

Writing: Ten Tips to Getting Started:

1. Write something every day... even when you don't feel like it.
2. Journal, keep lists, make note of interesting phrases, places, names of places; they are all fodder for future writing.
3. Your first draft is just about getting your thoughts on paper; it doesn't have to be pretty.
4. Edit for content and style as well as correct spelling and grammar.
5. Share your works in progress with only a few trusted individuals.
6. Associate with other writers.
7. Listen, listen, listen to other people's stories.
8. Develop a thick skin, lose the ego, be open-minded.
9. Advocate for points, concepts, and words about which you feel strongly.
10. Take chances with your writing

