



Favourite Writing Books

Part 3: Career (Creativity & Productivity)

***Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life* by Anne Lamott (Anchor, 1995)** – This very personal book is full of insights on what, how, and why to write; I recommend reading it a bit at a time.

***Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less* by Greg McKeown (Crown Business, 2014)** – This book boils down to teaching you to focus your energy and say "no" to commitments that don't further your goals; applicable to any area of life.

***Manage Your Day-to-Day: Build Your Routine, Find Your Focus, and Sharpen Your Creative Mind* (Amazon, 2013)** – Each short chapter on routine, focus, tools, and the creative mind is written by a different expert.

***A Million Little Ways: Uncover the Art You Were Meant to Live* by Emily P. Freeman (Fleming H. Revell, 2013)** – This is an inspiring call to glorify God and benefit others in your daily life.

***So Good They Can't Ignore You: Why Skills Trump Passion in the Quest for Work You Love* by Cal Newport (Business Plus, 2012)** – Newport presents a compelling argument for the craftsman mindset (working hard to become the best you can be at your job) over the passion mindset (finding the job that is perfect for you.)

***What the Most Successful People Do Before Breakfast: And Two Other Short Guides to Achieving More at Work and at Home* by Laura Vanderkam (Portfolio, 2013)** – Check this out if you enjoy reading practical tips and looking at other people's time logs.