication." *January President's Corner*

Goals. Encouragement. Take Action. Keep Writing.
Distractions. Recognition.
And the next step – Write some more.

What do you do after you receive harsh comments (bad comments from a contest judge or negative feedback from an agent or editor) ?? Write. Yes, write and write and write...

After harsh criticism, doubt creeps into every word you put on the page. Maybe that judge is right? Maybe I should make changes? What if I...

Don't let doubt keep you from putting one sentence after the other onto the page. Write your story. Then write some more. Keep moving forward in the plot. Listen to objective criticism, but don't let it stop you.

Ideally, I believe that writers should finish a story and set it aside for a while before submitting. Wow, did I really state that for everyone to read? Yes, I did. I've had better success looking at stories I finished a year ago. When I step away from the "giddiness" of a finished project, the first thing I want to do is submit it to an editor. I'm finding that I have a more objective eye to catch possible flaws in the story if I set it aside and read it six weeks later. And of course, revise.

I've tried storyboarding, but find it a better tool for me to analyze chapters after I've written them. It helps me to see what's missing. So find what works for you, knowing that your way doesn't have to work for everyone else.



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